

## **Xtrackers US National Critical Technologies ETF (CRTC)**

*The following disclosure supplements the fund's summary prospectus and prospectus:*

Following changes made by the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD"), also known as the Department of War, Office of the Undersecretary of War Research & Engineering, the 14 critical technology sectors that are screened to select companies for inclusion in the fund's Underlying Index have been replaced by the following 6 critical technology sectors: (i) Applied Artificial Intelligence; (ii) Biomanufacturing; (iii) Contested Logistics Technologies; (iv) Quantum and Battlefield Information Dominance; (v) Scaled Hypersonics; and (vi) Scaled Directed Energy.

Accordingly, all references in the summary prospectus and prospectus to 14 critical technology sectors are replaced by the foregoing 6 critical technology sectors.

*The following disclosure replaces the "Step 1: Critical Technology Screen" sub-section of the "Additional Underlying Index Information — Selection of Underlying Index Constituent Securities" section under the "PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES" section of the "FUND DETAILS" section of the fund's prospectus.*

### **Step 1: Critical Technology Screen**

First, J.H. Whitney uses a critical technology screen to select companies from the Underlying Index's index universe that are associated with one of 6 critical technology sectors by mapping each of the 6 critical technology sectors to SIC codes. The mapping of the critical technology sectors to SIC codes is as follows:

■ **Applied Artificial Intelligence:**

- Computer Programming, Data Processing, and Other Computer Related Services
- Measuring and Controlling Devices, Not Elsewhere Classified
- Miscellaneous Electrical Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies
- Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories
- Motor Vehicles and Passenger Car Bodies
- Computer Processing and Data Preparation and Processing Services
- Prepackaged Software
- Electrical Industrial Apparatus
- Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment
- Industrial Instruments for Measurement, Display, and Control of Process Variables; and Related Products
- Switchgear and Switchboard Apparatus
- General Industrial Machinery and Equipment
- General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, Not Elsewhere Classified

■ **Biomanufacturing:**

- Biological Products, Except Diagnostic Substances
- Commercial Physical and Biological Research
- Electromedical and Electrotherapeutic Apparatus

- In Vitro and In Vivo Diagnostic Substances
- Laboratory Analytical Instruments
- Medical Laboratories
- Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products
- Pharmaceutical Preparations
- **Contested Logistics Technologies:**
  - Cogeneration Services and Small Power Producers
  - Electric Services
  - Electronic Components and Accessories
  - Motors and Generators
  - Power, Distribution, and Specialty Transformers
  - Petroleum Refining
  - Abrasive, Asbestos, and Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Mineral Products
  - Chemicals and Allied Products
  - Industrial Organic Chemicals
  - Metals and Minerals, Except Petroleum
  - Miscellaneous Chemical Products
  - Miscellaneous Plastics Products
  - Plastics Materials and Synthetic Resins, Synthetic Rubber, Cellulosic and Other Manmade Fibers, Except Glass
  - Plastics Materials, Synthetic Resins, and Nonvulcanizable Elastomers
  - Metal Mining
  - Industrial Inorganic Chemicals
  - Steel Works, Blast Furnaces (Including Coke Ovens), and Rolling Mills
  - Miscellaneous Metal Ores

- Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, except Fuels
- Quantum and Battlefield Information Dominance:
  - Communications Services, Not Elsewhere Classified
  - Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies
  - Radiotelephone Communications
  - Computer Communications Equipment
  - Cable and Other Pay Television Services
  - Communications Equipment, Not Elsewhere Classified
  - Computer Peripheral Equipment, Not Elsewhere Classified
  - Computer Integrated Systems Design
  - Air-Conditioning and Warm Air Heating Equipment and Commercial and Industrial Refrigeration Equipment
  - Computer Programming Services
  - Electronic Connectors
  - Photographic Equipment and Supplies
  - Semiconductors and Related Devices
  - Electronic Computers
  - Search, Detection, Navigation, Guidance, Aeronautical, and Nautical Systems and Instruments
  - Air Transportation, Nonscheduled
  - Airports, Flying Fields, and Airport Terminal Services
  - Arrangement of Transportation of Freight and Cargo
  - Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment
  - Printing Trades Machinery and Equipment
  - Transportation Services
- Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction Contractors
- Radio and Television Broadcasting and Communications Equipment
- Telephone and Telegraph Apparatus
- Telephone Communications
- Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone
- Water, Sewer, Pipeline, and Communications and Power Line Construction
- Scaled Hypersonics:
  - Aircraft
  - Aircraft and Parts
  - Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment, Not Elsewhere Classified
  - Engines and Turbines
  - Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles
  - Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles and Parts
  - Aircraft Engines and Engine Parts
- Scaled Directed Energy:
  - Electronic Components, Not Elsewhere Classified
  - Electronic Parts and Equipment, Not Elsewhere Classified
  - Instruments for Measuring and Testing of Electricity and Electrical Signals
  - Optical Instruments and Lenses
  - Printed Circuit Boards
  - Special Industry Machinery, Not Elsewhere Classified

*Please Retain This Supplement for Future Reference*



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Ticker: CRTC

Stock Exchange: NYSE Arca, Inc.

