



## Description

The Fund seeks to deliver exposure to the Sprott Zacks Gold Miners Index (NYSE: ZAXSGDM). The Index aims to track the performance of large to mid-capitalization gold companies whose stocks are listed on major U.S. exchanges.

The Index uses a transparent, rules-based methodology that is designed to identify 25 gold stocks with the highest beta\* to the spot price of gold, with each stock's weighting in the index adjusted based on its quarterly revenue growth on a year-over-year basis and the quality of its balance sheet, as measured by long-term debt to equity. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis to incorporate the latest financial data into the screening process. The Index can also invest to a lesser degree in silver companies that meet the above criteria.

## Why Sprott Zacks Gold Miners Index?

- The Index seeks to outperform a purely passive representation of the gold and silver mining industry
- Transparent, rules-based methodology designed to overweight gold stocks with attractive investment merits relative to the other stocks in the index
- Weighting methodology seeks to emphasize gold stocks with the highest quarterly revenue growth measured on a year-over-year basis and stronger relative balance sheets as measured by long-term debt to equity
- The stock selection and index weighting criteria co-developed by Sprott Asset management, a leading, long-time gold sector investor, and Zacks Index Services
- Quarterly rebalancing seeks to ensure that the latest company results are reflected in the composition and weighting of the index

## Why Gold Miners?

- Strong demand for gold, particularly from China, Russia and India<sup>1</sup>
- Gold miners are trading at multi-year lows based on a number of valuation metrics<sup>2</sup>
- Gold miners underperformed the price of gold since April 2011<sup>3</sup>
- Many gold companies have reduced their costs in response to a lower gold price<sup>3</sup>
- Gold equities provide exposure to gold and may provide high beta to a rising gold price<sup>4</sup>
- Low historical correlation to traditional asset classes

## Performance as of 3/31/15

### TOTAL RETURNS

	3 Month	Since Inception <sup>†</sup>
Sprott Gold Miners ETF (Net Asset Value)	-4.16%	-32.58%
Sprott Gold Miners ETF (Market Price) <sup>††</sup>	-4.33%	-32.70%
Sprott Zacks Gold Miners Index (Benchmark)	-3.96%	-32.25%

**Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than actual data quoted. Call 1.855.215.1425 or visit [www.sprottets.com](http://www.sprottets.com) for current month end performance.** The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

<sup>†</sup> Cumulative

<sup>††</sup> Market Price is based on the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4 p.m. ET and does not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times.

## ETF Details

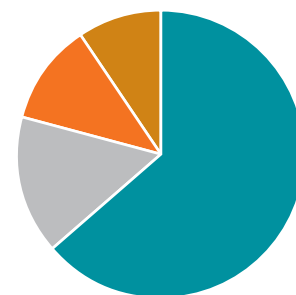
Ticker:	SGDM
Underlying Index:	ZAXSGDM
Listing Exchange:	NYSE Arca
CUSIP:	00162Q 643
Fund Inception:	July 15, 2014
Expense Ratio:	0.57%

## Index Portfolio Characteristics

as of 3/31/15

Number of companies:	25
Market cap (millions):	\$97,040
Largest market cap (millions):	\$14,978
Smallest market cap (millions):	\$364
Weighted avg. company market cap (millions):	\$6,664
Market cap breakdown:	
Large (>\$5B)	63.00%
Medium (\$1 -\$5B)	24.70%
Small (<\$1B)	12.30%
Industry weighting:	
Gold	90.27%
Silver	9.73%

