

## **ADVISORSHARES TRUST**

**AdvisorShares Peritus High Yield ETF**  
**NYSE Arca Ticker: HYLD**

**Supplement dated December 8, 2017**  
**to the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information**  
**dated November 1, 2017**

**This supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) for the AdvisorShares Peritus High Yield ETF (the “Fund”) and should be read in conjunction with those documents.**

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The Board of Trustees of AdvisorShares Trust has approved the proposed reorganization of the Fund into a newly created series of Amplify ETF Trust (the “Acquiring Fund”). The proposed reorganization is subject certain conditions, including approval by Amplify ETF Trust’s Board of Trustees and approval by shareholders of the Fund.

The Acquiring Fund will have the same investment objective and principal investment strategies as the Fund. Amplify Investments LLC (“Amplify”) will replace AdvisorShares Investments, LLC as investment adviser. Peritus I Asset Management, LLC will continue as sub-adviser and provide day-to-day portfolio management. The Acquiring Fund will pay Amplify a unitary fee of 1.25% out of which Amplify will pay substantially all operating expenses of the Acquiring Fund, including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, legal, audit and other service and license fees, except for distribution and service fees payable pursuant to a Rule 12b-1 plan, if any, brokerage commissions and other expenses connected with the execution of portfolio transactions, taxes, interest, and extraordinary expenses.

The proposed reorganization would occur by transferring all of the assets and liabilities of the Fund to the Acquiring Fund in exchange for shares of the Acquiring Fund. As a result, shareholders of the Fund will become shareholders of the Acquiring Fund and will receive shares of the Acquiring Fund with a value equal to the aggregate net asset value of their shares of the Fund held immediately prior to the reorganization. The proposed reorganization is expected to be a tax-free transaction for federal income tax purposes.

Shareholders of record of the Fund will receive proxy materials soliciting their vote with respect to the proposed reorganization. If approved by shareholders, the reorganization is expected to occur during the second quarter of 2018.

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**ADVISORSHARES PERITUS HIGH YIELD ETF (NYSE Arca Ticker: HYLD)**

**SUMMARY PROSPECTUS – November 1, 2017**

Before you invest in the AdvisorShares Fund, you may want to review the Fund’s prospectus and statement of additional information, which contain more information about the Fund and the risks of investing in the Fund. The Fund’s current prospectus and statement of additional information, each dated November 1, 2017, as supplemented from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus. You can find the Fund’s prospectus and statement of additional information, as well as other information about the Fund, online at <http://advisorshares.com/fund/hyld>. You may also obtain this information at no charge by calling 877.843.3831 or by sending an email request to [info@advisorshares.com](mailto:info@advisorshares.com).

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

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The AdvisorShares Peritus High Yield ETF (the “Fund”) seeks high current income with a secondary goal of capital appreciation.

**FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

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This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling shares of the Fund, which are not reflected in the table below.

<b>SHAREHOLDER FEES</b> ( <i>fees paid directly from your investment</i> )	None
<b>ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES</b> ( <i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i> )	
MANAGEMENT FEES	1.10%
DISTRIBUTION (12b-1) FEES	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES	0.14%
ACQUIRED FUND FEES AND EXPENSES*	0.01%
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1.25%</b>

\* *Total Annual Operating Expenses in this fee table may not correlate to the expense ratio in the Fund’s financial highlights (and the Fund’s financial statements) because the financial highlights include only the Fund’s direct operating expenses and do not include Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, which represent the Fund’s pro rata share of the fees and expenses of the exchange-traded funds in which it invests.*

**EXAMPLE**

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the shares of the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This Example does not take into account creation or redemption transaction fees, or the brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund. If these fees and commissions were included, your costs would be higher.

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. 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
<b>AdvisorShares Peritus High Yield ETF</b>	\$127	\$397	\$686	\$1,511

## **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 Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Total Annual Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. This rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind creations or redemptions of the Fund's shares. During the most recent fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 147% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

Peritus I Asset Management, LLC (the "Sub-Advisor") seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objective by selecting a focused portfolio of high-yield debt securities, which include senior and subordinated corporate debt obligations (such as loans, bonds, debentures, notes and commercial paper). Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in high-yield debt securities. The Fund does not have any portfolio maturity limitation and may invest its assets in instruments with short-term, medium-term or long-term maturities.

In selecting securities for the Fund's portfolio, the Sub-Advisor, subject to the oversight of the Advisor and the Board, performs an independent investment analysis of each issuer to determine its creditworthiness. The Sub-Advisor takes a deep value contrarian approach to the credit markets, focusing on absolute value. The Sub-Advisor largely focuses on the secondary market, often investing in assets at a discount to par (\$100), allowing for a potential opportunity to generate capital gains in addition to current yield. The Sub-Advisor believes that structural and technical inefficiencies exist in the secondary credit markets, which create tremendous investment opportunities, and that, by holding a diversified but limited number of securities, the portfolio will be constructed of securities that provide exposure to industries believed to offer the most value to the Fund. Companies in the energy sector have significant representation in the high-yield debt securities market.

