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This Prospectus provides important information about the AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF and AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF, each a series of AdvisorShares Trust. Before you invest, please read this Prospectus and the Funds' Statement of Additional Information carefully and keep them for future reference.

The shares of the Funds have not been approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission nor has the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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## FUND SUMMARIES

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### ADVISORSHARES Q PORTFOLIO BLENDED ALLOCATION ETF

NYSE Arca Ticker: QPT

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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The AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to maximize total return over the long-term.

### 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 <sup>(a)</sup>   | 0.74%  |
| DISTRIBUTION (12b-1) FEES  | 0.00%  |
| OTHER EXPENSES   | 2.85%  |
| ACQUIRED FUND FEES AND EXPENSES <sup>(b)</sup>   | 0.20%  |
| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>   | 3.79%  |
| FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT <sup>(c)</sup>  | -2.60% |
| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES AFTER FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT</b>  | 1.19%  |

<sup>(a)</sup> The management fee above reflects the base fee. Actual management fees may be higher or lower depending on the Fund’s performance compared to its performance benchmark and can range from 0.64% to 0.84%.

<sup>(b)</sup> Total Annual Operating Expenses and Total Annual Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement in this fee table may not correlate to the expense ratio 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 the exchange-traded funds (each, an “ETF”) in which it invests.

<sup>(c)</sup> 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. 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 Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF | \$121  | \$918   | \$1,734 | \$3,861  |

## 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 248% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund is an actively managed ETF that is a "fund of funds." The Fund invests in ETFs representing all asset classes, including, but not limited to, treasury bonds, municipal bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, high yield U.S. corporate bonds (sometimes referred to as "junk bonds"), municipal bonds, U.S. and foreign equities, and commodities. These underlying investments may be of any market capitalization, duration, maturity, and quality.

The Fund seeks to strike a balance between long term growth and market volatility by maximizing returns relative to its peer group through a risk-and rewards-based approach to portfolio allocation as further described below. ThinkBetter, LLC (the "Sub-Advisor") seeks to achieve this by adjusting the Fund's portfolio after determining the expected drawdown of a typical balanced fund except, however, when faced with abnormal levels of implied volatility as measured by QIX™, a proprietary implied volatility index owned by ThinkBetter Holdings, LLC, the parent company of the Sub-Advisor. QIX is a weighted average, computed daily, of implied volatilities of certain large ETFs representing different market sectors in the various asset classes listed above. Implied volatility is the market's forecast of the likelihood of changes in a given security's price. The greater a portfolio's volatility, the wider the fluctuations between its high and low prices. In the event of implied volatility, whether up or down, the Fund takes a defensive position and seeks short-term fixed income returns.

Expected drawdown is defined as the expected maximum peak to trough capital loss over a full market cycle. The term "peak to trough" refers to the stage of the business or market cycle from the end of a period of growth (peak) into declining activity and contraction until it hits its ultimate cyclical bottom (trough). Within the constraints of the expected drawdown, the Sub-Advisor then utilizes Q Methodology™, a proprietary risk analysis program, to determine the optimal risk/reward portfolio allocation. Q Methodology generates a set of optimal portfolios that offer the highest expected return for a defined level (which can fluctuate over time and is determined at the discretion of the Sub-Advisor) of tail risk (which is the risk that an investment's return will move significantly beyond expectations, *i.e.*, more than three standard deviations from its mean) and expected drawdown. The resulting portfolio for the Fund is composed of a diversified mix of investments, including equities, fixed income, and commodities that are held through ETFs.

Every month the portfolio is again adjusted by the Sub-Advisor through the application of Q Methodology. When the market indicates a different risk/reward profile, adjustments to the Fund's portfolio are made accordingly. The adjusted portfolio may consist of the same or different holdings and asset classes, depending upon the results of the methodology application and market movements. Asset classes can be added or removed based on the changes in the risk/reward characteristics.

The Fund allocates to a defensive portfolio when implied volatility as measured by QIX is high and reverts back to its original investment strategy of striking a balance between long term growth and market volatility when implied volatility as measured by QIX is normal. In the event of a defensive position because of high implied volatility, the Fund invests in a mix of securities resulting in low portfolio tail risk and low expected drawdown (*i.e.*, a low volatility portfolio consisting of short-term fixed income securities).

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.

**Allocation Risk.** The Fund's particular allocations may have a significant effect on the Fund's performance. Allocation risk is the risk that the selection of ETFs and the allocation of assets among such ETFs will cause the Fund to underperform other funds with a similar investment objective that do not allocate their assets in the same manner or the market as a whole.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual issuers, industries or the securities 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 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.

**Models and Data Risk.** When models and data prove to be incorrect or incomplete, any decisions made in reliance thereon expose the Fund to potential risks. In addition, the use of predictive models has inherent risk. Because predictive models are usually constructed based on historical data supplied by third parties, the success of relying on such models may depend heavily on the accuracy and reliability of the supplied historical data.

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

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

**Underlying ETF Risk.** Through its investments in ETFs, the Fund is subject to the risks associated with the ETFs' investments or reference assets/benchmark components, including the possibility that the value of the securities or instruments held by or linked to an ETF could decrease. These risks include any combination of the risks described below, as well as certain of the other risks described in this section. The Fund's exposure to a particular risk will be proportionate to the Fund's overall allocation to the ETFs and the ETFs' asset allocation.