Before you invest, you may want to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You can find the fund's prospectus, reports to shareholders, Statement of Additional Information (SAI) and other information about the fund online at [go.dws.com/ETFpros](http://go.dws.com/ETFpros). You can also get this information at no cost by e-mailing a request to [dbxquestions@list.db.com](mailto:dbxquestions@list.db.com), calling 1-844-851-4255 or asking your financial representative. The Prospectus and SAI, both dated October 1, 2025, as may be revised or supplemented from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the performance, before fees and expenses, of the Solactive Whitney U.S. Critical Technologies Index.

### FEES AND EXPENSES

These are the fees and expenses that you will pay when you buy, hold and sell shares. **You may also pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries on the purchase and sale of shares of the fund, which are not reflected in the table and example below.**

#### ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

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

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Management fee                              | 0.35        |
| Other Expenses                              | None        |
| <b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b> | <b>0.35</b> |

### 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 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. The Example does not take into account brokerage commissions that you may pay on your purchases and sales of shares of the fund. It also does not include the transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units (defined herein), because those fees will not be imposed on retail investors. 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 |
|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| \$36   | \$113   | \$197   | \$443    |

### 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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may mean higher taxes if you are investing in a taxable account. These costs are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the expense example, and can affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 29% of the average value of its portfolio.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Solactive Whitney U.S. Critical Technologies Index (the "Underlying Index") is a market-capitalization weighted index, subject to caps on the weighting of individual companies, that is designed to track companies that support critical emerging technologies across the U.S. and its allies by selecting companies from a defined investment universe that satisfy key criteria related to their association with critical technology sectors and their geopolitical risk rating, each as further described below. The Underlying Index's investment universe is derived from large and mid-cap companies in developed market countries included in the Solactive GBS Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap USD Index (the "Parent Index"). Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index if (i) they are associated with one of 14 critical technology sectors and (ii) they receive a sufficiently high Geostrategic Risk Rating score, each as determined pursuant to index selection criteria developed by J.H. Whitney Data Services LLC ("J.H. Whitney" or the "Index Selection Party"). The index selection criteria are based in part on critical technology areas established by the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD"). The Underlying Index and the Parent Index are owned, calculated, administered and published by Solactive AG ("Solactive" or the "Index Provider").

## Summary of Underlying Index Construction

When constructing the Underlying Index, the Index Provider starts with the Parent Index, which constitutes the pool from which the Underlying Index's constituent securities are chosen. J.H. Whitney then selects the Underlying Index's constituent securities from the Parent Index by applying the constituent selection rules described below. J.H. Whitney revises the composition of the Underlying Index thirteen business days before every scheduled Underlying Index rebalance day (disregarding any potential change in the rebalance day) (each such day, a "Selection Day"). The Underlying Index is scheduled to rebalance on the second Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November.

### Selection of Underlying Index Constituent Securities

Starting from the Underlying Index's investment universe, J.H. Whitney follows a two-step process to select individual securities for the Underlying Index.

*First*, J.H. Whitney uses a critical technology screen to select companies that are associated with one of 14 critical technology sectors by mapping each of the 14 critical technology sectors to Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") codes. SIC codes are numerical codes assigned by the U.S. government that categorize the industries to which companies belong, while also organizing industries by their business activities. The critical technology sectors are based on the 14 critical technology areas established by the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense Research & Engineering ("OUSD(R&E)"), a division of the DoD, and are deemed to be vital to maintaining the national security of the United States today and in the future. The 14 critical technology areas as defined by the OUSD(R&E) are (i) biotechnology, (ii) quantum science, (iii) future generation wireless technology, (iv) advanced materials, (v) trusted artificial intelligence & autonomy, (vi) integrated network system-of-systems, (vii) microelectronics, (viii) space technology, (ix) energy resilience, (x) advanced computing & software, (xi) human-machine interfaces, (xii) directed energy, (xiii) hypersonics and (xiv) integrated sensing and cyber. As the OUSD(R&E)'s technology strategy evolves and technologies change, the OUSD(R&E) may update its critical technology priorities and the Underlying Index critical technology screens will update accordingly.

A company will pass the critical technology screen and be eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index if (i) its primary SIC code is mapped to one of the 14 critical technology sectors or (ii) a secondary SIC code assigned to the company is mapped to one of the 14 critical technology sectors and J.H. Whitney determines such secondary classification warrants inclusion in the Underlying Index.

