

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

### McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF (MSMR)

Semi-Annual Financial Statements and Additional Information April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

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## McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

	Shares	Value
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS - 98.4%		
Currency - 11.6%		
WisdomTree Bloomberg U.S. Dollar Bullish		
Fund <sup>(a)</sup>	501,089	\$ 13,153,586
Precious Metals - 26.9%		
FT Vest Gold Strategy Target Income		
ETF <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	1,399,684	30,387,139
U.S. Equity, Total Market - 5.0%		
Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF	20,839	5,685,296
U.S. Nasdaq, Large Cap Non-Financial - 20.3		
Invesco QQQ Trust Series 1	47,906	22,777,866
U.S. Treasury Bonds - 34.8%		
iShares 1-3 Year Treasury Bond ETF	201,011	16,708,034
iShares U.S. Treasury Bond ETF	984,043	22,711,713
•		39,419,747
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		
(Cost \$109,593,464)		111,423,634
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 1.7%		
Money Market Funds - 1.7%		
First American Treasury Obligations Fund -		
Class X, 4.25% <sup>(c)</sup>	1,886,891	1,886,891
TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS		
(Cost \$1,886,891)		1,886,891
TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 100.1%		
(Cost \$111,480,355)		\$113,310,525
Liabilities in Excess of Other		
Assets - (0.1)%		(63,356)
TOTAL NET ASSETS - 100.0%		\$113,247,169

Percentages are stated as a percent of net assets.

The Fund's security classifications are defined by the Fund Advisor.

- (a) Affiliated security as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (b) Fair value of this security exceeds 25% of the Fund's net assets. Additional information for this security, including the financial statements, is available from the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov.
- (c) The rate shown represents the 7-day annualized effective yield as of April 30, 2025.

# McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:	
Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value	\$ 69,769,800
Investments in affiliated securities, at value	43,540,725
Interest receivable	9,580
Total assets	113,320,105
LIABILITIES:	
Payable to adviser	72,936
Total liabilities	72,936
NET ASSETS	\$113,247,169
Net Assets Consists of:	
Paid-in capital	\$120,650,006
Total distributable earnings/(accumulated losses)	(7,402,837)
Total net assets	<u>\$113,247,169</u>
Net assets	\$113,247,169
Shares issued and outstanding <sup>(a)</sup>	3,875,000
Net asset value per share	\$ 29.23
Cost:	
Investments in unaffiliated securities, at cost	\$ 69,150,789
Investments in affiliated securities, at cost	\$ 42,329,566

# McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Period Ended April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Dividend income from unaffiliated securities.	\$ 481,603
Dividend income from affiliated securities.	1,446,915
Interest income	258,816
Total investment income	2,187,334
EXPENSES:	
Investment advisory fee	370,017
Total expenses	370,017
Net investment income	1,817,317
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) from:	
Investments in unaffiliated securities	(3,368,976)
Investments in affiliated securities	(1,041,841)
In-kind redemptions in unaffiliated securities.	125,600
In-kind redemptions in affiliated securities.	(43,034)
Net realized gain (loss)	(4,328,251)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments in unaffiliated securities	584,790
Investments in affiliated securities	1,211,160
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	1,795,950
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(2,532,301)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (714,984)

#### Mcelhenny Sheffield managed risk etf Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Period Ended April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)	Year Ended October 31, 2024
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 1,817,317	\$ 406,063
Net realized gain (loss)	(4,328,251)	10,356,281
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	1,795,950	219,798
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(714,984)	10,982,142
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:		
From earnings	(1,685,209)	(427,834)
Return of capital		(43,140)
Total distributions to shareholders	(1,685,209)	(470,974)
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS:		
Subscriptions	49,898,918	175,017,575
Redemptions	(4,571,235)	(153,059,090)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital transactions	45,327,683	21,958,485
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	42,927,490	32,469,653
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of the period	70,319,679	37,850,026
End of the period	\$113,247,169	\$ 70,319,679
SHARES TRANSACTIONS		
Subscriptions	1,650,000	6,325,000
Redemptions	(150,000)	(5,550,000)
Total increase (decrease) in shares outstanding	1,500,000	775,000

### McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Period Ended April 30, 2025	Year Ended October 31,		Period Ended October 31,	
	(Unaudited)	2024	2023	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>	
PER SHARE DATA:					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 29.61	\$ 23.66	\$ 21.46	\$ 25.00	
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	0.62	0.21	0.34	(0.09)	
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments <sup>(d)</sup>	(0.34)	5.98	2.10	(3.43)	
Total from investment operations	0.28	6.19	2.44	(3.52)	
LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:					
Net investment income	(0.66)	(0.22)	(0.24)	(0.02)	
Return of capital		(0.02)		$(0.00)^{(e)}$	
Total distributions	(0.66)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.02)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 29.23	\$ 29.61	\$ 23.66	<u>\$ 21.46</u>	
Total return <sup>(f)</sup>	0.88%	26.28%	11.45%	-14.10%	
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA AND RATIOS:					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$113,247	\$70,320	\$37,850	\$32,188	
Ratio of expenses to average net assets <sup>(g)(h)</sup>	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net					
assets <sup>(g)(h)</sup>	4.13%	0.76%	1.46%	(0.43)%	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)(i)</sup>	415%	612%	619%	553%	

<sup>(</sup>a) Inception date of the Fund was November 16, 2021.

<sup>(</sup>b) Net investment income per share has been calculated based on average shares outstanding during the periods.

<sup>(</sup>c) Recognition of net investment income by the Fund is affected by the timing of the declaration of dividends by the underlying exchange traded funds in which the Fund invests. The ratio does not include net investment income of the exchange traded funds in which the Fund invests.

<sup>(</sup>d) Realized and unrealized gains and losses per share in the caption are balancing amounts necessary to reconcile the change in net asset value per share for the periods, and may not reconcile with the aggregate gains and losses in the Statement of Operations due to share transactions for the periods.

<sup>(</sup>e) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

<sup>(</sup>f) Not annualized for periods less than one year.

<sup>(</sup>g) Annualized for periods less than one year.

<sup>(</sup>h) These ratios exclude the impact of expenses of the underlying exchange traded funds as represented in the Schedule of Investments. Recognition of net investment income by the Fund is affected by the timing of the underlying exchange traded funds in which the Fund invests.

<sup>(</sup>i) Portfolio turnover rate excludes in-kind transactions.

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#### **NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION**

The McElhenny Sheffield Managed Risk ETF (the "Fund") is a diversified series of ETF Series Solutions ("ESS" or the "Trust"), an open-end management investment company consisting of multiple investment series, organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 9, 2012. The Trust is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company and the offering of the Fund's shares is registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital appreciation while managing downside risk. The Fund commenced operations on November 16, 2021.

The end of the reporting period for the Fund is April 30, 2025, and the period covered by these Notes to Financial Statements is the period from November 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 (the "current fiscal period").

#### **NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946 Financial Services – Investment Companies.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

A. Security Valuation. All equity securities, including domestic and foreign common stocks, preferred stocks, and exchange-traded funds that are traded on a national securities exchange, except those listed on the Nasdaq Global Market<sup>®</sup>, Nasdaq Global Select Market<sup>®</sup> and the Nasdaq Capital Market<sup>®</sup> exchanges (collectively, "Nasdaq") are valued at the last reported sale price on the exchange on which the security is principally traded. Securities traded on Nasdaq will be valued at the Nasdaq Official Closing Price ("NOCP"). If, on a particular day, an exchange-traded or Nasdaq security does not trade, then the mean between the most recent quoted bid and asked prices will be used. All equity securities that are not traded on a listed exchange are valued at the last sale price in the over-the-counter market. If a non-exchange traded security does not trade on a particular day, then the mean between the last quoted closing bid and asked price will be used. Prices denominated in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. dollar equivalents at the current exchange rate, which approximates fair value.

