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## POWERSHARES DB MULTI-SECTOR COMMODITY TRUST

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| <b>PowerShares DB Agriculture Fund</b> | <b>124,172,875</b> | <b>Common Units of Beneficial Interest</b> |
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PowerShares DB Multi-Sector Commodity Trust, or the Trust, is organized in seven separate series as a Delaware statutory trust, one of which is offered pursuant to this Prospectus. PowerShares DB Agriculture Fund, or the Fund, is a series of the Trust. The Fund issues common units of beneficial interest, or Shares, which represent units of fractional undivided beneficial interest in and ownership of the Fund.

Authorized Participants may sell the Shares they purchase from the Fund in blocks of 200,000 Shares, called Baskets, to other investors at prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the Shares on the NYSE Arca, Inc., or the NYSE Arca, and the supply of and demand for Shares at the time of sale and are expected to fall between net asset value, or NAV, and the trading price of the Shares on the NYSE Arca at the time of sale.

The Shares trade on the NYSE Arca under the symbol DBA.

The Fund trades exchange-traded futures contracts on the commodities comprising the DBIQ Diversified Agriculture Index Excess Return , or the Index, with a view to tracking the Index over time. The Fund also earns interest income from United States Treasury Securities, or Treasury Income, and dividends from its holdings in money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise), or Money Market Income.

The Index, which is comprised of one or more underlying commodities, or Index Commodities, is intended to reflect the agricultural sector. The Index Commodities consist of Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Kansas City Wheat, Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle and Lean Hogs.

The common units of beneficial interest of five of the other six series of the Trust (PowerShares DB Energy Fund, PowerShares DB Oil Fund, PowerShares DB Precious Metals Fund, PowerShares DB Gold Fund and PowerShares DB Base Metals Fund) are offered pursuant to a separate prospectus. The common units of beneficial interest of the sixth series of the Trust, PowerShares DB Silver Fund, is offered pursuant to a separate prospectus.

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Except when aggregated in Baskets, the Shares are not redeemable securities.

Invesco PowerShares Capital Management LLC serves as the Managing Owner, commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor of the Fund.

**INVESTING IN THE SHARES INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT RISKS. PLEASE REFER TO THE RISKS YOU FACE BEGINNING ON PAGE 20.**

Futures trading is volatile and even a small movement in market prices could cause large losses.

The success of the Fund's trading program depends upon the skill of the Managing Owner and its trading principals.

You could lose all or substantially all of your investment.

The Index is concentrated in a small number of commodities. Concentration may result in greater volatility.

Investors pay fees in connection with their investment in the Shares, including asset-based fees of 0.85% per annum. Additional charges include brokerage fees of approximately 0.04% per annum in the aggregate.

Authorized Participants may offer to the public, from time-to-time, Shares from any Baskets they create. Shares offered to the public by Authorized Participants will be offered at a per-Share offering price that will vary depending on, among other factors, the trading price of the Shares on the NYSE Arca, the NAV per Share and the supply of and demand for the Shares at the time of the offer. Shares initially comprising the same Basket but offered by Authorized Participants to the public at different times may have different offering prices. Authorized Participants will not receive from the Fund, the Managing Owner or any of their affiliates, any fee or other compensation in connection with their sale of Shares to the public.

An Authorized Participant may receive commissions or fees from investors who purchase Shares through their commission or fee-based brokerage accounts. In addition, the Managing Owner pays a distribution services fee to Invesco Distributors, Inc. and pays a marketing services fee to Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. without reimbursement from the Trust or the Fund. For more information regarding items of compensation paid to FINRA members, please see the Plan of Distribution section on page 102.

**These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The Fund is not a mutual fund or any other type of investment company within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the Fund is not subject to regulation thereunder.**

**THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION HAS NOT PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS POOL NOR HAS THE COMMISSION PASSED ON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.**

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION PERMITS YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMODITY POOL. IN SO DOING, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT COMMODITY INTEREST TRADING CAN QUICKLY LEAD TO LARGE LOSSES AS WELL AS GAINS. SUCH TRADING LOSSES CAN SHARPLY REDUCE THE NET ASSET VALUE OF THE POOL AND CONSEQUENTLY THE VALUE OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE POOL. IN ADDITION, RESTRICTIONS ON REDEMPTIONS MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO WITHDRAW YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE POOL.**

**FURTHER, COMMODITY POOLS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES FOR MANAGEMENT, AND ADVISORY AND BROKERAGE FEES. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THOSE POOLS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THESE CHARGES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL TRADING PROFITS TO AVOID DEPLETION OR EXHAUSTION OF THEIR ASSETS. THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF EACH EXPENSE TO BE CHARGED THIS POOL AT PAGE 56 AND A STATEMENT OF THE PERCENTAGE RETURNS NECESSARY TO BREAK EVEN, THAT IS, TO RECOVER THE AMOUNT OF YOUR INITIAL INVESTMENT, AT PAGE 14.**