*Second*, J.H. Whitney assigns each company that passes the critical technology screen a Geostrategic Risk Rating score using a proprietary model that quantifies the relative level of risk that individual companies may face as a result

of geopolitical activities, including, economic sanctions, national industrial policy actions, national regulatory actions and other economic strategic competition actions taken by the U.S. and adversarial nations. The model aims to quantify the measure of entanglement that companies share with nation-states that are defined as "adversarial" in the Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community published by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The model assesses publicly available company-reported and government-reported data and assigns scores for each company for the following 10 weighted-factors: (i) country of incorporation, (ii) ownership by country, (iii) geographic revenue, (iv) geographic assets, (v) joint ventures, (vi) customers, (vii) suppliers, (viii) strategic alliances, (ix) board memberships and (x) inclusion on the System for Award Management ("SAM") exemption list. The SAM exemption list is maintained by the U.S. government to deny government contracts to entities that have engaged in negative activities such as contract nonfulfillment, being agents of a foreign government, or participating in other illicit and/or negligent activities. Each such company is assigned a Geostrategic Risk Rating score ("Geostrategic Risk Rating Score") based on J.H. Whitney's proprietary model. Each company will receive a risk-based score of 1 (high-risk), 2 (neutral), or 3 (low-risk) for each of the 10 factors, based on their activities in high-risk, neutral or Five Eyes ("FVEY") countries. The FVEY countries are the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, which are assigned a "3" weighting. A final score is determined based on the weighted average of the score for each of the 10 factors. Companies with lower geopolitical risk are assigned a higher score, and companies must meet a minimum score of 2.3 for inclusion in the Underlying Index.

Specific cutoffs for determining the risk-based score for each factor are determined by J.H. Whitney, as Index Selection Party, based on an analysis of industry classification, DoD policies and market research that requires continuous refinement by J.H. Whitney.

### Weighting of Underlying Index Constituent Securities

On each Selection Day, each qualifying Underlying Index constituent security is assigned a weight according to the share class-specific free float market capitalization, calculated as the multiplication of the shares outstanding in free float (as sourced from data vendors) with the closing price of the share class as of the respective Selection Day. The individual weight of each constituent security is capped at 5.00%, with a minimum weight of 0.05%.

### Underlying Index Rebalancing

The Underlying Index is scheduled to rebalance on the second Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November (each such day, a "Rebalance Day"), assuming such day is a trading day at the New York Stock Exchange, the London Stock Exchange, the EUREX

Exchange and the Tokyo Stock Exchange (an “Eligible Rebalance Day”). If that day is not an Eligible Rebalance Day, the Rebalance Day will be the immediately following Eligible Rebalance Day.

The fund changes its portfolio in accordance with the Underlying Index, and, therefore, any changes to the Underlying Index’s quarterly rebalancing schedule will result in corresponding changes to the fund’s schedule of portfolio changes. Any changes made to the Underlying Index in between scheduled rebalancings (e.g., in the event of a corporate action) also will result in corresponding changes to the fund’s portfolio.

As of July 28, 2025, the most recent Underlying Index Selection Day, there were 1,416 constituent companies in the Parent Index, 502 of which were identified by the critical technology screen and 218 of which demonstrated a Geostrategic Risk Rating equal to or more than 2.3 (the minimum score for inclusion in the Underlying Index). Following the most recent Rebalance Day on August 14, 2025, the Underlying Index was composed of 217 constituent securities as of August 15, 2025.

The fund uses a full replication indexing strategy to seek to track the Underlying Index. As such, the fund invests directly in the component securities of the Underlying Index in substantially the same weightings in which they are represented in the Underlying Index. If it is not possible for the fund to acquire component securities due to limited availability or regulatory restrictions, the fund may use a representative sampling indexing strategy to seek to track the Underlying Index instead of a full replication indexing strategy. “Representative sampling” is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to the Underlying Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in the aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield), and liquidity measures similar to those of the Underlying Index. The fund may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying Index when using a representative sampling indexing strategy. In addition, the fund may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying Index pursuant to the Advisor’s controversial weapons policy, as described below.

In addition, subject to the limitations described below, an Underlying Index constituent security may be eliminated or excluded from the fund’s portfolio if it is issued by a “controversial weapons company” as determined under the Advisor’s controversial weapons policy (a “CW Company”). As a general matter, any company involved in the production of controversial weapons, the production of controversial weapons delivery devices and/or the deliberate and knowing production of primary key components of controversial weapons could be considered a CW Company under the policy. For example, a company

involved with landmines, cluster munitions, biological weapons, chemical weapons or certain nuclear weapons could be considered a CW Company under the controversial weapons policy. A security issued by a CW Company (a “CW Security”) would only be eliminated or excluded from the fund’s portfolio if portfolio management determines that its elimination or exclusion would not materially affect the fund’s ability to track the Underlying Index. This materiality calculation involves quantifying the impact of removing or excluding the CW Security (or CW Securities, if more than one) on the forecasted tracking error of the fund’s holdings. If portfolio management determines that the CW Security (or CW Securities) may be eliminated or excluded from the fund’s portfolio, it will typically seek to minimize transaction costs by implementing the change when the Underlying Index rebalances. The Advisor’s identification and removal or exclusion of CW Securities is independent of the Underlying Index’s stated methodology and will not be reflected in the composition of the Underlying Index.

The fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets (but typically far more) in component securities (including depositary receipts in respect of such securities) of the Underlying Index. Due to regulatory changes, effective June 11, 2026, the fund will replace this 80% investment policy and related disclosures set forth in this prospectus. Specifically, effective June 11, 2026, under normal circumstances, the fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in component securities (including depositary receipts in respect of such securities) of the Underlying Index. Derivative instruments that provide exposure to the investments above or exposure to one or more market risk factors associated with such investments are included in the fund’s 80% investment policy, consistent with the fund’s investment policies and limitations with respect to investments in derivatives. In addition, the fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in securities issued by companies that are associated with US critical technology areas established by the DoD (based on the Underlying Index’s criteria as summarized in this Prospectus).

The fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries to the extent that its Underlying Index is concentrated. As of July 31, 2025, a significant percentage of the Underlying Index was comprised of issuers in the information technology, communication services and health care sectors.

As of July 31, 2025, the Underlying Index consisted of 222 securities, with an average market capitalization of approximately \$134.45 billion and a minimum market capitalization of approximately \$2.17 billion from issuers in the following countries (may represent country of domicile): Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Ireland,

Israel, Japan, Jordan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and Zambia. As of July 31, 2025, a significant percentage of the Underlying Index was comprised of issuers from the United States. The fund's exposure to particular sectors and countries may change over time to correspond to changes in the Underlying Index.

While the fund is currently classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, it may operate as or become classified as "diversified" over time. The fund could again become non-diversified solely as a result of a change in relative market capitalization or index weighting of one or more constituents of the Underlying Index. Shareholder approval will not be sought when the fund crosses from diversified to non-diversified status under such circumstances.

The fund or securities referred to herein are not sponsored, endorsed, issued, sold or promoted by Solactive, and Solactive bears no liability with respect to the fund or securities or any index on which the fund or securities are based.

**Derivatives.** The fund may invest in derivatives, which are financial instruments whose performance is derived, at least in part, from the performance of an underlying asset, security or index. In particular, portfolio management may use futures contracts, stock index futures, options on futures, swap contracts and other types of derivatives in seeking performance that corresponds to the Underlying Index and will not use such instruments for speculative purposes.

**Securities lending.** The fund may lend securities (up to one-third of total assets) to approved institutions, such as registered broker-dealers, pooled investment vehicles, banks and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund receives liquid collateral in an amount that is based on the type and value of the securities being lent, with riskier securities generally requiring higher levels of collateral.

## MAIN RISKS

As with any investment, you could lose all or part of your investment in the fund, and the fund's performance could trail that of other investments. The fund is subject to the main risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the fund's net asset value ("NAV"), trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective, as well as other risks that are described in greater detail in the section of this Prospectus entitled "Additional Information About Fund Strategies, Underlying Index Information and Risks" and in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"). An investment in the fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

**Critical technologies risk.** Companies involved in the critical technologies represented in the Underlying Index may be subject to a significant amount of governmental regulation, and changes in governmental policies and the need for regulatory approvals may have a material adverse effect on the critical technologies and the companies involved with them. Certain critical technologies could face increasing regulatory scrutiny in the future, which may limit the development of some or all of these technologies and impede the growth of companies that develop and/or utilize those technologies. Some or all of the critical technologies represented in the Underlying Index may receive direct or indirect government support, such as subsidies, tariffs or other targeted financial and/or regulatory programs. Such government support may be insufficient, may not achieve the desired effects or may even have counterproductive effects for the applicable critical technologies. Companies involved in critical technologies are subject to risks of new technologies and competitive pressures and are heavily dependent on patents and intellectual property rights. The loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect the profitability of these companies. There can be no assurance these companies will be able to successfully protect their intellectual property to prevent the misappropriation of their technology, or that competitors will not develop technology that is substantially similar or superior to such companies' technology. Companies in certain critical technologies may rely to a large extent on U.S. (and other) Government demand for their products and services and may be significantly affected by changes in government regulations and spending, as well as economic conditions and industry consolidation. Critical technology companies are potential targets for cyberattacks, which can have a materially adverse impact on the performance of these companies. The critical technologies identified by OUSD(R&E) and reflected in the Underlying Index methodology may not be the technologies which prove most critical for future development. Some or all of the critical technologies may not advance sufficiently to fulfill expectations with respect to their benefits and companies which are involved in such technologies may not succeed, which could have a material adverse effect on the fund's returns. The Underlying Index's methodology may not successfully identify those companies who will most benefit from or advance the applicable critical technologies.

**Stock market risk.** When stock prices fall, you should expect the value of your investment to fall as well. Stock prices can be hurt by poor management on the part of the stock's issuer, shrinking product demand and other business risks. These may affect single companies as well as groups of companies. The market as a whole may not favor the types of investments the fund makes, which could adversely affect a stock's price, regardless of how well the company performs, or the fund's ability to sell a stock at an attractive price. There is a chance that stock prices overall will decline because stock markets tend to move in

cycles, with periods of rising and falling prices. Events in the US and global financial markets, including actions taken by the US Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility which could negatively affect performance. High market volatility may also result from significant shifts in momentum of one or more specific stocks due to unusual increases or decreases in trading activity. Momentum can change quickly, and securities subject to shifts in momentum may be more volatile than the market as a whole and returns on such securities may drop precipitously. To the extent that the fund invests in a particular geographic region, capitalization or sector, the fund's performance may be affected by the general performance of that region, capitalization or sector.