Investments in mutual funds, including money market funds, are valued at their net asset value ("NAV") per share.

Securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued at their respective fair values in accordance with pricing procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board"). When a security is "fair valued," consideration is given to the facts and circumstances relevant to the particular situation, including a review of various factors set forth in the pricing procedures adopted by the Board. The use of fair value pricing by the Fund may cause the NAV of its shares to differ significantly from the NAV that would be calculated without regard to such considerations.

As described above, the Fund utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of its investments on a recurring basis. U.S. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

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Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available; representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of the end of the current fiscal period:

Assets^	Level 1	L	evel 2	]	Level 3	Total
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$111,423,634	\$		\$		\$111,423,634
Short-Term Investments	1,886,891					1,886,891
Total Investments in Securities, at value	\$113,310,525	\$	<u> </u>	\$		\$113,310,525

See Schedule of Investments for further disaggregation of investment categories.

During the current fiscal period, the Fund did not recognize any transfers to or from Level 3.

- B. Federal Income Taxes. The Fund's policy is to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all net taxable investment income and net capital gains to shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. The Fund plans to file U.S. Federal and applicable state and local tax returns.
  - The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only when the position is more likely than not to be sustained. Management has analyzed the Fund's uncertain tax positions and concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions. Management is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next 12 months. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits on uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the current fiscal period, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.
- C. Security Transactions and Investment Income. Investment securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Gains and losses realized on sales of securities are determined on a specific identification basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends included in dividend income or separately disclosed, if any, are recorded at the fair value of security received. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends and foreign taxes on capital gains, if any, have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable tax rules and regulations. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis.
- D. *Distributions to Shareholders*. Distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains on securities are declared and paid by the Fund at least annually. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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- E. Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the current fiscal period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- F. Share Valuation. The NAV per share of the Fund is calculated by dividing the sum of the value of the securities held by the Fund, plus cash and other assets, minus all liabilities (including estimated accrued expenses) by the total number of shares outstanding of the Fund, rounded to the nearest cent. The Fund's shares will not be priced on the days on which the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is closed for trading. The offering and redemption price per share for creation units of the Fund is equal to the Fund's NAV per share.
- G. Guarantees and Indemnifications. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.
- H. Reclassification of Capital Accounts. U.S. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These classifications have no effect on net assets or NAV per share and are primarily due to differing book and tax treatments for in-kind transactions. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024, the following table shows the reclassifications made:

Distributable Earnings	Paid-In
(Accumulated Deficit)	Capital
\$(12,652,319)	\$12,652,319

I. New Accounting Pronouncement. In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures ("ASU 2023-07"). ASU 2023-07 is intended to improve reportable segment disclosure requirements, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses, allowing financial statement users to better understand the components of a segment's profit or loss and assess potential future cash flows for each reportable segment and the entity as a whole. The amendments expand a public entity's segment disclosures by requiring disclosure of significant segment expenses that are regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker, clarifying when an entity may report one or more additional measures to assess segment performance, requiring enhanced interim disclosures and providing new disclosure requirements for entities with a single reportable segment, among other new disclosure requirements.

Management has evaluated the impact of adopting ASU 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures with respect to the financial statements and disclosures and determined there is no material impact for the Fund. The Fund operates as a single segment entity. The Fund's income, expenses, assets, and performance are regularly monitored and assessed by the Adviser, who serves as the chief operating decision maker, using the information presented in the financial statements and financial highlights.

J. Subsequent Events. In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued. There were no events or transactions that occurred during the period subsequent to the end of the current fiscal period that materially impacted the amounts or disclosures in the Fund's financial statements.