The Fund also may invest in equity securities that the Sub-Advisor believes will yield high dividends or are otherwise consistent with the Fund's investment objective and in repurchase agreements. The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling securities, which may lead to relatively high portfolio turnover.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

The Fund is subject to a number of risks, as described below, that may affect the value of its shares, including the possible loss of money. As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

**Credit Risk.** The Fund is subject to the risk that an issuer of a fixed income security, such as a corporate bond, may be unable or unwilling to make interest and principal payments when due. The Fund is also subject to the related risk that the value of a fixed income security may decline because of concerns about the issuer's creditworthiness. Credit risk is heightened to the extent the Fund invests in high-yield debt securities.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual issuers, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Energy Sector Risk.** Issuers in energy-related industries can be significantly affected by fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of energy fuels. Markets for various energy-related commodities can have significant volatility, and are subject to control or manipulation by large producers or purchasers. Companies in the energy sector may need to make substantial expenditures, and to incur significant amounts of debt, in order to maintain or expand their reserves. Oil and gas exploration and production can be significantly affected by natural disasters, as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

**Fixed Income Securities Risk.** The market value of fixed income investments in which the Fund may invest may change in response to interest rate changes and other factors. During periods of falling interest rates, the value of outstanding fixed income securities may rise. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the value of fixed income securities may decline.

**High-Yield Risk.** The Fund's investments in high-yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as junk bonds or below investment grade debt) may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk than funds that do not invest in such securities. These securities are considered predominately speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments.

**Issuer Risk.** The value of a debt security may decline for a number of reasons directly related to the issuer of such security, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular Fund investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Fund's returns because the Fund may be unable to transact at advantageous times or prices.

**Loan Participation Risk.** The Fund may not have a readily available market for loan participation interests and, in some cases, the Fund may have to dispose of such securities at a substantial discount from face value. Loan participations also involve the credit risk associated with the underlying corporate borrower.

**Management Risk.** The Sub-Advisor continuously evaluates the Fund's holdings, purchases and sales with a view to achieving the Fund's investment objective. However, the achievement of the stated investment objective cannot be guaranteed. The Sub-Advisor's judgments about the markets, the economy, or companies may not anticipate actual market movements, economic conditions or company performance, and these judgments may affect the return on your investment.

**Market Risk.** Due to market conditions, the value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate significantly from day to day. Price fluctuations may be temporary or may last for extended periods. This volatility may cause the value of your investment in the Fund to decrease. Because of its link to the markets, an investment in the Fund may be more suitable for long-term investors who can bear the risk of short-term principal fluctuations, which at times may be significant.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Fund may experience relatively high portfolio turnover, which may result in increased transaction costs and Fund performance that is lower than expected.

**Repurchase Agreement Risk.** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into repurchase agreements, including with respect to recovering or realizing on collateral.

**Trading Risk.** Shares of the Fund may trade above or below their net asset value ("NAV"). The trading price of the Fund's shares may deviate significantly from their NAV during periods of market volatility and, in such instances, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund's shares. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Fund's shares will develop or be maintained. In addition, trading in shares of the Fund may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange"), make trading in shares inadvisable.

**FUND PERFORMANCE**

The bar chart and table that follow show how the Fund has performed on a calendar year basis and provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The table also shows how the Fund’s performance compares to the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, which is an unmanaged index, considered representative of the universe of U.S. fixed rate, non-investment-grade debt. Both the bar chart and the table assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

Updated performance information is available on the Fund’s website at [www.advisorshares.com](http://www.advisorshares.com).



The Fund’s year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2017 was 6.42%.

**Best and Worst Quarter Returns (for the period reflected in the bar chart above)**

	Return	Quarter/Year
Highest Return	7.06%	2Q/2016
Lowest Return	-13.72%	4Q/2014

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

AdvisorShares Peritus High Yield ETF	1 Year	5 Year	Since Inception (11/30/2010)
Return Before Taxes Based on NAV	17.18%	2.86%	2.88%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	13.73%	-0.53%	-0.43%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	9.55%	0.80%	0.88%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.13%	7.36%	7.18%

After-tax returns are calculated using the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown and are not relevant if you hold your shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. In some cases the return after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares may exceed other average annual total returns due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of shares at the end of the measurement period.

## **MANAGEMENT**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
AdvisorShares Investments, LLC	Advisor
Peritus I Asset Management, LLC	Sub-Advisor

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of Service with Sub-Advisor</b>
Tim Gramatovich, Chief Investment Officer	since 1995
Ron Heller, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Portfolio Manager	since 1995
Dave Flaherty, Senior Portfolio Manager	since 2004

## **PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES**

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The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at NAV only in a large specified number of shares called a “Creation Unit.” The shares of the Fund that trade on the Exchange are “created” at their NAV by market makers, large investors and institutions only in block-size Creation Units of 50,000 shares. A “creator” enters into an authorized participant agreement (“Participant Agreement”) with the Distributor or uses a Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) participant who has executed a Participant Agreement (an “Authorized Participant”), and deposits into the Fund a portfolio of securities closely approximating the holdings of the Fund and a specified amount of cash, together totaling the NAV of the Creation Unit(s), in exchange for 50,000 shares of the Fund (or multiples thereof).

Individual Fund shares may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through brokers. The shares of the Fund are listed on the Exchange, and because shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a value greater than or less than their NAV.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

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The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income or capital gains (or a combination thereof), unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account (“IRA”), which may be taxed upon withdrawal.

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

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Investors purchasing shares in the secondary market through a brokerage account or with the assistance of a broker may be subject to brokerage commissions and charges. If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund, the Advisor or the Sub-Advisor may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing broker-dealers or other intermediaries and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.