**Market disruption risk.** Economies and financial markets throughout the world have become increasingly interconnected, which has increased the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. This includes reliance on global supply chains that are susceptible to disruptions resulting from, among other things, war and other armed conflicts, tariffs, extreme weather events, and natural disasters. Such supply chain disruptions can lead to, and have led to, economic and market disruptions that have far-reaching effects on financial markets worldwide. The value of the fund's investments may be negatively affected by adverse changes in overall economic or market conditions, such as the level of economic activity and productivity, unemployment and labor force participation rates, inflation or deflation (and expectations for inflation or deflation), interest rates, demand and supply for particular products or resources including labor, debt levels and credit ratings, and trade policies, among other factors. Such adverse conditions may contribute to an overall economic contraction across entire economies or markets, which may negatively impact the profitability of issuers operating in those economies or markets. In addition, geopolitical and other globally interconnected occurrences, including war, terrorism, economic uncertainty or financial crises, contagion, tariffs and trade disputes, government debt crises (including defaults or downgrades) or uncertainty about government debt payments, government shutdowns, public health crises, natural disasters, supply chain disruptions, climate change and related events or conditions, have led, and in the future may lead, to disruptions in the US and world economies and markets, which may increase financial market volatility and have significant adverse direct or indirect effects on the fund and its investments. Adverse market conditions or disruptions could cause the fund to lose money, experience significant redemptions, and encounter operational difficulties. Although multiple asset classes may be affected by adverse market conditions or a particular market disruption, the duration and effects may not be the same for all types of assets.

Current military and other armed conflicts in various geographic regions, including those in Europe and the Middle East, can lead to, and have led to, economic and market disruptions, which may not be limited to the geographic region in which the conflict is occurring. Such conflicts can also result, and have resulted in some cases, in sanctions being levied by the United States, the European Union and/or other countries against countries or other actors involved in the conflict. In addition, such conflicts and related sanctions can adversely affect regional and global energy, commodities, financial and other markets and thus could affect the value of the fund's investments. The extent and duration of any military conflict, related sanctions and resulting economic and market disruptions are impossible to predict, but could be substantial.

Other market disruption events include pandemic spread of viruses, such as the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, which have caused significant uncertainty, market volatility, decreased economic and other activity, increased government activity, including economic stimulus measures, and supply chain disruptions, and may adversely affect the fund and its investments.

In addition, markets are becoming increasingly susceptible to disruption events resulting from the use of new and emerging technologies to engage in cyber-attacks or to take over the websites and/or social media accounts of companies, governmental entities or public officials, or to otherwise pose as or impersonate such, which then may be used to disseminate false or misleading information that can cause volatility in financial markets or for the securities of a particular company, group of companies, industry or other class of assets.

Adverse market conditions or particular market disruptions, such as those discussed above, may magnify the impact of each of the other risks described in this "MAIN RISKS" section and may increase volatility in one or more markets in which the fund invests leading to the potential for greater losses for the fund.

**Large-sized companies risk.** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-capitalization companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

**Medium-sized company risk.** Medium-sized company stocks tend to be more volatile than large company stocks. Because stock analysts are less likely to follow medium-sized companies, less information about them is available to investors. Industry-wide reversals may have a greater

impact on medium-sized companies, since they lack the financial resources of larger companies. Medium-sized company stocks are typically less liquid than large company stocks.

**Liquidity risk.** In certain situations, it may be difficult or impossible to sell an investment at an acceptable price. This risk can be ongoing for any security that does not trade actively or in large volumes, for any security that trades primarily on smaller markets, and for investments that typically trade only among a limited number of large investors (such as restricted securities). In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk. This may affect only certain securities or an overall securities market.

Although the fund primarily seeks to redeem shares of the fund on an in-kind basis, if the fund is forced to sell underlying investments at reduced prices or under unfavorable conditions to meet redemption requests or other cash needs, the fund may suffer a loss or recognize a gain that may be distributed to shareholders as a taxable distribution. This may be magnified in circumstances where redemptions from the fund may be higher than normal.

**Focus risk.** To the extent that the fund focuses its investments in particular industries, asset classes or sectors of the economy, any market price movements, regulatory or technological changes, or economic conditions affecting companies in those industries, asset classes or sectors may have a significant impact on the fund's performance. The fund may become more focused in particular industries, asset classes or sectors of the economy as a result of changes in the valuation of the fund's investments or fluctuations in the fund's assets, and the fund is not required to reduce such exposures under these circumstances.

**Information technology sector risk.** To the extent that the fund invests significantly in the information technology sector, the fund will be sensitive to changes in, and the fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the information technology sector. Information technology companies are particularly vulnerable to government regulation and policies and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Information technology companies also face competition for services of qualified personnel. Additionally, the products of information technology companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological development and frequent new product introduction by competitors. Finally, information technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability.

**Communication services sector risk.** To the extent that the fund invests significantly in the communication services sector, the fund will be sensitive to changes in, and the fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the communication

services sector. Companies in the communication services sector can be adversely affected by, among other things, changes in government regulation and policies, intense competition, dependency on patent protection, equipment incompatibility, changing consumer preferences, technological obsolescence, and large capital expenditures and debt burdens.