#### NOTE 3 – COMMITMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Aptus Capital Advisors, LLC ("the Adviser"), serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement ("Advisory Agreement") between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser, the Adviser provides investment advice to the Fund and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fund, subject to the direction and control of the Board and the officers of the Trust. Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser is also responsible for arranging, in consultation with McElhenny Sheffield Capital Management, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser"), transfer agency, custody, fund administration and accounting, and all other related services necessary for the Fund to

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operate. Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser has agreed to pay all expenses of the Fund, except for: the fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, interest charges on any borrowings, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities and other investment instruments, acquired fund fees and expenses, accrued deferred tax liability, extraordinary expenses, and distribution (12b-1) fees and expenses. For services provided to the Fund, the Fund pays the Adviser 0.84% at an annual rate based on the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser is paid monthly, and the Adviser is responsible for paying the Sub-Adviser.

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services ("Fund Services" or "Administrator"), acts as the Fund's Administrator and, in that capacity, performs various administrative and accounting services for the Fund. The Administrator prepares various federal and state regulatory filings, reports and returns for the Fund, including regulatory compliance monitoring and financial reporting; prepares reports and materials to be supplied to the Board; and monitors the activities of the Fund's Custodian, transfer agent, and fund accountant. Fund Services also serves as the transfer agent and fund accountant to the Fund. U.S. Bank N.A. (the "Custodian"), an affiliate of Fund Services, serves as the Fund's Custodian.

All officers of the Trust are affiliated with the Administrator and Custodian.

#### NOTE 4 – PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

During the current fiscal period, purchases and sales of securities by the Fund, excluding short-term securities and in-kind transactions, were \$342,812,515 and \$333,385,033, respectively.

During the current fiscal period, there were no purchases or sales of U.S. Government securities.

During the current fiscal period, in-kind transactions associated with creations and redemptions were \$38,041,374 and \$3,689,609, respectively.

#### NOTE 5 – TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATED SECURITIES

Investments in issuers considered to be affiliate(s) of the Fund during the current fiscal period for purposes of Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act, because the Fund owns greater than five percent of the outstanding voting shares, were as follows:

Affiliated Issuer		lue at 1/2024	Purchases at Cost	Proceeds From Sale	- 101	I I	
FT Vest Gold Strategy Target Income ETF	\$	_	\$55,739,719	\$(25,974,76	59) \$(1,084,875	\$1,707,064	\$30,387,139
Dollar Bullish Fund		_	13,649,490	-		(495,904)	13,153,586
	\$				\$(1,084,875	\$1,211,160	\$43,540,725
					Shares Held at	Dividend	Capital Gain Distributions from Underlying
Affiliated Issuer (continued)					4/30/2025	Income	Funds
FT Vest Gold Strategy Target In	ncome	ETF	• • • • • • • • • • •		1,399,684	\$1,446,915	\$ —
WisdomTree Bloomberg U.S. I	Oollar	Bullish F	Fund		501,089		
						\$1,446,915	<u> </u>

#### NOTE 6 – INCOME TAX INFORMATION

The amount and tax character of tax basis distributions and composition of net assets, including distributable earnings (accumulated deficit) are finalized at fiscal year-end; accordingly, tax basis balances have not been determined for the current fiscal period.

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The components of distributable earnings (accumulated deficit) and cost basis of investments for federal income tax purposes as of October 31, 2024 were as follows:

Tax cost of investments	\$71,926,056
Gross tax unrealized appreciation	\$ 715,871 (2,274,351)
Net tax unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,558,480)
Undistributed ordinary income	
Other accumulated gain (loss)	(3,444,164)
Distributable earnings (accumulated deficit).	\$(5,002,644)

The difference between the cost basis for financial statement and federal tax purposes was primarily due to the tax deferral of losses from wash sales.

