# PFLD



AAM Low Duration Preferred & Income Securities ETF

12/31/2023

# **Fund Description**

The AAM Low Duration Preferred & Income Securities ETF (NYSE:PFLD) seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of shorter duration exchange-listed U.S. dollar denominated hybrid debt and preferred stock publicly issued by corporations in the U.S. domestic market.

## The PFLD Advantage

- 1. Provide high monthly income: PFLD targets preferred securities which have historically offered higher yields than similarly rated bonds thus providing a solution to diversify income streams. Preferred securities may also pay qualified dividends which are taxed at a lower rate than ordinary income.
- 2. Reduce interest rate risk: PFLD targets preferred securities with an option-adjusted duration less than five years in an effort to reduce interest rate risk.
- 3. Diversify your portfolio: PFLD targets hybrid securities that have exhibited lower correlations to traditional stock and bond strategies, offering a way to diversify investments and potentially mitigate volatility.

### Fund Performance and Index History (%) for periods ending 12/31/2023

	QTR	Year-to- Date	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception+
AAM Low Duration Preferred & Income Securities ETF NAV Total Return	2.20	8.21	8.21	-0.60	_	1.06
AAM Low Duration Preferred & Income Securities ETF Market Price Total Return	3.00	8.11	8.11	-0.49	_	1.19
ICE 0-5 Year Duration Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index	2.20	8.61	8.61	-0.32	_	1.44
ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index	5.64	9.84	9.84	-1.03	_	1.67

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualized.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate. An investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost; current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Short term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the fund's future performance, and an investment should not be based soley on returns. For the most recent month end performance please visit the funds website at www.aamlive.com.

The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by calling 800.617.0004, or visiting www.aamlive.com. Read it carefully before investing.

## **Investment Objective**

The AAM Low Duration Preferred & Income Securities ETF (PFLD) seeks to track the total return performance, before fees and expenses, of the ICE 0-5 Year Duration Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index (PHLD)<sup>1</sup>.

## **Index Summary**

- Starting universe: ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index (PHGY)<sup>2</sup>, excluding convertible securities
- Remove securities with optionadjusted duration greater than five
- Remove securities that are priced greater than 105% of face value
- Market-capitalization weighted, subject to liquidity and diversification requirements
- Rebalance monthly

#### **Fund Details**

Fund Symbol		PFLD
Intra-Day Indicative Value (IIV)		PFLD.IV
Index Ticker		PHLD
CUSIP	2692	22A198
Expense Ratio (%)		0.46
Distribution Schedule	Monthly	
30-Day SEC Yield (%)	7.04	
Fund Inception	11/19/2019	
Index Characteristics		
	PHLD	PHGY
No. of Constituents	189	450

335.26

9.91

1.53

355.62

9.23

5.88

Mean Market Cap.

Yield to Maturity (%)

Duration\*\* (Years)

(\$MM)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle +}$  Inception date is 11/19/2019. Performance calculated from that date.

#### **PFLD Top 10 Constituents**

Name	Coupon(%)	Rating^	Weight (%)
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	6.00	BBB2	2.52
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	5.75	BBB2	2.28
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	6.00	BB1	1.97
Duke Energy Corp	5.75	BB1	1.65
Citigroup Inc.	<i>7</i> .13	BB1	1.64
Bank of America Corp.	6.00	BBB2	1.48
Wells Fargo & Co.	6.63	BBB3	1.42
AT&T Inc	5.63	BBB2	1.38
U.S. Bancorp.	6.26	BBB2	1.37
Energy Transfer LP	7.60	BB2	1.34

#### PFLD Credit Rating Allocations<sup>^</sup>

•	Weight (%)
AA	0.72
BBB	42.29
ВВ	29.29
В	2.97
CCC	0.93
NR	23.81

#### PFLD Duration Allocations"

	Weight (%)
< 1 Year	43.25
1 - 3 Year	35.10
3 - 5 Year	19.75
5 - 7 Year	0.50

#### PFLD Top 10 Sector Allocations'

-	Weight (%)
Banking	27.26
Financial Services	19.32
Real Estate	14.71
Insurance	13.75
Utility	9.81
Consumer Goods	4.24
Energy	4.19
Retail	1.27
Transportation	0.88
Capital Goods	0.80

Duration Allocations, Top 10 Sector Allocations and Credit Rating Allocations are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security and may not add to 100% due to rounding. 'Ratings are subject to change. Credit quality distribution is determined by public credit ratings, typically issued by agencies such as Standard & Poor's Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Services, who are the two most prevalent credit rating agencies. If more than one credit rating is presented, an average is determined. Ratings apply to the credit worthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Fund itself. Bond ratings are grades given to the bonds to indicate their credit quality as determined by rating agencies including, but not limited to, S&P and Moody's. Ratings are expressed as letters, ranging from AAA, which is the highest grade, to D, which is the lowest grade. When a rating agency has not issued a formal rating, the adviser will classify the security as non-rated.\* Sector classifications are ICE industry level 3 classifications. \*\* See Definitions for more information.

Any tax or legal information provided is a summary of our understanding and interpretation of some of the current income tax regulations and is not exhaustive. Investors must consult their tax professional or legal counsel for advice and information concerning their particular situation. Neither the Fund nor any of its representatives may give legal or tax advice.

Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and may trade at a discount or premium to NAV. Shares are not individually redeemable from the Fund and may be only be acquired or redeemed from the fund in creation units. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Companies with high yield or payout ratio may underperform other securities in certain market conditions and reduce or discontinue paying dividends entirely while included in the index. The Fund's return may not match or achieve a high degree of correlation with the return of the underlying Index. To the extent the Fund utilizes a sampling approach, it may experience tracking error to a greater extent than if the Fund had sought to replicate the Index. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

The value of a company's preferred stock will react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition Preferred stock is subject to the risks that a company may defer or not pay dividends, and, in certain situations, may call or redeem its preferred stock or convert it to common stock. During periods of falling interest rates, an issuer of a callable security held by the Fund may "call" or repay the security before its stated maturity, and the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds at lower interest rates. Investments in small and mid-cap companies may involve less liquidity and greater volatility than larger companies.

**Definitions:** A coupon is the annual interest rate paid on a bond expressed as a percentage of the face value. The Mean Market Capitalization is calculated by multiplying the number of outstanding shares by the current price. Therefore larger companies (i.e. with higher market capitalization) have more influence on a portfolio or index's performance. Duration is a measure that helps approximate the degree of price sensitivity of a bond to changes in interest rates and is adjusted to account for the change in cash flows of the bond's embedded option. It is not possible to invest in an index. Yield to Maturity is the total annual return on a bond investment if held to maturity. The 30-day SEC Dividend Yield is based on the most recent 30-day period covered by the fund's filing with the SEC.

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<sup>1-</sup> ICE 0-5 Year Duration Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index (PHLD) measures the performance of exchange-listed, U.S. dollar-denominated preferred securities and hybrid securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or NASDAQ Capital Market ("NASDAQ") with an option-adjusted duration of less than 5 years. The Index was developed by ICE Data Indices, LLC ("IDI"), the Fund's index provider.

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