- **Commodity Risk.** The commodities industries can be significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, world events including international monetary and political developments, import controls and worldwide competition, exploration and production spending, and tax and other government regulations and economic conditions.
- **Concentration Risk.** An ETF may, at various times, concentrate in the securities of a particular industry, group of industries, or sector, and when a fund is over-weighted in an industry, group of industries, or sector, it may be more sensitive to any single economic, business, political, or regulatory occurrence than a fund that is not over-weighted in an industry, group of industries, or sector.
- **Credit Risk.** Certain of the ETFs are subject to the risk that a decline in the credit quality of a portfolio investment or reference asset could cause the ETF's share price to fall. The ETFs could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a portfolio investment or the counterparty to a derivatives contract fails to make timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.
- **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.
- **Fixed Income Securities Risk.** An ETF's investments in, or exposure to, fixed income securities are subject to the risk that the securities may be paid off earlier or later than expected. Either situation could cause the ETF to hold securities paying lower- than-market rates of interest, which could hurt the Fund's yield or share price.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** An ETF's investments in, or exposure to, foreign issuers involve certain risks including, but not limited to, risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, or changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges). In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the United States. In addition, the securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and, at times, more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies.

- **High-Yield Risk.** An ETF may invest in, or be exposed to, high-yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as “junk bonds”). High-yield securities generally pay higher yields (greater income) than investment in higher quality securities; however, high-yield securities and junk bonds may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than funds that do not invest in such securities, and are considered predominantly speculative with respect to an issuer’s continuing ability to make principal and interest payments.
- **Income Risk.** An ETF may derive dividend and interest income from certain of its investments. This income can vary widely over the short- and long-term. If prevailing market interest rates drop, distribution rates of an ETF’s income producing investments may decline which then may adversely affect the Fund’s value.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** An ETF’s investments in or exposure to fixed income securities are subject to the risk that interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, an ETF’s yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, an ETF’s yield (and total return) also may be low. To the extent that the investment advisor or issuer of an ETF anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the ETF could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall.
- **U.S. Government Securities Risk.** U.S. government securities are subject to price fluctuations and to default in the event that an agency or instrumentality defaults on an obligation not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

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## 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](http://www.advisorshares.com).

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## MANAGEMENT

| Name                           | Title       |
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| AdvisorShares Investments, LLC | Advisor     |
| ThinkBetter, LLC               | Sub-Advisor |

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

| Name and Title  | Length of Service with the Sub-Advisor |
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| <b>Ron Piccinini</b> , <i>Ph.D., Chief Investment Officer</i> | since May 2019                         |

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## PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

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).

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**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.

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**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 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.



**ADVISORSHARES Q DYNAMIC GROWTH ETF**  
**NYSE Arca Ticker: QPX**

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

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The AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to achieve long-term growth.

**FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

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|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>SHAREHOLDER FEES</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)   | None         |
| <b>ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment) |              |
| MANAGEMENT FEES <sup>(a)</sup>  | 1.00%        |
| DISTRIBUTION (12b-1) FEES   | 0.00%        |
| OTHER EXPENSES  | 0.49%        |
| ACQUIRED FUND FEES AND EXPENSES <sup>(b)</sup>  | 0.23%        |
| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>  | <b>1.72%</b> |
| FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT <sup>(c)</sup>   | -0.04%       |
| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES AFTER FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT</b>   | <b>1.68%</b> |

<sup>(a)</sup> The management fee above reflects the base fee. Actual management fees may be higher or lower depending on the Fund’s performance compared to its performance benchmark and can range from 0.90% to 1.10%.

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|                                    | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS | 5 YEARS | 10 YEARS |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF | \$171  | \$538   | \$930   | \$2,027  |

## 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 61% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund is an actively managed ETF that is a "fund of funds." The Fund invests in ETFs representing all asset classes, including, but not limited to, treasury bonds, municipal bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, high-yield U.S. corporate bonds (sometimes referred to as "junk bonds"), municipal bonds, U.S. and foreign equities, commodities, and volatility products. These underlying investments may be of any market capitalization, duration, maturity, and quality.

The Fund seeks to maximize long-term growth by providing equity-like returns in most normal market conditions except when faced with abnormal levels of implied volatility as measured by QIX™, a proprietary implied volatility index owned by ThinkBetter Holdings, LLC, the parent company of ThinkBetter, LLC (the "Sub-Advisor"). QIX is a weighted average, computed daily, of implied volatilities of certain large ETFs representing different market sectors in the various asset classes listed above. Implied volatility is the market's forecast of the likelihood of changes in a given security's price. The greater a portfolio's volatility, the wider the fluctuations between its high and low prices. In the event of implied volatility, whether up or down, the Fund takes a defensive position and seeks short-term fixed income returns. The Sub-Advisor seeks to achieve the desired results for the Fund by calibrating its portfolio to a tail risk and expected drawdown equivalent to the overall U.S. equity market.

Tail risk is the risk that an investment's return will move significantly beyond expectations (*i.e.*, more than three standard deviations from its mean). Drawdown is defined as the difference between the highest peak value and the lowest trough value of an investment over a full market cycle and can be used to measure the risk of a typical investment. The term "peak to trough" refers to the stage of the business or market cycle from the end of a period of growth (peak) into declining activity and contraction until it hits its ultimate cyclical bottom (trough). Within the constraints of the expected drawdown, the Sub-Advisor then utilizes Q Methodology™, a proprietary risk analysis program, to determine the optimal risk/reward portfolio allocation. Q Methodology generates a set of optimal portfolios that offer the highest expected return for a defined level (which can fluctuate over time and is determined at the discretion of the Sub-Advisor) of tail risk and expected drawdown. The resulting portfolio for the Fund is composed of a diversified mix of investments, including equities, fixed income, and commodities that are held through ETFs.