A regulated investment company may elect for any taxable year to treat any portion of any qualified late year loss as arising on the first day of the next taxable year. Qualified late year losses are certain capital and ordinary losses which occur during the portion of the Fund's taxable year subsequent to October 31 and December 31, respectively. For the taxable year ended October 31, 2024, the Fund did not elect to defer any post-October capital losses or late-year losses.

As of October 31, 2024, the Fund had a short-term capital loss carryforward of \$3,444,164. This amount does not have an expiration date. The Fund did not utilize any capital loss carryforward that was available as of October 31, 2023 during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024.

The tax character of distributions paid by the Fund during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024 was \$427,834 of ordinary income and \$43,140 of return of capital. The tax character of distributions paid by the Fund during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023 was \$368,897 of ordinary income.

#### **NOTE 7 – SHARE TRANSACTIONS**

Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on the Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe"). Market prices for the shares may be different from their NAV. The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at NAV generally in large blocks of shares, called "Creation Units." Creation Units are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in a specified universe. Once created, shares generally trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund. Creation Units may only be purchased or redeemed by certain financial institutions ("Authorized Participants"). An Authorized Participant is either (i) a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the National Securities Clearing Corporation or (ii) a Depository Trust Company participant and, in each case, must have executed a Participant Agreement with the Distributor. Most retail investors do not qualify as Authorized Participants nor have the resources to buy and sell whole Creation Units. Therefore, they are unable to purchase or redeem the shares directly from the Fund. Rather, most retail investors may purchase shares in the secondary market with the assistance of a broker and are subject to customary brokerage commissions or fees.

The Fund currently offers one class of shares, which has no front-end sales load, no deferred sales charges, and no redemption fee. A fixed transaction fee is imposed for the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the purchase or sale of Creation Units. The standard fixed transaction fee for the Fund is \$300, payable to the Custodian. The fixed transaction fee may be waived on certain orders if the Fund's Custodian has determined to waive some or all of the costs associated with the order or another party, such as the Adviser, has agreed to pay such fee. In addition, a variable fee may be charged on all cash transactions or substitutes for Creation Units of up to a maximum of 2% of the value of the Creation Units subject to the transaction. Variable fees received by the Fund, if any, are displayed in the Capital Transactions section of the Statements of Changes in Net Assets. The Fund may issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest, with no par value. All shares of the Fund have equal rights and privileges.

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#### **NOTE 8 – RISKS**

Concentration Risk. To the extent that the Fund invests more heavily, either directly or through underlying investments, in particular sectors of the economy, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors.

Investment Company Risk. The risks of the Fund investing in investment companies typically reflect the risks of the types of instruments in which the investment company invests. When the Fund invests in investment company securities, shareholders of the Fund bear indirectly their proportionate share of their fees and expenses, as well as their share of the Fund's fees and expenses. As a result, an investment by the Fund in an investment company will cause the Fund's operating expenses (taking into account indirect expenses such as the fees and expenses of the investment company) to be higher and, in turn, performance to be lower than if it were to invest directly in the instruments underlying the investment company. Additionally, there may not be an active trading market available for shares of some ETFs. Shares of an ETF may also trade in the market at a premium or discount to their NAV.

# McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024, certain dividends paid by the Fund may be subject to a maximum rate of 23.8%, as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The percentage of dividends declared from ordinary income designated as qualified dividend income was 95.46%.

For corporate shareholders, the percent of ordinary income distributions qualifying for the corporate dividend received deduction for the fiscal period ended October 31, 2024 was 3.69%.

The percentage of taxable ordinary income distributions that are designated as short-term capital gain distributions under Internal Revenue Section 871(k)(2)(C) for the Fund was 0.00%.

# McELHENNY SHEFFIELD MANAGED RISK ETF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

#### CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACOUNTANTS

There were no changes in or disagreements with accountants during the period covered by this report.

#### PROXY DISCLOSURE

There were no matters submitted to a vote of shareholders during the period covered by this report.

