

**ADVISORSHARES TRUST**

**ADVISORSHARES DORSEY WRIGHT SMALL COMPANY ETF  
NASDAQ Stock Market LLC Ticker: DWMC**

**Supplement dated September 25, 2023 to the  
Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information  
dated November 1, 2022**

**This supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information for the AdvisorShares Dorsey Wright Small Company ETF (the “Fund”) and should be read in conjunction with those documents.**

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At the recommendation of AdvisorShares Investments, LLC, the investment adviser to the series of AdvisorShares Trust (the “Trust”), the Trust’s Board of Trustees approved the liquidation of the Fund pursuant to the terms of a Plan of Liquidation. Accordingly, the Fund is expected to cease operations, liquidate its assets, and distribute the liquidation proceeds to shareholders of record on or about October 20, 2023 (the “Liquidation Date”).

The last day of trading of Fund shares on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC is expected to be October 13, 2023. Between the last day of trading and the Liquidation Date, shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell shares in the secondary market. Prior to the last day of trading, shareholders may continue to purchase and sell shares through a broker in the standard manner. Customary brokerage charges may apply to such transactions. In preparation for the liquidation, the Fund will deviate from its stated investment objective and strategies as it winds up its business and affairs.

On or promptly after the Liquidation Date, the Fund will distribute to its remaining shareholders a liquidating cash distribution equal to the net asset value of the shareholders’ shares as of the close of business on the Liquidation Date. This amount includes any accrued capital gains and dividends. Shareholders remaining in the Fund on the Liquidation Date will not be charged any transaction fees by the Fund. The net asset value of the Fund on the Liquidation Date will reflect the costs of closing the Fund. The liquidating cash distribution to shareholders will be treated as payment in exchange for their shares. The liquidation of Fund shares may be treated as a taxable event. Shareholders should contact their tax advisor to discuss the income tax consequences of the liquidation.

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## ADVISORSHARES TRUST

### ADVISORSHARES DORSEY WRIGHT MICRO-CAP ETF NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC: DWMC

#### Supplement dated April 11, 2023 to the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information dated November 1, 2022

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

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE IN INVESTMENT POLICY

Effective June 10, 2023, the Fund’s name will change to AdvisorShares Dorsey Wright Small Company ETF. In addition, the Fund’s non-fundamental investment policy to invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in micro-cap securities will be revised to state that the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of small companies.

As a result of these changes, the maximum market capitalization of companies in which the Fund generally invests will increase from \$1 billion to \$2 billion. Therefore, the “Principal Investment Strategies” section on page 2 of the Fund’s Summary Prospectus and Prospectus will be replaced with the following:

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) that seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in U.S.-traded equity securities consisting of common and preferred stock and 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. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of small companies. Dorsey, Wright & Associates, LLC (the “Sub-Advisor”) generally defines a small company as one having a market capitalization under \$2 billion. In choosing small company securities, the Sub-Advisor creates an investable universe of securities consisting of companies included in the lower half of the Russell 2000 Index based on market capitalization and an additional 1,000 companies with low market capitalizations that are not included in the Russell 2000 Index. This universe of investable securities is limited by certain liquidity screens such as a threshold based on a security’s three-month average dollar volume traded.

The Fund’s investment focus follows the Sub-Advisor’s core philosophy of relative strength. Relative strength investing involves buying securities that have appreciated in price more than the other securities in the investment universe and holding those securities until they underperform. The strategy is entirely based on market movement of the securities and there is no company fundamental data involved in the analysis. The Sub-Advisor’s process is systematic and removes emotion from the day-to-day decision making. In implementing the strategy, stock selection is strictly based on identifying the highest ranked securities as measured by the relative strength investment process. The Fund’s strategy may frequently involve buying and selling securities, which may lead to relatively high portfolio turnover.

On page 3 of the Fund’s Summary Prospectus and Prospectus, under “Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund”, the micro-capitalization risk factor will be replaced with the following:

**Small- and Micro-Capitalization Risk.** Security prices of small-cap companies may be more volatile than those of larger companies and, therefore, the Fund’s share price may be more volatile than it would be if it did not invest in small-cap companies. These risks are even greater for micro-cap companies.