Every month the portfolio is again adjusted by the Sub-Advisor through the application of Q Methodology. Adjustments to the Fund's portfolio are made to reflect the most recent portfolio mix. The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling securities, which may lead to relatively high portfolio turnover.

The Fund allocates to a defensive portfolio when implied volatility as measured by QIX is high and allocates to an aggressive portfolio when implied volatility as measured by QIX is normal. In the event of a defensive position because of high implied volatility, the Fund invests in a mix of securities resulting in low portfolio tail risk and low expected drawdown (*i.e.*, a low volatility portfolio consisting of short-term fixed income securities).

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**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.

**Models and Data Risk.** When models and data prove to be incorrect or incomplete, any decisions made in reliance thereon expose the Fund to potential risks. In addition, the use of predictive models has inherent risk. Because predictive models are usually constructed based on historical data supplied by third parties, the success of relying on such models may depend heavily on the accuracy and reliability of the supplied historical data.

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

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

**Underlying ETF Risk.** Through its investments in ETFs, the Fund is subject to the risks associated with the ETFs' investments or reference assets/benchmark components, including the possibility that the value of the securities or instruments held by or linked to an ETF could decrease. These risks include any combination of the risks described below, as well as certain of the other risks described in this section. The Fund's exposure to a particular risk will be proportionate to the Fund's overall allocation to the ETFs and the ETFs' asset allocation.

- **Commodity Risk.** The commodities industries can be significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, world events including international monetary and political developments, import controls and worldwide competition, exploration and production spending, and tax and other government regulations and economic conditions.
- **Concentration Risk.** An ETF may, at various times, concentrate in the securities of a particular industry, group of industries, or sector, and when a fund is over-weighted in an industry, group of industries, or sector, it may be more sensitive to any single economic, business, political, or regulatory occurrence than a fund that is not over-weighted in an industry, group of industries, or sector.
- **Credit Risk.** Certain of the ETFs are subject to the risk that a decline in the credit quality of a portfolio investment or reference asset could cause the ETF's share price to fall. The ETFs could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a portfolio investment or the counterparty to a derivatives contract fails to make timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.
- **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.
- **Fixed Income Securities Risk.** An ETF's investments in, or exposure to, fixed income securities are subject to the risk that the securities may be paid off earlier or later than expected. Either situation could cause the ETF to hold securities paying lower- than-market rates of interest, which could hurt the Fund's yield or share price.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** An ETF's investments in, or exposure to, foreign issuers involve certain risks including, but not limited to, risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, or changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges). In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the United States. In addition, the securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and, at times, more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies.
- **High-Yield Risk.** An ETF may invest in, or be exposed to, high-yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as "junk bonds"). High-yield securities generally pay higher yields (greater income) than investment in higher quality securities; however, high-yield securities and junk bonds may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than funds that do not invest in such securities, and are considered predominantly speculative with respect to an issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments.
- **Income Risk.** An ETF may derive dividend and interest income from certain of its investments. This income can vary widely over the short- and long-term. If prevailing market interest rates drop, distribution rates of an ETF's income producing investments may decline which then may adversely affect the Fund's value.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** An ETF's investments in or exposure to fixed income securities are subject to the risk that interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, an ETF's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, an ETF's yield (and total return) also may be low. To the extent that the investment advisor or issuer of an ETF anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the ETF could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall.
- **U.S. Government Securities Risk.** U.S. government securities are subject to price fluctuations and to default in the event that an agency or instrumentality defaults on an obligation not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

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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](http://www.advisorshares.com).

## MANAGEMENT

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| Name                           | Title       |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| AdvisorShares Investments, LLC | Advisor     |
| ThinkBetter, LLC               | Sub-Advisor |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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| Name and Title  | Length of Service with Sub-Advisor |
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| <b>Ron Piccinini</b> , <i>Ph.D., Chief Investment Officer</i> | since May 2019                     |

## 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 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.

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

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

Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) restricts investments by investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including shares of each Fund or another ETF. However, under certain circumstances and subject to certain terms and conditions, a registered investment company may invest in other investment companies (“underlying investment companies”) beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1). In particular, if an underlying investment company has obtained a Section 12(d)(1) exemptive order from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or is relying on Rule 12d1-4, a Fund may enter into an agreement with the underlying investment company pursuant to which the Fund may invest in the underlying investment company beyond the Section 12(d)(1) limits subject to the terms and conditions of the underlying investment company’s exemptive order or Rule 12d1-4, as applicable. A Fund also may enter into such agreements with certain other ETFs to permit the Fund to invest in the other ETFs to an unlimited extent.

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

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

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS’ INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

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The AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF seeks to maximize total return over the long-term. The AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF seeks to achieve long-term growth. Each Fund’s investment objective is non-fundamental and may be changed by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) without a shareholder vote.

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS’ PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

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Each Fund is an actively managed ETF and, thus, does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified passive index of securities. Instead, each Fund uses an active investment strategy in seeking to meet its investment objective. The Sub-Advisor, subject to the oversight of the Advisor and the Board, has discretion on a daily basis to manage each Fund’s portfolio in accordance with the Fund’s investment objective and investment policies.