**Health care sector risk.** To the extent that the fund invests significantly in the health care sector, the fund will be sensitive to changes in, and the fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the health care sector. The health care sector may be affected by government regulations and government health care programs, increases or decreases in the cost of medical products and services and product liability claims, among other factors. Many health care companies are heavily dependent on patent protection, and the expiration of a company's patent may adversely affect that company's profitability. Health care companies are subject to competitive forces that may result in price discounting, and may be thinly capitalized and susceptible to product obsolescence.

**Foreign investment risk.** The fund faces the risks inherent in foreign investing. Adverse political, economic or social developments, as well as US and foreign government actions such as the imposition of tariffs, economic and trade sanctions or embargoes, could undermine the value of the fund's foreign investments, prevent the fund from realizing the full value of its foreign investments or prevent the fund from selling foreign securities it holds. Financial reporting standards for companies based in foreign markets differ from those in the US. Additionally, foreign securities markets generally are smaller and less liquid than US markets.

Foreign governments may restrict investment by foreigners, limit withdrawal of trading profit or currency from the country, restrict currency exchange or seize foreign investments. In addition, the fund may be limited in its ability to exercise its legal rights or enforce a counterparty's legal obligations in certain jurisdictions outside of the US. The foreign investments of the fund may also be subject to foreign withholding taxes. Foreign brokerage commissions and other fees are generally higher than those for US investments, and the transactions and custody of foreign assets may involve delays in payment, delivery or recovery of money or investments.

Foreign markets can have liquidity risks beyond those typical of US markets. Because foreign exchanges generally are smaller and less liquid than US exchanges, buying and selling foreign investments can be more difficult and costly. Relatively small transactions can sometimes materially affect the price and availability of securities. In certain situations, it may become virtually impossible to sell an investment at a price that approaches portfolio management's estimate of its value. For the same reason, it may

at times be difficult to value the fund's foreign investments. In addition, because non-US markets may be open on days when the fund does not price its shares, the value of the foreign securities in the fund's portfolio may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell the fund's shares.

**Depository receipt risk.** Depository receipts involve similar risks to those associated with investments in securities of non-US issuers. Depository receipts also may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Un-sponsored depository receipts are issued by one or more depositories in response to market demand, but without a formal agreement with the company that issues the underlying securities.

**Passive investing risk.** Unlike a fund that is actively managed, in which portfolio management buys and sells securities based on research and analysis, the fund invests in securities included in, or representative of, the Underlying Index, regardless of their investment merits. Because the fund is designed to maintain a high level of exposure to the Underlying Index at all times, portfolio management generally will not buy or sell a security unless the security is added or removed, respectively, from the Underlying Index, and will not take any steps to invest defensively or otherwise reduce the risk of loss during market downturns.

**Index-related risk.** The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the performance, before fees and expenses, of the Underlying Index as published by the Index Provider. There is no assurance that the Index Provider will compile the Underlying Index accurately, or that the Underlying Index will be determined, composed or calculated accurately. The Index Provider may cease publication of the Underlying Index or may terminate the license agreement allowing the fund to use the Underlying Index, either of which could have a material adverse effect on the fund. Market disruptions could cause delays in the Underlying Index's reconstitution and rebalancing schedule. During any such delay, it is possible that the Underlying Index and, in turn, the fund will deviate from the Underlying Index's stated methodology and therefore experience returns different than those that would have been achieved under a normal reconstitution and rebalancing schedule. Generally, the Index Provider does not provide any warranty, or accept any liability, with respect to the quality, accuracy or completeness of the Underlying Index or its related data, and does not guarantee that the Underlying Index will be in line with its stated methodology. Errors in the Underlying Index data, the Underlying Index computations and/or the construction of the Underlying Index in accordance with its stated methodology may occur from time to time and may not be identified and corrected by the Index Provider for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on the fund and its shareholders. The Advisor may have limited ability to detect such errors and neither the Advisor nor its affiliates

provide any warranty or guarantee against such errors. Therefore, the gains, losses or costs associated with the Index Provider's errors will generally be borne by the fund and its shareholders.

Index-related risk may be higher for a fund that tracks an index comprised of, or an index that includes, foreign securities because regulatory and reporting requirements may differ from those in the US, resulting in a heightened risk of errors in the index data, index computation and/or index construction due to unreliable, outdated or unavailable information.

**Tracking error risk.** The fund may be subject to tracking error, which is the divergence of the fund's performance from that of the Underlying Index. The performance of the fund may diverge from that of the Underlying Index for a number of reasons, including operating expenses, transaction costs, cash flows and operational inefficiencies. The fund's return also may diverge from the return of the Underlying Index because the fund bears the costs and risks associated with buying and selling securities (especially when reconstituting or rebalancing the fund's securities holdings to reflect changes in the Underlying Index) while such costs and risks are not factored into the return of the Underlying Index. Transaction costs, including brokerage costs, will decrease the fund's NAV to the extent not offset by the transaction fee payable by an "Authorized Participant" ("AP"). Market disruptions and regulatory restrictions could have an adverse effect on the fund's ability to adjust its exposure in order to track the Underlying Index. Moreover, the use of a representative sampling investment approach (i.e., investing in a representative selection of securities included in the Underlying Index rather than all securities in the Underlying Index) may cause the fund's return to not be as well correlated with the return of the Underlying Index as would be the case if the fund purchased all of the securities in the Underlying Index in the proportions represented in the Underlying Index. In addition, the fund may not be able to invest in certain securities included in the Underlying Index, or invest in them in the exact proportions in which they are represented in the Underlying Index, due to government imposed legal restrictions or limitations, a lack of liquidity in the markets in which such securities trade, potential adverse tax consequences or other reasons. To the extent the fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of the Underlying Index is based on market prices (i.e., the value of the Underlying Index is not based on fair value prices), the fund's ability to track the Underlying Index may be adversely affected. Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. For tax purposes, the fund may sell certain securities, and such sale may cause the fund to recognize a taxable gain or a loss and deviate from the performance of the Underlying Index. In light of the factors discussed above, the fund's return may deviate significantly from the return of the Underlying Index.