**THIS BRIEF STATEMENT CANNOT DISCLOSE ALL THE RISKS AND OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO EVALUATE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMMODITY POOL. THEREFORE, BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMODITY POOL, YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY STUDY THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL RISK FACTORS OF THIS INVESTMENT, AT PAGES 19 THROUGH 30.**

**YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THIS COMMODITY POOL MAY TRADE FOREIGN FUTURES OR OPTIONS CONTRACTS. TRANSACTIONS ON MARKETS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MARKETS FORMALLY LINKED TO A UNITED STATES MARKET, MAY BE SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS WHICH OFFER DIFFERENT OR DIMINISHED PROTECTION TO THE POOL AND ITS PARTICIPANTS. FURTHER, UNITED STATES REGULATORY AUTHORITIES MAY BE UNABLE TO COMPEL THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES OR MARKETS IN NON-UNITED STATES JURISDICTIONS WHERE TRANSACTIONS FOR THE POOL MAY BE EFFECTED.**

**THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL OF THE INFORMATION OR EXHIBITS IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT OF THE TRUST. YOU CAN READ AND COPY THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AT THE PUBLIC REFERENCE FACILITIES MAINTAINED BY THE SEC IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**THE FUND FILES QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS WITH THE SEC. YOU CAN READ AND COPY THESE REPORTS AT THE SEC PUBLIC REFERENCE FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PLEASE CALL THE SEC AT 1-800-SEC-0330 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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**REGULATORY NOTICES**

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**THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION TO SELL OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY, NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY OFFER, SOLICITATION, OR SALE OF THE SHARES IN ANY JURISDICTION IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION, OR SALE IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE ANY SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION, OR SALE.**

**THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE FUND ARE MAINTAINED AS FOLLOWS: ALL MARKETING MATERIALS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE OFFICES OF INVESCO DISTRIBUTORS, INC., 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 1000, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77046-1173; TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 983-0903; BASKET CREATION AND REDEMPTION BOOKS AND RECORDS, ACCOUNTING AND CERTAIN OTHER FINANCIAL BOOKS AND RECORDS (INCLUDING FUND ACCOUNTING RECORDS, LEDGERS WITH RESPECT TO ASSETS, LIABILITIES, CAPITAL, INCOME AND EXPENSES, THE REGISTRAR, TRANSFER JOURNALS AND RELATED DETAILS) AND TRADING AND RELATED DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM FUTURES COMMISSION MERCHANTS ARE MAINTAINED BY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, 2 HANSON PLACE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11217, TELEPHONE NUMBER (718) 315-7500. ALL OTHER BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE FUND (INCLUDING MINUTE BOOKS AND OTHER GENERAL CORPORATE RECORDS, TRADING RECORDS AND RELATED REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FROM THE FUND'S COMMODITY BROKERS) ARE MAINTAINED AT THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE, C/O INVESCO POWERSHARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC, 3500 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 700, DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS 60515; TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 983-0903. SHAREHOLDERS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, TO HAVE ACCESS TO AND COPY (UPON PAYMENT OF REASONABLE REPRODUCTION COSTS) SUCH BOOKS AND RECORDS IN PERSON OR BY THEIR AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY OR AGENT. MONTHLY ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FOR THE FUND CONFORMING TO COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (THE CFTC) AND THE NATIONAL FUTURES ASSOCIATION (THE NFA) REQUIREMENTS ARE POSTED ON THE MANAGING OWNER'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.INVESCOPOWERSHARES.COM](http://www.invescopowershares.com). ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE MANAGING OWNER'S WEBSITE IN THE DISCRETION OF THE MANAGING OWNER OR AS REQUIRED BY REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. THERE WILL SIMILARLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE FUND, NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FUND'S FISCAL YEAR, CERTIFIED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND (IN NO EVENT LATER THAN MARCH 15 OF THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YEAR) THE TAX INFORMATION RELATING TO SHARES OF THE FUND NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' ANNUAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS.**

**THE DIVISION OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REQUIRES THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BE PROMINENTLY SET FORTH HEREIN: NEITHER POWERSHARES DB MULTI-SECTOR COMMODITY TRUST NOR ANY SERIES THEREOF IS A MUTUAL FUND OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF INVESTMENT COMPANY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO REGULATION THEREUNDER.**

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO DELIVER A PROSPECTUS WHEN TRANSACTING IN SHARES. SEE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION.**