If a Fund invests in and, therefore, is a shareholder of, another investment company, the Fund’s shareholders will indirectly bear the Fund’s proportionate share of the fees and expenses paid by such other investment company, including advisory fees, in addition to both the advisory fee payable directly by the Fund to the Fund’s own investment advisor and the other expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with the Fund’s own operations. When a Fund invests in an affiliated investment company, the Advisor may receive advisory and other fees from the affiliated investment company in which the Fund invests, as well as the advisory fee for managing the Fund. In addition, the Advisor may have an incentive to take into account the effect on the affiliated investment company in determining whether to purchase or sell shares in the affiliated investment company. Although the Advisor takes steps to address conflicts of interest, it is possible that the conflicts could impact the Fund.

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

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Each Fund is subject to a number of risks that may affect the value of its shares. This section provides additional information about the Funds’ principal risks. The principal risks specific to each Fund are listed in the Fund’s summary section above. The degree to which a risk applies to a Fund varies according to its investment allocation. Each investor should review the complete description of the principal risks before investing in a Fund. An investment in a 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 a Fund.

**Allocation Risk.** A Fund's particular allocations may have a significant effect on the Fund's performance. Allocation risk is the risk that the selection of ETFs and the allocation of assets among such ETFs will cause a Fund to underperform other funds with a similar investment objective that seek to achieve their investment objectives by investing directly in the securities or instruments held by ETFs, by investing in a different selection of ETFs, or by pursuing a different allocation of assets among such ETFs. Because the risks and returns of different ETFs can vary widely over any given time period, a Fund's performance could suffer if a particular ETF does not perform as expected.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities in which a 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 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 a difference between the market price of the ETF's shares and the underlying value of those shares. 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 a Fund's NAV.

Because the Funds' shares trade in the secondary market, a broker may charge a commission to execute a transaction in shares and an investor may incur the cost of the spread between the price at which a dealer will buy shares (bid) and the somewhat higher price at which a dealer will sell shares (ask). In addition, not only are there a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants, direct trading by authorized participants is critical to ensuring that a Fund's shares trade at or close to NAV. However, market makers are not obligated to make a market in a 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. The absence of an active market could lead to a heightened risk of differences between the market price of a Fund's shares and the underlying value of those shares.

**Management Risk.** The Sub-Advisor continuously evaluates a 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 a 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 a 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. A Fund's and an ETF'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 a Fund or an ETF invests will cause the NAV of the Fund or the ETF to fluctuate. Historically, the markets have moved in cycles, and the value of a Fund's and an ETF's securities or reference asset may fluctuate drastically from day to day. Because of its link to the markets, an investment in a 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.

**Models and Data Risk.** To the extent a model does not perform as designed or as intended, a Fund's strategy may not be successfully implemented and the Fund may lose value. If the model or data are incorrect or incomplete, any decisions made in reliance thereon may lead to the inclusion or exclusion of securities that would have been excluded or included had the model or data been correct and complete. The use of predictive models has inherent risks. For example, such models may incorrectly forecast future behavior, leading to potential losses. In addition, in unforeseen or certain low-probability scenarios (often involving a market disruption of some kind), such models may produce unexpected results, which can result in losses for a Fund. Furthermore, because predictive models are usually constructed based on historical data supplied by third parties, the success of relying on such models may depend heavily on the accuracy and reliability of the supplied historical data.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** Each Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling securities, which may lead to relatively high portfolio turnover. Higher portfolio turnover may result in a Fund paying increased transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover also may cause a Fund's performance to be lower than expected.

**Trading Risk.** Shares of a Fund may trade above or below their NAV. The NAV of shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of a 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 a 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 and Sub-Advisor do not believe that large discounts or premiums to NAV will exist for extended periods of time. Although each 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 a Fund may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF UNDERLYING ETFs**

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The value of your investment in each of the Funds is based primarily on the prices of the ETFs that the Fund purchases. In turn, the price of each ETF is based on the value of its securities. The prices of these securities change daily and each ETF's performance reflects the risks of investing in a particular asset class or classes. ETFs also may trade below their NAV or at a discount, which may adversely affect a Fund's performance. An overview of certain of the principal risks of the ETFs is provided below. ETFs also may be subject to certain of the risks described above. The degree to which the risks described below apply to a Fund varies according to its asset allocation. A complete list of each ETF in which a Fund invests can be found daily on the Trust's website. A prospective investor should review the complete description of the principal risks of the ETFs prior to investing in a Fund.

**Commodity Risk.** The commodities industries can be significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, world events including international monetary and political developments, import controls and worldwide competition, exploration and production spending, and tax and other government regulations and economic conditions.



**Concentration Risk.** An ETF may, at various times, concentrate in the securities of a particular industry, group of industries, or sector, and when a fund is over-weighted in an industry, group of industries, or sector, it may be more sensitive to any single economic, business, political, or regulatory occurrence than a fund that is not over-weighted in an industry, group of industries, or sector.

**Credit Risk.** Certain of the ETFs are subject to the risk that a decline in the credit quality of a portfolio investment or reference asset could cause the ETFs' share price to fall. The ETFs could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a portfolio investment or the counterparty to a derivatives contract fails to make timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations. Below investment-grade bonds (junk bonds) involve greater risks of default or downgrade and are more volatile than investment-grade bonds. Below investment-grade bonds also involve greater risk of price declines than investment-grade securities due to actual or perceived changes in an issuer's creditworthiness. In addition, issuers of below investment-grade bonds may be more susceptible than other issuers to economic downturns. Such bonds are subject to the risk that the issuer may not be able to pay interest or dividends and ultimately to repay principal upon maturity. Discontinuation of these payments could substantially adversely affect the market value of the bonds.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities in which an ETF 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.

