

**SUMMARY PROSPECTUS**  
OCTOBER 1, 2023



# Merger ETF

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## Investment Objective

ProShares Merger ETF (the “Fund”) seeks investment results, before fees and expenses, that track the performance of the S&P Merger Arbitrage Index (the “Index”).

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below 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 tables and examples below.

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.75%
Other Expenses	0.70%

### Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses Before Fee

<b>Waivers and Expense Reimbursements</b>	<b>1.45%</b>
Fee Waiver/Reimbursement <sup>1</sup>	-0.70%

### Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee

<b>Waivers and Expense Reimbursements</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
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<sup>1</sup> ProShare Advisors LLC (“ProShare Advisors”) has agreed to waive fees and to reimburse expenses to the extent Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses Before Fee Waivers and Expense Reimbursements, as a percentage of average daily net assets, exceed 0.75% through September 30, 2024. Amounts waived or reimbursed in a particular contractual period may be recouped by ProShare Advisors within five years subject to certain limitations.

**Example:** This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem or hold all of your shares at the end of each period. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same, except that the fee waiver/expense reimbursement is assumed only to pertain to the first year. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your approximate costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$77	\$390	\$726	\$1,675

The Fund pays transaction and financing costs associated with the purchase and sale of securities and derivatives. These costs are not reflected in the table or the example above.

## 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 the Fund’s shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the

example above, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s annual portfolio turnover rate was 235% of the average value of its portfolio. This portfolio turnover rate is calculated without regard to cash instruments or derivatives transactions. If such transactions were included, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate would be significantly higher.

## Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund is designed to track the performance of the Index and provide exposure to a global merger arbitrage strategy.

The Index is constructed and maintained by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. The Index, and by extension the Fund, seeks to produce consistent, positive returns in virtually all market environments, although there are no assurances it will achieve this result. A global merger arbitrage strategy seeks to capture the spread between the price at which the stock of a company (each such company, a “Target”) trades after a proposed acquisition of such Target is announced and the value (cash plus stock) that the acquiring company (the “Acquirer”) has proposed to pay for the stock of the Target (a “Spread”). Such a Spread typically exists due to the uncertainty that the announced merger, acquisition or other corporate reorganization (each, a “Deal”) will close, and if it closes, that such Deal will be at the initially proposed economic terms. For Deals that close, the price of the Target after the Deal is announced is expected to approach the proposed acquisition price by the closing date of the Deal, resulting in a gain to strategies such as the Index’s, which attempt to capture this Spread. The size of the Spread will depend on several factors, including the perceived risk of the Deal closing and the length of time expected until the Deal is completed. For Deals that are not consummated, the price of the Target commonly falls back to pre-announcement levels, typically resulting in significant losses well in excess of the post-announcement Spread the strategy attempts to capture.

To obtain exposure to the Index, the Fund takes long positions in shares of the Target. The Fund also takes short positions in shares of the Acquirer when the Deal involves an exchange of the Acquirer’s stock. The short positions are intended to reduce the effect that declines in the value of the Acquirer’s stock could have on the Spread. The Index, created by Standard & Poor’s<sup>®</sup>, is comprised of a maximum of 80 companies, including up to 40 companies that are currently targets in merger deals, which are represented by long positions in the index, and up to 40 companies that are currently acquirers for the same stock merger deals, which are represented by short positions in the Index. The Index includes a cash component, which earns the three-month U.S. Treasury Bill rate. When Deals enter the Index, the weight in long positions of Targets is initiated at three percent (3%) and the initial weight in short positions of Acquirers ranges between zero and three percent (0% and 3%), depending on the terms of the Deal. The sum of initial net exposure for the Fund (i.e., the difference between: (a) the Fund’s total long exposure; and (b) the Fund’s



total short exposure) is limited to between zero and one hundred percent (0% and 100%). The Index also includes a Treasury bill component which constitutes the remainder of the Index when net exposure from included Deals is less than 100%. When Deals enter the Index, the initial long position weight may be adjusted so that the Treasury bill component is not less than 0.5%.