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**SUMMARY**

*This summary of material information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus is intended for quick reference only and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For ease of reference, any references throughout this Prospectus to various actions taken by the Fund are actually actions that the Trust has taken on behalf of the Fund. The remainder of this Prospectus contains more detailed information. You should read the entire Prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, before deciding to invest in Shares. Please see the section *Incorporation by Reference of Certain Documents* on page 105 for information on how you can obtain the information that is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. This Prospectus is dated June 20, 2016.*

**The Trust and the Fund**

PowerShares DB Multi-Sector Commodity Trust, or the Trust, was formed as a Delaware statutory trust, in seven separate series, or funds, on August 3, 2006. PowerShares DB Agriculture Fund, or the Fund, is a series of the Trust. The Fund issues common units of beneficial interest, or Shares, which represent units of fractional undivided beneficial interest in and ownership of the Fund. The term of the Trust and the Fund is perpetual (unless terminated earlier in certain circumstances). The principal offices of the Trust and the Fund are located at c/o Invesco PowerShares Capital Management LLC, 3500 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, IL 60515, and its telephone number is (800) 983-0903.

The Trust was organized in separate series as a Delaware statutory trust rather than as separate statutory trusts in order to achieve certain administrative efficiencies. The interests of investors are not adversely affected by the choice of form of organization. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Trust consists of the following seven series – PowerShares DB Energy Fund, PowerShares DB Oil Fund, PowerShares DB Precious Metals Fund, PowerShares DB Gold Fund, PowerShares DB Silver Fund, PowerShares DB Base Metals Fund and PowerShares DB Agriculture Fund. This Prospectus is for the Fund only and not for the first 6 funds listed in the prior sentence, or the Sectors Funds. The Sectors Funds, which are series of the Trust, are not being offered by this Prospectus. Information regarding

both the Fund and the Sectors Funds (and any other additional series of the Trust, as applicable) is available at [www.invescopowershares.com](http://www.invescopowershares.com).

**Shares Listed on the NYSE Arca**

The Shares are listed on the NYSE Arca under the symbol DBA.

Secondary market purchases and sales of Shares will be subject to ordinary brokerage commissions and charges.

**Purchases and Sales in the Secondary Market on the NYSE Arca**

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Individual Shares may be purchased and sold only on the NYSE Arca. Because the Shares will trade at market prices, rather than the net asset value, or NAV, of the Fund, Shares may trade at prices greater than NAV (at a premium), at NAV, or less than NAV (at a discount).

Baskets may be created or redeemed directly with the Fund only by Authorized Participants. It is expected that Baskets will be created when the market price per Share is at a premium to the NAV per Share. Similarly, it is expected that Baskets will be redeemed when the market price per Share is at a discount to the NAV per Share. Retail investors seeking to purchase or sell Shares on any day are expected to effect such transactions in the secondary market, on the NYSE Arca, at the market price per Share, rather than in connection with the creation or redemption of Baskets.

The market price of the Shares may not be identical to the NAV per Share, but these valuations are expected to be very close. Investors are able to use the intra-day indicative value, or IIV, per Share to determine if they want to purchase in the secondary market via the NYSE Arca. The IIV per Share is based on the prior day's final NAV, adjusted four times per minute throughout the trading day to reflect the continuous price changes of the Fund's futures positions, which provides a continuously updated estimated NAV per Share.

Retail investors may purchase and sell Shares through traditional brokerage accounts. Purchases or sales of Shares may be subject to customary brokerage commissions. Investors are encouraged to review the terms of their brokerage accounts for applicable charges.



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**Pricing Information Available on the NYSE Arca and Other Sources**

The following table lists additional NYSE Arca symbols and their meanings with respect to the Fund and the Index:

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| DBA      | Market price per Share on NYSE Arca                     |
| DBA.IV   | Indicative intra-day value per Share                    |
| DBA.NV   | End of day net asset value of the Fund                  |
| DBAGIX   | Intra-day Index closing level                           |
| DBLCDBAE | End of day Index closing level as of close of NYSE Arca |

The intra-day data in the above table is published once every fifteen seconds throughout each trading day.

The Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the closing level of the Index daily. The Managing Owner publishes the NAV of the Fund and the NAV per Share daily. Additionally, the Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the intra-day Index level, and the Index Sponsor calculates, and the Managing Owner publishes, the IIV per Share (quoted in U.S. dollars) once every fifteen seconds throughout each trading day.

All of the foregoing information is published as follows:

The intra-day level of the Index (symbol: DBAGIX) and the IIV per Share (symbol: DBA.IV) (each quoted in U.S. dollars) are published once every fifteen seconds throughout each trading day on the consolidated tape, Reuters and/or Bloomberg and on the Managing Owner's website at <http://www.invescopowershares.com>, or any successor thereto.