**Fixed Income Securities Risk.** An ETF's investments in, or exposure to, fixed income securities are subject to the risk that the securities may be paid off earlier or later than expected. Either situation could cause the ETF to hold securities paying lower-than-market rates of interest, which could hurt the fund's yield or share price. In addition, rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of certain fixed income securities, making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates. As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, an ETF that holds these securities may exhibit additional volatility. This is known as extension risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their fixed income securities sooner than expected. This can reduce the returns of an ETF because it will have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. This is known as prepayment risk.

**Foreign Securities Risk.** An ETF's investments in or exposure to securities of foreign issuers 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, or changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges). In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the United States. The securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and, at times, more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. An ETF with exposure to foreign investments may also experience more rapid or extreme changes in value than a fund that invests solely in securities of U.S. companies because the securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. Where all or a portion of an ETF's underlying securities trade in a market that is closed when the market on which the ETF's shares are listed is open, there may be changes between the last quote from the closed foreign market and the value of such security during the ETF's domestic trading day. In addition, this in turn could lead to differences between the market price of the ETF's shares and the underlying value of those shares. Foreign withholding taxes may be imposed on income earned by an ETF's investment in or exposure to foreign securities, which may reduce the return on such investments. There also is a risk that the cost of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions.

**High-Yield Risk.** An ETF may invest in, or have exposure to, high-yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as “junk bonds”). High-yield securities generally pay higher yields (greater income) than investment in higher quality securities; however, high-yield securities and junk bonds may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than funds that do not invest in such securities, and are considered predominantly speculative with respect to an issuer’s continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. The value of these securities often fluctuates in response to company, political or economic developments and declines significantly over short periods of time or during periods of general economic difficulty. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates could adversely affect the market for these securities and reduce the ability of certain of the underlying funds to sell these securities (liquidity risk). These securities can also be thinly traded or have restrictions on resale, making them difficult to sell at an acceptable price. If the issuer of a security is in default with respect to interest or principal payments, the ETF may lose its entire investment.

**Income Risk.** An ETF may derive dividend and interest income from certain of its investments. This income can vary widely over the short- and long-term. If prevailing market interest rates drop, distribution rates of an ETF’s income producing investments may decline which then may adversely affect its value. The dividend and interest income produced by certain of the ETF’s portfolio holdings or reference assets also may be adversely affected by the particular circumstances and performance of the individual issuers of such investments.

**Interest Rate Risk.** An ETF’s investments in, or exposure to, fixed income securities are subject to the risk that interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, an ETF’s yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, an ETF’s yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect an ETF’s share price: a sharp rise in interest rates could cause its share price to fall. This risk is greater when the ETF holds bonds with longer maturities. To the extent that the investment advisor or issuer of an ETF or the issuer of an underlying ETF anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the ETF could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall.

**U.S. Government Securities Risk.** Obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, authorities and instrumentalities and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States only guarantee principal and interest will be timely paid to holders of the securities. The entities do not guarantee that the value of the securities will increase and, in fact, the market values of such obligations may fluctuate. In addition, not all U.S. government securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States; some are the obligation solely of the entity through which they are issued. There is no guarantee that the U.S. Government would provide financial support to its agencies and instrumentalities if not required to do so by law.

#### **OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES**

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**Temporary Defensive Positions.** To respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, a Fund may invest up to 100% of its total assets, without limitation in cash and cash equivalents (which are short-term U.S. Treasury securities, government money market funds, and repurchase agreements). A Fund may be invested in this manner for extended periods, depending on the Sub-Advisor’s assessment of market conditions. While a Fund is in a defensive position, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective. Furthermore, to the extent that a Fund invests in government 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.** A 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, a 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. A 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, a Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. Each Fund will attempt to minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to high quality instruments of short maturity.

Please see the Funds' Statement of Additional Information (the "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 Funds' 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). Each Fund's daily portfolio holdings information also is available on the Trust's website.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS**

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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 Funds. The Advisor continuously reviews, supervises, and administers the Funds' 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. As of September 30, 2021, the Advisor had approximately \$2 billion in assets under management.

Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Trust and the Advisor, the Advisor is entitled to receive, on a monthly basis, an annual advisory fee based on the average daily net assets of each Fund. The Advisor's advisory fee has two components – the base fee and the performance fee adjustment. The base fee is the pre-determined rate at which the Advisor is paid when a Fund's net performance is in line with Fund's pre-determined performance benchmark. The base fee is subject to an upward or downward adjustment by the performance fee. If a Fund outperforms the performance benchmark, the Advisor may receive an upward fee adjustment. If a Fund underperforms the performance benchmark, the Advisor may receive a downward fee adjustment. The Advisor's annual base fee is 0.74% of the AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF's average daily net assets and 1.00% of the AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF's average daily net assets. The performance fee adjustment is derived by comparing a Fund's performance over a rolling twelve-month period to its performance benchmark, which is the Blended 60% S&P 500 Index/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF and the S&P 500 Index for AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF. The base fee is adjusted at a rate of 0.02% for every 0.25% to 0.50% of out-performance or under-performance compared to the performance benchmark, but only up to 2.00% of the performance benchmark. As a result, the maximum possible performance fee adjustment, up or down, to the base fee is 0.10%. Accordingly, the Advisor's annual advisory fee may range from 0.64% to 0.84% of the AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF's average daily net assets and 0.90% to 1.10% of the AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF's average daily net assets. The following tables illustrate how the effective annual rate of the advisory fee for each Fund would vary under this arrangement, which is commonly referred to as a "fulcrum" fee arrangement:

**AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF**

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Fee                        | 0.74%               |
| Incremental Changes             | 0.02%               |
| <b>Performance to Benchmark</b> | <b>Advisory Fee</b> |
| 2.00%                           | <b>0.84%</b>        |
| 1.50%                           | <b>0.82%</b>        |
| 1.25%                           | <b>0.80%</b>        |
| 1.00%                           | <b>0.78%</b>        |
| 0.50%                           | <b>0.76%</b>        |
| <b>+/- 0</b>                    | <b>0.74%</b>        |
| -0.50%                          | <b>0.72%</b>        |
| -1.00%                          | <b>0.70%</b>        |
| -1.25%                          | <b>0.68%</b>        |
| -1.50%                          | <b>0.66%</b>        |
| -2.00%                          | <b>0.64%</b>        |

**AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Fee                        | 1.00%               |
| Incremental Changes             | 0.02%               |
| <b>Performance to Benchmark</b> | <b>Advisory Fee</b> |
| 2.00%                           | <b>1.10%</b>        |
| 1.50%                           | <b>1.08%</b>        |
| 1.25%                           | <b>1.06%</b>        |
| 1.00%                           | <b>1.04%</b>        |
| 0.50%                           | <b>1.02%</b>        |
| <b>+/- 0</b>                    | <b>1.00%</b>        |
| -0.50%                          | <b>0.98%</b>        |
| -1.00%                          | <b>0.96%</b>        |
| -1.25%                          | <b>0.94%</b>        |
| -1.50%                          | <b>0.92%</b>        |
| -2.00%                          | <b>0.90%</b>        |

For the most recent fiscal year, the AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF paid the Advisor 0% after waivers based on its average daily net assets and the AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF paid the Advisor 0.94% 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 pays the Sub-Advisor out of the advisory fee it receives from each Fund.

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 0.99% and 1.45% of the average daily net assets of the AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF and AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF, respectively, 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 a 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 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 a Fund. The Prospectus will be supplemented when there is a significant change in a Fund's sub-advisory arrangement.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's most recent approval of the Fund's investment advisory agreement is available in the Trust's Annual Report to Shareholders dated June 30, 2021.

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

ThinkBetter, LLC is a registered investment advisory firm located at 1924 South Osprey Avenue, Suite 202, Sarasota, Florida 34239. The Sub-Advisor is an institutional investment advisor whose clients are other institutions such as registered investment advisors, registered investment companies, broker-dealers, family offices, trusts and foundations. The Sub-Advisor also offers investment advisory services to high net worth clients. In addition, the Sub-Advisor provides investment models as a signal provider to third-party independent registered investment advisors and broker dealers. As of September 30, 2021, the Sub-Advisor had approximately \$515 million in assets under management.

The Sub-Advisor is responsible for selecting each Fund's investments in accordance with its investment objective, policies and restrictions.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment sub-advisory agreement is available in the Trust's Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders dated December 31, 2020.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

The following portfolio manager is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds.

##### **Ron Piccinini, Ph.D, Chief Investment Officer**

Mr. Piccinini is a Managing Partner of ThinkBetter Holdings, LLC, the parent company of the Sub-Advisor, since 2019. He is responsible for managing the Gamma (Preserve and Participate) 5-60 series as well as TQCG's Tactical strategy models. Mr. Piccinini developed and refined the Q Methodology, a proprietary heavy tails risk analysis program used in the construction and ongoing management of the P&P 5-60 models and the Funds. He is also the author of the QIX index, which is used to measure market volatility and indicate the trigger point at which time the Tactical model is substituted for the more aggressive P&P 45-60 models. Mr. Piccinini formed The Q Consulting Group, an affiliate of the Sub-Advisor, in 2019. He co-founded Prairie Smarts, LLC in 2012, a cloud-based risk analytics company that was eventually acquired in 2017 by Covisum, a software company serving the needs of registered investment advisors. Mr. Piccinini earned a Master's degree from Strasbourg University and holds a Doctorate in Finance from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. He has worked in various positions related to risk estimation and financial management systems since 2005, including at TD Ameritrade, First National Nebraska, Inc., and First National Bank of Omaha.

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

## **OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the “Distributor”) is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Funds’ 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 Funds.

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 Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing the annual financial statements of the Funds.

## **SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION**

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### **CALCULATING NET ASSET VALUE**

Each 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.

Each 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, each Fund generally values its portfolio investments at market prices. If market prices are unavailable or a 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 U.S.-traded securities with readily available pricing, it is expected that there would be limited circumstances in which a 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 each Fund’s holdings can be found in the SAI.

### **PREMIUM/DISCOUNT AND BID/ASK SPREAD 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 a 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 Funds’ website at <http://www.advisorshares.com>. Also available on the Funds’ website is information about bid-ask spreads.

### **DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

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

## **ACTIVE INVESTORS AND MARKET TIMING**

Shares of each 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 a 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 Funds' shares because each 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 Funds also impose transaction fees on such Creation Unit transactions that are designed to offset the Funds' transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of the Creation Unit shares.