Certain Deals are screened out based on liquidity, size, and Spread between the Deal price and the Target's stock price. Additions and deletions occur on a rolling basis. Returns are expected to be uncorrelated to equity markets over time. The Index is denominated in local currencies, and the Fund will generally seek to hedge against fluctuations between the value of the U.S. Dollar and the currencies in which the securities are denominated. The Fund will utilize financial instruments such as currency forward contracts to seek to offset its total equity exposure to each currency. The Index is published under the Bloomberg ticker symbol "SPLSALP."

The Fund will generally not short any stocks directly but will generally obtain short exposure through derivatives.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in component securities of the Index or in instruments with similar economic characteristics.

The Fund will invest principally in the financial instruments listed below.

- **Equity Securities** – Common stock issued by public companies.
- **Derivatives** – Financial instruments whose value is derived from the value of an underlying asset or assets, such as stocks, bonds, ETFs, interest rates or indexes. The Fund invests in derivatives as a substitute for investing directly in or making short sales of the securities of the Index, as well as for effecting currency hedging transactions. These derivatives principally include:
  - **Swap Agreements** – Contracts entered into primarily with major global financial institutions for a specified period ranging from a day to more than one year. In a standard swap transaction, two parties agree to exchange or "swap" payments based on the change in value of an underlying asset or benchmark. For example, two parties may agree to exchange the return (or differentials in rates of returns) earned or realized on a particular investment or instrument.
  - **Forward Contracts** – Two-party contracts where a purchase or sale of a specific quantity of a commodity, security, foreign currency or other financial instrument is entered into with dealers or financial institutions at a set price, with delivery and settlement at a specified future date. Forward contracts may also be structured for cash settlement, rather than physical delivery.
- **Money Market Instruments** – The Fund expects that any cash balances maintained in connection with its use of deriva-

tives will typically be held in high quality, short-term money market instruments, for example:

- **U.S. Treasury Bills** – U.S. government securities that have initial maturities of one year or less, and are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.
- **Repurchase Agreements** – Contracts in which a seller of securities, usually U.S. government securities or other money market instruments, agrees to buy the securities back at a specified time and price.

ProShare Advisors uses a mathematical approach to investing in which it determines the type, quantity and mix of investment positions that it believes, in combination, the Fund should hold to produce returns consistent with its investment objective. The Fund seeks to remain fully invested at all times in financial instruments that, in combination, provide exposure consistent with the investment objective, without regard to market conditions, trends or direction. However, the Fund may invest in or gain exposure to only a representative sample of the securities in the Index or to securities not contained in the Index or in financial instruments, with the intent of obtaining exposure consistent with the investment objective.

Please see "Investment Objectives, Principal Investment Strategies and Related Risks" in the Fund's Prospectus for additional details.

### Principal Risks

- **Risks Related to the Merger Arbitrage Strategy** – There is no assurance that any of the Deals reflected in the Index will be successfully completed. In particular, in certain market conditions, it is possible that most or all of the Deals could fail. If any Deal reflected in the Index is not consummated, the Spread between the price offered for the Target and the price at which the shares of the Target trade is expected to widen. In such cases the price of the Target commonly falls back to pre-Deal announcement levels, typically resulting in significant losses well in excess of the post-announcement Spread the strategy attempts to capture. This could adversely affect the performance of the Index and the performance of the Fund. Deals may be terminated, renegotiated, or subject to a longer time frame than initially contemplated due to business, regulatory, or other concerns. Any of these events may negatively impact the performance of the Fund. The Index may also delete transactions under certain circumstances, thus precluding any potential future gains. Also, foreign companies involved in pending mergers or acquisitions may present risks distinct from comparable transactions completed solely within the U.S.
- **Long/Short Risk** – The Fund seeks long exposure to certain factors and short exposure to certain other factors. There is no guarantee that the returns on the Fund's long or short positions will produce positive returns and the Fund could

lose money if either or both the Fund's long and short positions produce negative returns. Seeking short exposure may be considered an investment aggressive technique. Any income, dividends, or payments by the assets underlying the Fund's short positions will negatively impact the Fund.

