ADVISORSHARES STAR GLOBAL BUY-WRITE ETF

a series of

ADVISORSHARES TRUST

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

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As a shareholder of the AdvisorShares STAR Global Buy-Write ETF (the "Fund"), a series of AdvisorShares Trust (the "Trust"), you are receiving this notice regarding the internet availability of an information statement (the "Information Statement") relating to the hiring of a new sub-adviser to manage the Fund's assets. This notice presents an overview of the Information Statement that is available to you on the internet or, upon request, by mail or email. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the Information Statement. As described below, the Information Statement is for informational purposes only and, as a shareholder of the Fund, you do not need to take any action.

On October 1, 2020, Partnervest Financial Group LLC, the parent company of Partnervest Advisory Services, LLC ("Partnervest"), the investment sub-adviser to the Fund, concluded a transaction with ChangePath, LLC ("ChangePath") pursuant to which ChangePath acquired substantially all of the assets of Partnervest Financial Group LLC. Accordingly, at a meeting held on October 29, 2020, the Trust's Board of Trustees approved a new investment sub-advisory agreement between AdvisorShares Investments, LLC (the "Adviser") and ChangePath, which contains substantially the same terms as the sub-advisory agreement with Partnervest including the rate of compensation. Effective November 25, 2020, ChangePath replaced Partnervest as the sub-adviser to the Fund.

The Fund has received an exemptive order from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that permits the Adviser, subject to certain conditions such as approval by the Board, to enter into a new sub-advisory agreement with an unaffiliated sub-adviser or to change the terms of an existing sub-advisory agreement with an unaffiliated sub-adviser. Approval by the Fund's shareholders is not required, but the exemptive order requires that the Information Statement be made available to the Fund's shareholders.

By sending you this notice, the Fund is notifying you that it is making the Information Statement available to you via the internet in lieu of mailing you a paper copy. You may print and view the Information Statement on the Fund's website at http://www.advisorshares.com/fund/vega. The Information Statement will be available on the website until at least May 25, 2021. To view and print the Information Statement, click on the link to the Information Statement. You may request a paper copy or email copy of the Information Statement, free of charge, by contacting the Trust in writing at 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or by calling 1-877-843-3831. The Fund's most recent annual report and semi-annual report are available upon request, without charge, by contacting the Trust at 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or by calling 1-877-843-3831 or visiting www.advisorshares.com.

Only one copy of this notice will be delivered to shareholders of the Fund who reside at the same address, unless the Fund has received instructions to the contrary. If you would like to receive an additional copy, please write to the Trust at 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or call 1-877-843-3831. Shareholders wishing to receive separate copies of notices in the future, and shareholders sharing an address who wish to receive a single copy if they are receiving multiple copies, should also contact the Trust as indicated above.

If you want to receive a paper or email copy of the Information Statement, you must request one.

There is no charge to you to obtain a copy. A