## **BOOK-ENTRY**

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

Investors owning shares of a 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 A FUND**

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

## **DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

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The Funds have adopted a Distribution Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act that allows each Fund to pay distribution fees to the Distributor and other firms that provide distribution services. A 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 each 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 a 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, a 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 Funds and their 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 accounts. 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 Funds**

Each Fund is treated as a separate entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes and intends to elect and to qualify for the special tax treatment afforded to regulated investment companies (“RICs”) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Internal Revenue Code”). As long as a Fund qualifies for treatment as a RIC, it pays no federal income tax on the earnings it timely distributes to shareholders. However, a 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 IRA, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when:

- a Fund makes distributions;
- you sell Fund shares; and
- you purchase or redeem Creation Units (authorized participants only).

### **Tax Status of Distributions**

- Each Fund intends to distribute, at least annually, substantially all of its net investment income and net capital gains income.
- The income dividends you receive from a Fund will generally be taxed to you as either ordinary income or “qualified dividend income.” For non-corporate shareholders, dividends reported by a 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 that are either incorporated in a U.S. possession or eligible for tax benefits under certain U.S. income tax treaties. In addition, dividends that a Fund receives in respect of stock of certain foreign corporations may be qualified dividend income if that stock is readily tradable on an established U.S. securities market. For such dividends to be taxed as qualified dividend income to a non-corporate shareholder, a Fund must satisfy certain holding period requirements with respect to the underlying stock and the non-corporate shareholder must satisfy holding period requirements with respect to his or her ownership of the Fund’s shares. Holding periods may be suspended for these purposes for stock that is hedged. In general, dividends received by a Fund from an ETF taxable as a RIC may be distributed and reported as qualified dividend income by the Fund to the extent of the dividend distributions distributed and reported as qualified dividend income by the ETF. The Funds’ investment strategies will significantly limit their ability to report distributions as qualified dividend income.
- Corporate shareholders may be entitled to a dividends received deduction for the portion of dividends they receive that are attributable to dividends received by a Fund (directly or in some cases indirectly) from U.S. corporations, subject to certain limitations. The Funds’ investment strategies will significantly limit their ability to report distributions as eligible for the dividends received deduction.
- Taxes on distributions of capital gains (if any) are determined by how long a Fund owned the investments that generated them, rather than how long a shareholder has owned their shares. Sales of assets held by a Fund for more than one year generally result in long-term capital gains and losses, and sales of assets held by a Fund for one year or less generally result in short-term capital gains and losses. Distributions from a Fund’s short-term capital gains are generally taxable as ordinary income. Any distributions of net capital gain (the excess of a Fund’s net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses) that you receive from a 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.
- In general, your distributions are subject to federal income tax for the year in which they are paid. However, distributions paid in January but declared by a Fund in October, November or December of the previous year may be taxable to you in the previous year.
- Under recently issued final Treasury Regulations, a RIC that receives business interest income may pass through its net business interest income for purposes of the tax rules applicable to the interest expense limitations under Section 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code. A RIC's total "Section 163(j) Interest Dividend" for a tax year is limited to the excess of the RIC's business interest income over the sum of its business interest expense and its other deductions properly allocable to its business interest income. A RIC may, in its discretion, designate all or a portion of ordinary dividends as Section 163(j) Interest Dividends, which would allow the recipient shareholder to treat the designated portion of such dividends as interest income for purposes of determining such shareholder's interest expense deduction limitation under Section 163(j). This can potentially increase the amount of a shareholder's interest expense deductible under Section 163(j). In general, to be eligible to treat a Section 163(j) Interest Dividend as interest income, you must have held your shares in a Fund for more than 180 days during the 361-day period beginning on the date that is 180 days before the date on which the share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend. Section 163(j) Interest Dividends, if so designated by a Fund, will be reported to your financial intermediary or otherwise in accordance with the requirements specified by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Shortly after the close of each calendar year, each Fund in which you invest (or your broker) will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income, foreign tax credits, and net capital gain distributions received from the Fund.
- You may wish to avoid investing in a 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. Any loss realized on a sale will be disallowed to the extent shares of a Fund are acquired, including through reinvestment of dividends, within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of Fund shares. The ability to deduct capital losses may be limited.

#### **Foreign Taxes**

Dividends, interest, and other income received by the Funds and the ETFs in which a Fund invests with respect to foreign securities may give rise to withholding and other taxes imposed by foreign countries on dividends, interest, and other income they may earn from investing in foreign securities. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes. The Funds may need to file special claims for refunds to secure the benefits of a reduced rate.

If as of the close of a taxable year more than 50% of the value of a Fund's assets consists of certain foreign stock or securities, the Fund will be eligible to elect to "pass through" to investors the amount of foreign income and similar taxes (including withholding taxes) paid by the Fund during that taxable year. This means that investors will be considered to have received as additional income their respective shares of such foreign taxes, but may be entitled to either a corresponding tax deduction in calculating taxable income, or, subject to certain limitations, a credit in calculating federal income tax. If a Fund does not so elect, it will be entitled to claim a deduction for certain foreign taxes incurred by the Fund. A Fund (or a financial intermediary, such as a broker, through which a shareholder owns shares) will notify you if it makes such an election and provide you with the information necessary to reflect foreign taxes paid on your income tax return.