- **Risks Associated with the Use of Derivatives** – Investing in derivatives to obtain exposure may be considered aggressive and may expose the Fund to greater risks including counterparty risk and correlation risk. The Fund may lose money if its derivatives do not perform as expected. Any costs associated with using derivatives will reduce the Fund's return.
- **Counterparty Risk** – The Fund may lose money if a counterparty does not meet its contractual obligations. With respect to swap agreements, if the Index has a dramatic intraday move that causes a material decline in the Fund's net assets, the terms of a swap agreement between the Fund and its counterparty may permit the counterparty to immediately close out the transaction with the Fund. In that event, the Fund may be unable to enter into another swap agreement or invest in other derivatives to achieve its investment objective.
- **Equity and Market Risk** – Equity markets are volatile, and the value of equity securities and other instruments correlated with equity markets may fluctuate dramatically from day to day. Equity markets are subject to corporate, political, regulatory, market and economic developments, as well as developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market.
- **Foreign Investments Risk** – Exposure to securities of foreign issuers may provide the Fund with increased risk. Foreign investments may be more susceptible to political, social, economic and regional factors than may be the case with U.S. securities. In addition, markets for foreign investments are usually less liquid, more volatile and significantly smaller than markets for U.S. securities, which may affect, among other things, the Fund's ability to purchase or sell foreign investments at appropriate times and prices. Because of differences in settlement times and/or foreign market holidays, transactions in a foreign market may take place one or more days after the necessary exposure to these investments is determined.
- **Risks Related to Foreign Currencies and the Fund's Currency Hedging Strategy** – The Index is denominated in local currencies and does not reflect the impact of currency movements that can affect U.S. investors (such as the Fund) in such securities. The Fund will generally attempt to match the Index by hedging against exposure to foreign currencies. These hedges will in many cases not fully eliminate the exposure to a particular currency. In addition, interest rate differentials and additional transaction costs can diminish the effectiveness of a particular hedging position. All of these factors may cause additional correlation risk. In addition, in order to transact in foreign investments, the Fund may exchange and hold foreign currencies. Regulatory fees or higher custody fees may be imposed on foreign currency holdings.
- **Money Market Instruments Risk** – Adverse economic, political or market events affecting issuers of money market instruments or defaults by counterparties may have a negative impact on the performance of the Fund.
- **Correlation Risk** – A number of factors may affect the Fund's ability to achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index. Fees, expenses, transaction costs, among other factors, will adversely impact the Fund's ability to meet its investment objective. In addition, the Fund's exposure may not be consistent with the Index. For example, the Fund may not have exposure to all of the securities in the Index, its weighting of securities may be different from that of the Index, and it may invest in instruments not included in the Index.
- **Industry Concentration Risk** – The Index may have a significant portion of its value in issuers in an industry or group of industries. The Fund will allocate its investments to approximately the same extent as the Index. As a result, the Fund may be subject to greater market fluctuations than a fund that is more broadly invested across industries. As of May 31, 2023, the Index had a significant portion of its value in issuers in the health care and industrials industry groups.
  - **Health Care Industry Risk** – Companies in this industry may experience: heavy dependence on patent protection; litigation and product liability expense; the long and costly process for obtaining new product approval by the Food and Drug Administration; and product obsolescence.
  - **Industrials Industry Risk** – Companies in this industry may experience: adverse effects on stock prices by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrials industry products in general; declining demand; and changing government regulation.
- **Index Performance Risk** – The Index used by the Fund may underperform other asset classes and may underperform other similar indices. The Index is maintained by a third party provider unaffiliated with the Fund or ProShare Advisors. There can be no guarantee that the methodology underlying the Index or the daily calculation of the Index will be free from error.
- **Non-Diversification Risk** – The Fund has the ability to invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in the securities of a small number of issuers or in financial instruments with a single counterparty or a few counterparties. This may increase the Fund's volatility and increase the risk that the Fund's performance will decline based on the performance of a single issuer or the credit of a single counterparty.
- **Market Price Variance Risk** – Investors buy and sell Fund shares in the secondary market at market prices. Market prices may be different from the NAV per share of the Fund (i.e.,



the secondary market price may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount)). The market price of the Fund's shares will fluctuate in response to changes in the value of the Fund's holdings, supply and demand for shares and other market factors.