Tracking error risk may be higher for funds that track indices with significant weight in foreign issuers than funds that do not track such indices. The fund may also experience operational delays in establishing the necessary accounts and required regulatory approvals to trade, which may delay the fund's ability to hold securities.

In addition, to the extent the Advisor eliminates a CW Security (or CW Securities, if more than one) from the fund's portfolio, the elimination or exclusion of the CW Security (or CW Securities) may inhibit the fund's ability to track the Underlying Index, potentially increasing tracking error. If the Advisor misjudges whether the elimination or exclusion of a CW Security (or CW Securities) from the fund's portfolio will materially affect the fund's ability to track the Underlying Index, the fund may be subject to additional tracking error.

**Market price risk.** Fund shares are listed for trading on an exchange and are bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The market prices of shares will fluctuate, in some cases materially, in response to changes in the NAV and supply and demand for shares. As a result, the trading prices of shares may deviate significantly from the NAV during periods of market volatility. The Advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade above, below or at their NAV. Given the fact that shares can be created and redeemed in Creation Units (defined below), the Advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the NAV of shares should not be sustained in the long-term. If market makers exit the business or are unable to continue making markets in fund shares, shares may trade at a discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares and may even face delisting (that is, investors would no longer be able to trade shares in the secondary market). Further, while the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that shares normally will trade close to the value of the fund's holdings, disruptions to creations and redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, APs or other market participants, or during periods of significant market volatility, may result in market prices that differ significantly from the value of the fund's holdings. Although market makers will generally take advantage of differences between the NAV and the market price of fund shares through arbitrage opportunities, there is no guarantee that they will do so. In addition, the securities held by the fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than the exchange on which the fund's shares trade. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when the exchange is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads and the resulting premium or discount to the shares' NAV is likely to widen. If the markets for the fund's portfolio securities experience decreased liquidity, the trading markets for the fund's shares may also become less liquid with corresponding widening in the bid-ask spreads and differences between the market price and NAV of the fund's shares. Further, secondary markets may be subject to

irregular trading activity, wide bid-ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which could cause a material decline in the fund's market price. The fund's investment results are measured based upon the daily NAV of the fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares in the secondary market may not experience investment results consistent with those experienced by those APs creating and redeeming shares directly with the fund at NAV.

**Operational and technology risk.** Cyber-attacks, disruptions, or failures that affect the fund's service providers, index provider or counterparties, issuers of securities held by the fund, or other market participants may adversely affect the fund and its shareholders, including by causing losses for the fund or impairing fund operations. For example, the fund's or its service providers' or index provider's assets or sensitive or confidential information may be misappropriated, data may be corrupted and operations may be disrupted (e.g., cyber-attacks, operational failures or broader disruptions may cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential fund information, interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, impact the ability to calculate the fund's net asset value and impede trading). Market events and disruptions also may trigger a volume of transactions that overloads current information technology and communication systems and processes, impacting the ability to conduct the fund's operations.

While the fund and its service providers or index provider may establish business continuity and other plans and processes that seek to address the possibility of and fallout from cyber-attacks, disruptions or failures, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems, including that they do not apply to third parties, such as fund counterparties, issuers of securities held by the fund or other market participants, as well as the possibility that certain risks have not been identified or that unknown threats may emerge in the future and there is no assurance that such plans and processes will be effective. Among other situations, disruptions (for example, pandemics or health crises) that cause prolonged periods of remote work or significant employee absences at the fund's service providers or index provider could impact the ability to conduct the fund's operations. In addition, the fund cannot directly control any cybersecurity plans and systems put in place by its service providers, index provider, fund counterparties, issuers of securities held by the fund or other market participants.

**Authorized Participant concentration risk.** The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants ("APs"). Only APs who have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund (as described in the section of this Prospectus entitled "Buying and Selling Shares"). If those APs exit the

business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders, (including in situations where APs have limited or diminished access to capital required to post collateral) and no other AP is able to step forward to create and redeem in either of these cases, shares may trade at a discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares and may even face delisting (that is, investors would no longer be able to trade shares in the secondary market).

**Non-diversification risk.** The fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. This means that the fund may invest in securities of relatively few issuers. Thus, the performance of one or a small number of portfolio holdings can affect overall performance.