Foreign tax credits, if any, received by a Fund as a result of an investment in another RIC (including an ETF which is taxable as a RIC) will not be passed through to you unless the Fund qualifies as a "qualified fund-of-funds" under the Internal Revenue Code. If a Fund is a "qualified fund-of-funds" it will be eligible to file an election with the IRS that will enable the Fund to pass along these foreign tax credits to its shareholders. A Fund will be treated as a "qualified fund-of-funds" under the Internal Revenue Code if at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets (at the close of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year) is represented by interests in other RICs.

#### **Net Investment Income Tax**

U.S. individuals with income exceeding certain thresholds are subject to a 3.8% tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," including interest, dividends (but not any exempt-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 Funds' 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 Funds 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. Different tax consequences may result if you are a foreign shareholder engaged in a trade or business within the United States or if you are a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of a tax treaty.

#### **Backup Withholding**

Each 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. Authorized participants should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sales rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

Each 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. Each Fund also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination. If a 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.

A 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. A Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause such 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, a 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 Funds. 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 Funds under all tax laws applicable to you.

**More information about taxes is in the SAI.**

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance since the commencement of operations. 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 each 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 each Fund's financial statements, are included in the Fund's Annual Report, which is available upon request.

|  | For the<br>period<br>December 28,<br>2020* to<br>June 30, 2021 |
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| <b>AdvisorShares Q Portfolio Blended Allocation ETF</b>                        |  |
| <b>Selected Data for a Share of Capital Stock Outstanding</b>                  |  |
| Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year/Period                                      | \$ 25.00   |
| <b>Investment Operations</b>   |  |
| Net Investment Income <sup>(1)</sup>   | 0.01   |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain   | 0.76   |
| Distributions of Net Realized Gains by other investment companies              | 0.00 <sup>(7)</sup>  |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Investment Operations <sup>(2)</sup> | 0.77   |
| Net Asset Value, End of Year/Period  | \$ 25.77   |
| Market Value, End of Year/Period   | \$ 25.76   |
| <b>Total Return</b>  |  |
| Total Investment Return Based on Net Asset Value <sup>(3)</sup>                | 3.07%  |
| Total Investment Return Based on Market <sup>(3)</sup>                         | 3.04%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |  |
| Net Assets, End of Year/Period (000's omitted)                                 | \$ 3,479   |
| Ratio to Average Net Assets of: <sup>(4)</sup>                                 |  |
| Expenses, net of expense waivers and reimbursements <sup>(5)</sup>             | 0.99%  |
| Expenses, prior to expense waivers and reimbursements <sup>(5)</sup>           | 3.59%  |
| Net Investment Income <sup>(5)</sup>   | 0.04%  |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(6)</sup>   | 248%   |

\* Commencement of operations.

(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. Periods less than one year are not annualized. 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) The Fund invests in other funds and indirectly bear their proportionate shares of fees and expenses incurred by the funds in which the Fund is invested. These ratios do not include these indirect fees and expenses.

(5) Ratios of periods of less than one year have been annualized. Excludes expenses incurred by the underlying investments in other funds.

(6) Portfolio turnover rate is not annualized and excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as in-kind creations or redemptions of the Fund's capital shares.

(7) Amount represents less than \$0.005 or 0.005%.

|  | For the<br>period<br>December 28,<br>2020* to<br>June 30, 2021 |
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| <b>AdvisorShares Q Dynamic Growth ETF</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Selected Data for a Share of Capital Stock Outstanding</b>                  |  |
| Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year/Period                                      | \$ 25.00   |
| <b>Investment Operations</b>   |  |
| Net Investment Loss <sup>(1)</sup>   | (0.09)   |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain   | 3.21   |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Investment Operations <sup>(2)</sup> | 3.12   |
| Net Asset Value, End of Year/Period  | \$ 28.12   |
| Market Value, End of Year/Period   | \$ 28.13   |
| <b>Total Return</b>  |  |
| Total Investment Return Based on Net Asset Value <sup>(3)</sup>                | 12.50%   |
| Total Investment Return Based on Market <sup>(3)</sup>                         | 12.52%   |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |  |
| Net Assets, End of Year/Period (000's omitted)                                 | \$ 68,763  |
| Ratio to Average Net Assets of: <sup>(4)</sup>                                 |  |
| Expenses, net of expense waivers and reimbursements <sup>(5)</sup>             | 1.43%  |
| Expenses, prior to expense waivers and reimbursements <sup>(5)</sup>           | 1.49%  |
| Net Investment Loss <sup>(5)</sup>   | (0.65)%  |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(6)</sup>   | 61%  |

\* Commencement of operations.

(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. Periods less than one year are not annualized. 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) The Fund invests in other funds and indirectly bear their proportionate shares of fees and expenses incurred by the funds in which the Fund is invested. These ratios do not include these indirect fees and expenses.

(5) Ratios of periods of less than one year have been annualized. Excludes expenses incurred by the underlying investments in other funds.

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**ADVISORSHARES Q PORTFOLIO BLENDED ALLOCATION ETF  
ADVISORSHARES Q DYNAMIC GROWTH ETF**

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| Advisor                                   | <b>AdvisorShares Investments, LLC</b><br>4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150<br>Bethesda, Maryland 20814 |
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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*Additional and more detailed information about each Fund is included in the Funds' 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 Funds. 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, when available, 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 each Fund's investments is available in the Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports. Also in each 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 a Fund. This Prospectus does not constitute an offering by a Fund in any jurisdiction where such an offering is not lawful.***

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