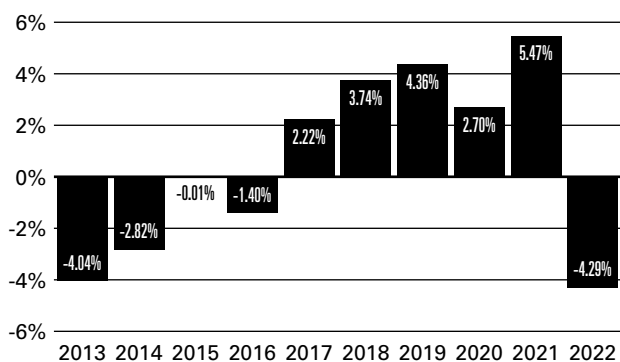
- **Early Close/Late Close/Trading Halt Risk** – An exchange or market may close early, close late or issue trading halts on specific securities or financial instruments. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio, may be unable to accurately price its investments and/or may incur substantial trading losses.

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## Investment Results

The bar chart below shows how the Fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the table shows how the Fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with a broad measure of market performance. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. In addition, the Fund's performance information reflects applicable fee waivers and/or expense limitations, if any, in effect during the periods presented. Absent such fee waivers/expense limitations, if any, performance would have been lower. Past results (before and after taxes) are not predictive of future results. Updated information on the Fund's results can be obtained by visiting the Fund's website ([www.proshares.com](http://www.proshares.com)).

### Annual Returns as of December 31



Best Quarter (ended 9/30/2018): 2.86%

Worst Quarter (ended 3/31/2013): -3.94%

Year-to-Date (ended 6/30/2023): -1.58%

## Average Annual Total Returns

As of December 31, 2022

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years
Before Tax	-4.29%	2.34%	0.54%
After Taxes on Distributions	-4.43%	2.16%	0.32%
After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Shares	-2.44%	1.79%	0.37%
S&P Merger Arbitrage <sup>®</sup> Index <sup>1</sup>	-3.04%	3.29%	1.56%

<sup>1</sup> Reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Adjusted to reflect the reinvestment of dividends paid by issuers in the Index.

Average annual total returns are shown on a before- and after-tax basis for the Fund. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as a retirement account. After-tax returns may exceed the return before taxes due to a tax benefit from realizing a capital loss on a sale of shares.

## Management

The Fund is advised by ProShare Advisors. Alexander Ilyasov, Senior Portfolio Manager, and Eric Silverthorne, Portfolio Manager, have jointly and primarily managed the Fund since August 2020 and March 2023, respectively.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund will issue and redeem shares only to Authorized Participants (typically broker-dealers) in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a basket of assets (securities and/or cash) in large blocks, known as Creation Units. Shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold by retail investors in secondary market transactions through broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries. Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on a national securities exchange and because shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, shares of the Fund may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). In addition to brokerage commissions, investors incur the costs of 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) when buying or selling shares in the secondary market



(the “bid-ask spread”). The bid-ask spread varies over time for Fund shares based on trading volume and market liquidity. Recent information, including information about a Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads, is included on the Fund’s website ([www.proshares.com](http://www.proshares.com)).

### **Tax Information**

Income and capital gains distributions you receive from the Fund generally are subject to federal income taxes and may

also be subject to state and local taxes. The Fund intends to distribute income, if any, quarterly, and capital gains, if any, at least annually. Distributions for this Fund may be higher than those of most ETFs.

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