If the fund becomes classified as “diversified” over time and again becomes non-diversified as a result of a change in relative market capitalization or index weighting of one or more constituents of the Underlying Index, non-diversification risk would apply.

**Geographic focus risk.** Focusing investments in a single country or few countries, or regions, involves increased political, regulatory and other risks. Market swings in such a targeted country, countries or regions are likely to have a greater effect on fund performance than they would in a more geographically diversified fund.

**Derivatives risk.** Derivatives involve risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other more traditional investments. Risks associated with derivatives may include the risk that the derivative is not well correlated with the underlying asset, security, index or currency to which it relates; the risk that derivatives may result in losses or missed opportunities; the risk that the fund will be unable to sell the derivative because of an illiquid secondary market; the risk that a counterparty is unwilling or unable to meet its obligation, which risk may be heightened in derivative transactions entered into “over-the-counter” (i.e., not on an exchange or contract market); and the risk that the derivative transaction could expose the fund to the effects of leverage, which could increase the fund’s exposure to the market and magnify potential losses.

**Futures risk.** The value of a futures contract tends to increase and decrease in tandem with the value of the underlying instrument. A decision as to whether, when and how to use futures involves the exercise of skill and judgment and even a well-conceived futures transaction may be unsuccessful because of market behavior or unexpected events. In addition to the derivatives risks discussed above, the prices of futures can be highly volatile, using futures can lower total return and the potential loss from futures can exceed the fund’s initial investment in such contracts.

**Counterparty risk.** A financial institution or other counterparty with whom the fund does business, or that underwrites, distributes or guarantees any investments or contracts that the fund owns or is otherwise exposed to, may decline in financial health and become unable to honor its commitments. This could cause losses for the fund or could delay the return or delivery of collateral or other assets to the fund.

**Securities lending risk.** Securities lending involves the risk that the fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. A delay in the recovery of loaned securities could interfere with the fund’s ability to vote proxies or settle transactions. Delayed settlement may limit the ability of the fund to reinvest the proceeds of a sale of securities or prevent the fund from selling securities at times that may be appropriate to track the Underlying Index. The fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of the collateral provided for the loaned securities, or a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral or even a loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially while holding the securities.

PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the fund’s average annual returns compare with those of the Underlying Index and a required broad-based securities market index. The fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on the fund’s website at Xtrackers.com (the website does not form a part of this prospectus).

CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS (%)



|               | Returns | Period ending     |
|---------------|---------|-------------------|
| Best Quarter  | 10.42%  | March 31, 2024    |
| Worst Quarter | -0.20%  | December 31, 2024 |
| Year-to-Date  | 9.35%   | June 30, 2025     |

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(For periods ended 12/31/2024 expressed as a %)  
All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Your own

actual after-tax returns will depend on your tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold shares of the fund in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (“IRAs”) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

|                                                                                                                | Inception Date | 1<br>Year | Since<br>Inception |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Returns before tax                                                                                             | 11/16/2023     | 18.06     | 23.06              |
| After tax on distributions                                                                                     |                | 17.51     | 22.48              |
| After tax on distributions and sale of fund shares                                                             |                | 10.69     | 17.37              |
| <b>Solactive Whitney U.S. Critical Technologies Index</b> (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes) |                | 18.01     | 22.95              |
| <b>MSCI World Index</b> (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes)                                   |                | 18.67     | 23.26              |

## MANAGEMENT

### Investment Advisor

DBX Advisors LLC

### Portfolio Managers

**Patrick Dwyer, Vice President of DBX Advisors LLC, Director and Senior Portfolio Engineer & Team Lead, Xtrackers, of DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc.** Portfolio Manager of the fund. Began managing the fund in 2023.

**Shlomo Bassous, Vice President of DBX Advisors LLC, Director and Senior Portfolio Engineer, Xtrackers, of DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc.** Portfolio Manager of the fund. Began managing the fund in 2023.

**Ashif Shaikh, Vice President of DBX Advisors LLC, Vice President and Portfolio Engineer, Xtrackers, of DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc.** Portfolio Manager of the fund. Began managing the fund in 2023.

**Daniel Park, Vice President of DBX Advisors LLC, Vice President and Portfolio Engineer, Xtrackers, of DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc.** Portfolio Manager of the fund. Began managing the fund in 2024.

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

The fund is an exchange-traded fund (commonly referred to as an “ETF”). Individual fund shares may only be purchased and sold through a brokerage firm. The price of fund shares is based on market price, and because ETF shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount). The fund will only issue or redeem shares that have been aggregated into blocks of 10,000 shares or multiples thereof (“Creation Units”) to APs who

have entered into agreements with ALPS Distributors, Inc., the fund’s distributor. 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) when buying or selling shares (the “bid-ask spread”). Information on the fund’s net asset value, market price, premiums and discounts and bid-ask spreads may be found at Xtrackers.com (the website does not form a part of this prospectus).

## TAX INFORMATION

The fund’s distributions are generally taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, except when you are tax-exempt or when your investment is in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan. Any withdrawals you make from such tax-advantaged investment plans, however, may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Advisor or other related companies may pay the intermediary for marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, the support of technology platforms and/or reporting systems or other services related to the sale or promotion of the fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.