#### REMUNERATION PAID TO DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND OTHERS

All fund expenses, including Trustee compensation is paid by the Investment Adviser pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement. Additional information related to those fees is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

#### Mcelhenny Sheffield Managed Risk etf Approval of advisory and sub-advisory agreements & Board Considerations

Pursuant to Section 15(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), at a meeting held on January 15-16, 2025 (the "Meeting"), the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of ETF Series Solutions (the "Trust") approved the continuance of the Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") between Aptus Capital Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser") and the Trust, on behalf of McElhenny Sheffield Managed Risk ETF (the "Fund"), and the Investment Sub-Advisory Agreement (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement") (together, the "Agreements") among the Adviser, the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and McElhenny Sheffield Capital Management, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser" and, together with the Adviser, the "Advisers").

Prior to the Meeting, the Board, including the Trustees who are not parties to the Agreements or "interested persons" of any party thereto, as defined in the 1940 Act (the "Independent Trustees"), reviewed written materials (the "Materials"), including information from the Advisers regarding, among other things: (i) the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided by the Advisers; (ii) the historical performance of the Fund; (iii) the cost of the services provided and the profits realized by the Advisers or their affiliates from services rendered to the Fund; (iv) comparative performance, fee and expense data for the Fund and other investment companies with similar investment objectives, including a report prepared by Barrington Partners, an independent third party, that compares the Fund's investment performance, fees and expenses to those of relevant market benchmarks and peer groups (the "Barrington Report"); (v) the extent to which any economies of scale realized by the Advisers in connection with their services to the Fund are, or will be, shared with Fund shareholders; (vi) any other financial benefits to the Advisers and their affiliates resulting from services rendered to the Fund; and (vii) other factors the Board deemed to be relevant. The Board also met via videoconference approximately ten days before the Meeting to discuss their initial thoughts regarding the Materials and communicate to Trust officers their follow up questions, if any, that they would like the Advisers to address at the Meeting and/or through revised or supplemental Materials.

The Board also considered that the Advisers, along with other service providers of the Fund, had provided written and oral updates on the firm over the course of the year with respect to their roles as investment adviser and sub-adviser, respectively, to the Fund, as well as the Adviser's role as investment adviser to other series of the Trust. The Board considered that information alongside the Materials in its consideration of whether the Agreements should be continued. Additionally, at the Meeting, representatives from the Advisers provided an oral overview of the Fund's strategy, the services provided to the Fund by the Advisers, and additional information about the Advisers' personnel and business operations. The Board then discussed the Materials and the Advisers' oral presentations, as well as any other relevant information received by the Board at the Meeting or prior meetings, and deliberated, in light of this information, on the approval of the continuation of the Agreements.

#### Approval of the Continuation of the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser

Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services Provided. The Trustees considered the scope of services provided under the Advisory Agreement, noting that the Adviser had provided and would continue to provide investment management services to the Fund. In considering the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided by the Adviser, the Board considered the quality of the Adviser's compliance program and past reports from the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") regarding the CCO's review of the Adviser's compliance program. The Board also considered its previous experience with the Adviser providing investment management services to the Fund as well as its experience with the Adviser as the investment adviser to other series of the Trust. The Board noted that it had received a copy of the Adviser's registration form and financial statements, as well as the Adviser's response to a detailed series of questions that included, among other things, information about the Adviser's decision-making process, the background and experience of the firm's key personnel, and the firm's compliance policies, marketing practices, and brokerage information.

The Board also considered other services provided by the Adviser to the Fund, including oversight of the Fund's sub-adviser, monitoring the Fund's adherence to its investment restrictions and compliance with the Fund's policies and procedures and applicable securities regulations, as well as monitoring the extent to which the Fund achieves its investment objective as an actively managed fund.