On page 13 of the Fund's Prospectus, under "More Information About the Principal Risks of Investing in the Funds", the micro-capitalization risk factor will be replaced with the following:

**Small- and Micro-Capitalization Risk.** Security prices of small-cap companies may be more volatile than those of larger companies. Security prices of small-cap companies are generally more vulnerable than those of large-cap companies to adverse business and economic developments. The securities of small-cap companies may be thinly traded, making it difficult for the Fund to buy and sell them. In addition, small-cap companies are typically less stable financially than larger, more established companies and may depend on a small number of essential personnel, making them more vulnerable to loss of personnel. Small-cap companies also normally have less diverse product lines than larger companies and are more susceptible to adverse developments concerning their products. These risks are even greater for micro-cap companies. Micro-cap companies are followed by relatively few securities analysts and there tends to be less publicly-available information about them. Micro-capitalization companies may have limited operational histories and new or unproven product lines or may have product lines that are still in development. Their securities generally have limited trading volumes and are subject to even more abrupt, erratic price movements. Micro-cap companies are even more vulnerable to adverse business and market developments.

On page 42 of the SAI, the Fund's non-fundamental policy will be replaced with the following:

The AdvisorShares Dorsey Wright Small Company ETF may not:

Without providing 60 days notice to shareholders, change its investment strategy to invest, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of small companies.

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## ADVISORSHARES DORSEY WRIGHT MICRO-CAP ETF (NASDAQ Ticker: DWMC)

### SUMMARY PROSPECTUS – November 1, 2022

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, 2022, 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/etfs/dwmc>. You may also obtain this information at no charge by calling 877.843.3831 or by sending an email request to [info@advisorshares.com](mailto:info@advisorshares.com).

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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The AdvisorShares Dorsey Wright Micro-Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks long term capital appreciation.

#### FUND FEES AND EXPENSES

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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	0.75%
DISTRIBUTION (12b-1) FEES	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES	1.20%
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	1.95%
FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT*	-0.70%
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES AFTER WAIVER/REIMBURSEMENT</b>	1.25%

\* 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 1.25% 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 (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.

## 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
<b>AdvisorShares Dorsey Wright Micro-Cap ETF</b>	\$127	\$544	\$987	\$2,218

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

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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 104% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

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The Fund's investment focus follows the Sub-Advisor's core philosophy of relative strength. Relative strength investing involves buying securities that have appreciated in price more than the other securities in the investment universe and holding those securities until they underperform. The strategy is entirely based on market movement of the securities and there is no company fundamental data involved in the analysis. The Sub-Advisor's process is systematic and removes emotion from the day-to-day decision making. In implementing the strategy, stock selection is strictly based on identifying the highest ranked securities as measured by the relative strength investment process. The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling securities, which may lead to relatively high portfolio turnover.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

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The Fund is subject to a number of risks, 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 certain 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. In addition, there are a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. If these institutions exit the business or are, for any reason, unable to process creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund, or purchase and sell securities in connection with creation and/or redemption orders, as applicable, and no other authorized participant steps forward to create or redeem, or purchase or sell securities, as applicable, Fund shares may trade at a premium or discount to their net asset value ("NAV") and possibly face operational issues such as trading halts and/or delisting. The absence of an active market in the Fund's shares could lead to a heightened risk of differences between the market price of the Fund's shares and the underlying value of those shares.

**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 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. Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, uncertainties regarding interest rates, rising inflation, 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.

**Micro-Capitalization Risk.** Stock prices of micro-cap companies are significantly more volatile, and more vulnerable to adverse business and economic developments, than those of larger companies. Micro-cap stocks may also be thinly traded, making it difficult for the Fund to buy and sell them.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Fund may experience relatively high portfolio turnover, which may result in increased transaction costs and Fund performance that is lower than expected.

**Trading Risk.** Shares of the Fund may trade above or below their 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 NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (the "Exchange"), make trading in shares inadvisable.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table that follow show how the Fund has performed on a calendar year basis and provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The table also shows how the Fund's performance compares to the Russell Microcap Index, which measures the performance of the microcap segment of the U.S. equity market. 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, 2022 was -26.85%.

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

	Return	Quarter/Year
Highest Return	32.56%	4Q/2020
Lowest Return	-32.67%	1Q/2020

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	1 Year	Since Inception (7/10/2018)
<b>ADVISORSHARES DORSEY WRIGHT MICRO-CAP ETF</b>		
Return Before Taxes Based on NAV	35.65%	14.38%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	35.42%	14.32%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	21.10%	11.33%
Russell Microcap Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	19.34%	9.01 %

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 may exceed the return before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of Fund shares at the end of the measurement period.

## **MANAGEMENT**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
AdvisorShares Investments, LLC	Advisor
Dorsey, Wright & Associates, LLC	Sub-Advisor

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of Service with Sub-Advisor</b>
<b>John G. Lewis</b> , <i>Senior Vice President &amp; Senior Portfolio Manager</i>	since June 2002

## **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.” Only institutional investors that are acting as the Fund’s authorized participants (typically broker-dealers) may purchase or redeem Creation Units. A Creation Unit transaction generally is conducted in exchange for a basket 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”). 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 Fund, the Advisor or 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.