## Company Domicile Breakdown



Canada	- 63.72%
Jersey	- 15.58%
U.S.	- 11.51%
South Africa	- 9.19%



## Index Holdings – Sprott Zacks Gold Miners Index as of 3/31/15

COMPANY	TICKER	WEIGHT (%) <sup>^</sup>
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	AEM US	4.56%
AngloGold Ashanti-Spon ADR	AU US	2.28%
Aurico Gold Inc	AUQ US	1.67%
Barrick Gold Corp	ABX US	4.66%
Eldorado Gold Corp	EGO US	3.74%
First Majestic Silver Corp	AG US	0.98%
Fortuna Silver Mines Inc	FSM US	1.73%
Franco-Nevada Corp	FNV US	17.58%
Gold Fields Ltd-Spons ADR	GFI US	3.92%
GoldCorp Inc	GG US	12.12%
Harmony Gold Mining-Spon ADR	HMY US	1.76%
Hecla Mining Co	HL US	2.29%
IAMGOLD Corp	IAG US	0.55%
Kinross Gold Corp	KGC US	1.56%
New Gold Inc	NGD US	1.07%
Newmont Mining Corp	NEM US	4.60%
NOVAGOLD Resources Inc	NG US	0.63%
Primero Mining Corp	PPP US	2.23%
Randgold Resources Ltd-ADR	GOLD US	15.58%
Royal Gold Inc	RGLD US	4.61%
Sandstorm Gold Ltd	SAND US	1.92%
Sibanye Gold- Spon ADR	SBGL US	1.22%
Silver Standard Resources	SSRI US	0.83%
Silver Wheaton Corp	SLW US	3.90%
Yamana Gold Inc	AUY US	4.01%

<sup>^</sup> Weightings subject to change.

## About Sprott Asset Management LP

Sprott Asset Management LP (“Sprott”) is an alternative investment manager that specializes in precious metals and natural resource investing. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, the mining finance center of the world, Sprott manages several billion dollars in precious metals investments, including the Sprott Physical Bullion Trusts which trade on the NYSE Arca.

Sprott ETFs provide investors with access to innovative and unique indexes that are designed to outperform passive market cap-weighted offerings.

Sprott Asset Management leverages its expertise as an active money manager in precious metals and other natural resource sectors to co-develop each Index with its partners. Each index is designed using specific **Factors that Matter™** for a particular sector. These customized factors are selected because they have historically proven to be strong predictors of long term stock performance.

## IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES & DEFINITIONS

**An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, which contain this and other information please contact your financial professional or call 1.855.215.1425. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

**Sprott Gold Miners ETF shares are not individually redeemable. Investors buy and sell shares of the Sprott Gold Miners ETF on a secondary market. Only market makers or “authorized participants” may trade directly with the Fund, typically in blocks of 50,000 shares.**

**The Fund is not suitable for all investors. There are risks involved with investing in ETFs including the loss of money. The Fund is considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single investment could cause greater fluctuations in share price than would occur in a diversified fund.**

The Fund will be concentrated in the gold and silver mining industry. As a result, the Fund will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance will depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the gold and silver mining industry. Also, gold and silver mining companies are highly dependent on the price of gold and silver bullion. These prices may fluctuate substantially over short periods of time so the Fund’s Share price may be more volatile than other types of investments.

Funds that emphasize investments in small/mid cap companies will generally experience greater price volatility.

Funds investing in foreign and emerging markets will also generally experience greater price volatility.

There are risks involved with investing in ETFs including the loss of money.

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment losses.

ETFs are considered to have continuous liquidity because they allow for an individual to trade throughout the day.

The Sprott Gold Miners ETF is a new product with a limited operating history. ALPS Portfolio Solutions Distributor, Inc. is the Distributor for the Sprott Gold Miners ETF.

An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

\*Beta is defined as a sensitivity measure based on regression against the spot gold price movement during the trailing 36 months. <sup>1</sup>World Gold Council [http://www.gold.org/sites/default/files/GDT\\_Q4\\_2013.pdf](http://www.gold.org/sites/default/files/GDT_Q4_2013.pdf). <sup>2</sup>Bank of Nova Scotia. <sup>3</sup>Bloomberg – gold equities represented by the AMEX Gold BUGS Index.

<sup>4</sup>Gold price is a key factor driving the overall profitability of gold mining companies, and their stock price. Assuming that in the short term mining company’s expenses are constant, an increase in the price of gold contributes directly to the profitability of the company.