Historical Performance. The Trustees next considered the Fund's performance. The Board observed that additional information regarding the Fund's past investment performance, for periods ended September 30, 2024, had been included in the Materials, including the Barrington Report, which compared the performance results of the Fund

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with the returns of a group of ETFs selected by Barrington Partners as most comparable (the "Peer Group") as well as with funds in the Fund's Morningstar category – US Fund Moderate Allocation Category (the "Category Peer Group"). Additionally, at the Board's request, the Adviser identified the funds the Adviser considered to be the Fund's most direct competitors (the "Selected Peer Group") and provided the Selected Peer Group's performance results.

The Board noted that the Fund underperformed its broad-based benchmark, the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, over the one-year and since inception periods ended September 30, 2024. The Board considered, however, that the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index provides an indication of the performance of U.S. large-cap companies; whereas, the Fund employs dynamic trend-following and momentum strategies and allocates its investments across a mix of underlying ETFs, representing different asset classes, sectors or industries, and defensive ETFs, including investment-grade bond ETFs, gold ETFs, and U.S. dollar ETFs. The Board further noted that the Fund's allocation to underlying ETFs and defensive ETFs may vary over time in response to market movements, contributing to a greater discrepancy between the Fund's returns and those of its benchmark.

The Board then noted that, for the one-year period ended September 30, 2024, the Fund outperformed the median return of its Peer Group and Category Peer Group. The Board took into consideration that the Fund's momentum-based investment strategy is tactical in nature and may change the Fund's exposures more aggressively than moderate asset allocation strategies; however, only one-third of its Peer Group is comprised of ETFs classified in Morningstar's Tactical category. In addition, the Board noted that the Fund performed within the range of funds in its Selected Peer Group for the one-year period ended September 30, 2024. The Board took into consideration the Adviser's view that each of the funds in the Selected Peer Group, all of which are actively managed, also employ trend, momentum, and tactical strategies.

In reviewing the Fund's performance against its peer funds, the Board also considered that the Fund commenced operations on November 16, 2021, and thus had been operating for less than three years as of September 30, 2024, which was a relatively brief period of time over which to evaluate the Fund's performance and draw meaningful conclusions.

Cost of Services Provided and Economies of Scale. The Board then reviewed the Fund's fees and expenses. The Board took into consideration that the Adviser had charged, and would continue to charge, a "unified fee," meaning the Fund pays no expenses other than the advisory fee and, if applicable, certain other costs such as interest, brokerage, acquired fund fees and expenses (AFFE), extraordinary expenses, and, to the extent it is implemented, fees pursuant to a Distribution and/or Shareholder Servicing (12b-1) Plan. The Board noted that the Adviser had been and would continue to be responsible for compensating the Trust's other service providers and paying the Fund's other expenses out of the Adviser's own fee and resources.

The Board then compared the Fund's management fee to the net expense ratios of the funds in its Peer Group and Category Peer Group, as shown in the Barrington Report, and compared the Fund's management fee with the net expense ratios of its Selected Peer Group. The Board noted that the Fund's net expense ratio was equal to the median net expense ratio of the funds in its Peer Group and slightly higher than the median net expense ratio of the funds in its Category Peer Group. In addition, the Board noted that the Fund's net expense ratio was within the range of net expense ratios of funds in its Selected Peer Group.

The Board then considered the Adviser's financial resources and information regarding the Adviser's ability to support its management of the Fund and obligations under the unified fee arrangement, noting that the Adviser had provided its financial statements for the Board's review. The Board also evaluated the compensation and benefits received by the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund, taking into account an analysis of the Adviser's profitability with respect to the Fund at various actual and projected Fund asset levels.

The Board also considered the Fund's expenses and advisory fee structure in light of its potential economies of scale. The Board noted that the Fund's unitary fee structure did not contain any management fee breakpoint reductions as Fund assets grow. The Board concluded, however, that the Fund's unitary fee structure reflects a sharing of economies of scale between the Adviser and the Fund at its current asset level. The Board also noted its intention to monitor fees as the Fund grows in size and assess whether advisory fee breakpoints may be warranted in the future should the Adviser realize economies of scale in its management of the Fund.

Conclusion. No single factor was determinative of the Board's decision to approve the continuation of the Advisory Agreement; rather, the Board based its determination on the total mix of information available to it. Based on

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a consideration of all the factors in their totality, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously determined that the Advisory Agreement, including the compensation payable under the agreement, was fair and reasonable to the Fund. The Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously determined that the approval of the continuation of the Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

#### Approval of the Continuation of the Sub-Advisory Agreement with the Sub-Adviser

Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services Provided. The Trustees considered the scope of services provided under the Sub-Advisory Agreement, noting that the Sub-Adviser had provided and would continue to provide investment management services to the Fund. In considering the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided by the Sub-Adviser, the Board considered the quality of the Sub-Adviser's compliance program and past reports from the Trust's CCO regarding the CCO's review of the Sub-Adviser's compliance program. The Board also considered its previous experience with the Sub-Adviser providing investment management services to the Fund. The Board noted that it had received a copy of the Sub-Adviser's registration form and financial statements, as well as the Sub-Adviser's response to a detailed series of questions that included, among other things, information about the Sub-Adviser's decision-making process, the background and experience of the firm's key personnel, and the firm's compliance policies, and marketing practices.

The Board noted the responsibilities that the Sub-Adviser has as the Fund's investment sub-adviser, including: responsibility for the general management of the day-to-day investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Fund; determining the daily basket of deposit securities and cash components; executing portfolio security trades for purchases and redemptions of the Fund's shares conducted on a cash-in-lieu basis; oversight of general portfolio compliance with applicable securities laws, regulations, and investment restrictions; responsibility for quarterly reporting to the Board; and implementation of Board directives as they relate to the Fund. The Board also considered the Sub-Adviser's resources and capacity with respect to portfolio management, compliance, and operations given the number of funds and/or accounts for which it provides sub-advisory services.

Historical Performance. The Trustees next reviewed the Fund's performance, noting that the Sub-Adviser's portfolio managers actively manage the Fund's investments. The Board considered the same performance information that it reviewed as part of its due diligence with respect to the Adviser's performance. In particular, the Board considered the Barrington Report, which compared the Fund's performance with the returns of the Peer Group and the Category Peer Group for the periods ended September 30, 2024, as well as other relevant information contained in the Materials, including a comparison of the Fund's performance with the returns of the Selected Peer Group. The Board considered the Sub-Adviser's performance with respect to the Fund's past investment performance in light of these reports.

Cost of Services Provided and Economies of Scale. The Board reviewed the sub-advisory fees paid by the Adviser to the Sub-Adviser for its services to the Fund. The Board considered that the fees paid to the Sub-Adviser are paid by the Adviser and noted that the fee reflected an arm's-length negotiation between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. The Board further determined that the fees reflected an appropriate allocation of the advisory fee paid to each firm given the work performed by each firm. The Board also evaluated the compensation and benefits received by the Sub-Adviser from its relationship with the Fund, taking into account an analysis of the Sub-Adviser's profitability with respect to the Fund at various actual and projected Fund asset levels.

The Board expressed the view that it currently appeared that the Sub-Adviser might realize economies of scale in managing the Fund as assets grow in size. The Board further noted that although the Fund's sub-advisory fee does not include asset-level breakpoints, any benefits from such breakpoints in the sub-advisory fee schedule would accrue to the Adviser, not Fund shareholders, as a result of the unitary management fee. Consequently, the Board determined that it would monitor fees as the Fund grows to determine whether economies of scale were being effectively shared with the Fund and its shareholders.

Conclusion. No single factor was determinative of the Board's decision to approve the continuation of the Sub-Advisory Agreement; rather, the Board based its determination on the total mix of information available to it. Based on a consideration of all the factors in their totality, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously determined that the Sub-Advisory Agreement, including the compensation payable under the agreement, was fair and reasonable to the Fund. The Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously determined that the approval of the continuation of the Sub-Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.