The current trading price per Share (symbol: DBA) (quoted in U.S. dollars) is published continuously as trades occur throughout each trading day on the consolidated tape, Reuters and/or Bloomberg and on the Managing Owner's website at <http://www.invescopowershares.com>, or any successor thereto.

The most recent end-of-day Index closing level (symbol: DBLCDBAE) is published as of the close

of business for the NYSE Arca each trading day on the consolidated tape, Reuters and/or Bloomberg and on the Managing Owner's website at <http://www.invescopowershares.com>, or any successor thereto.

The most recent end-of-day NAV of the Fund (symbol: DBA.NV) is published as of the close of business on Reuters and/or Bloomberg and on the Managing Owner's website at <http://www.invescopowershares.com>, or any successor thereto. In addition, the most recent end-of-day NAV of the Fund (symbol: DBA.NV) is published the following morning on the consolidated tape.

All of the foregoing information with respect to the Index, including the Index's history, is also published at <https://index.db.com>.

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The Index Sponsor obtains information for inclusion in, or for use in the calculation of, the Index from sources the Index Sponsor considers reliable. None of the Index Sponsor, the Managing Owner, the Fund or any of their respective affiliates accepts responsibility for or guarantees the accuracy and/or completeness of the Index or any data included in the Index.

### **CUSIP Number**

The CUSIP number of the Fund is 73936B408.

### **Risk Factors**

*An investment in the Shares is speculative and involves a high degree of risk. The summary risk factors set forth below are intended merely to highlight certain risks of the Fund. The Fund has additional risks that are set forth elsewhere in this Prospectus.*

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results; all or substantially all of an investment in the Fund could be lost.

The trading of the Fund takes place in very volatile markets.

The Fund is subject to the fees and expenses described herein (in addition to the amount of any commissions charged by the investor's broker in connection with an investor's purchase of Shares) and will be successful only if significant losses are avoided.

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The Fund is subject to fees and expenses in the aggregate amount of approximately 0.89% per annum as described herein and will be successful only if its annual returns from futures trading (held for investment purposes), plus its annual Treasury Income and any Money Market Income (held for margin and/or cash management purposes), exceed such fees and expenses of approximately 0.89% per annum. The Fund is expected to earn Treasury Income equal to 0.22% per annum, based upon the yield of 3-month United States Treasury Securities as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.06 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. The Fund is also expected to earn Money Market Income equal to 0.39% per annum as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.10 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. Because the Fund invests a portion of its assets in each of the Treasury Securities and the money market mutual funds, its expected income from each of its holdings will be approximately \$0.05 and approximately \$0.01, respectively, for an aggregate amount of approximately \$0.06. Therefore, based upon the difference between the sum of the Treasury Income plus the Money Market Income and the annual fees and expenses, the Fund will be required to earn approximately 0.67% per annum, or \$0.17 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share, in order for an investor to break-even on an investment during the first twelve months of an investment. Actual Treasury Income and Money Market Income could be higher or lower than the current levels.

As of the date of this Prospectus, the CFTC and/or commodity exchange rules impose speculative position limits on market participants trading in all eleven commodities included in the Index (Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Kansas City Wheat, Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle and Lean Hogs, or the Affected Index Commodities). Because the Fund is subject to position limits, its ability to issue new Baskets or its ability to reinvest income in additional futures contracts corresponding to the Affected Index Commodities may be impaired or limited to the extent that these activities would cause the Fund to exceed its applicable position limits.

Limiting the size of the Fund to stay within those position limits may affect the correlation between the price of its Shares, as traded on the NYSE Arca, and its NAV. The inability to create additional Baskets could result in Shares trading at a premium or discount to NAV of the Fund.

If the Managing Owner determines in its commercially reasonable judgment that it has become impracticable or inefficient for any reason for the Fund to gain full or partial exposure to any Index Commodity by investing in a specific futures contract that comprises the Index, the Fund may invest in a futures contract referencing the particular Index Commodity other than the specific contract that comprises the Index or, in the alternative, invest in other futures contracts not based on the particular Index Commodity if, in the commercially reasonable judgment of the Managing Owner, such futures contracts tend to exhibit trading prices that correlate with a futures contract that comprises the Index.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve profits or avoid losses, significant or otherwise.

Performance of the Fund may not track the Index during particular periods or over the long term. Such tracking error may cause the Fund to outperform or underperform the Index.

Certain potential conflicts of interest exist between the Managing Owner, the Commodity Broker (as defined herein) and their affiliates and the Shareholders. For example, the Commodity Broker may have a conflict of interest between its execution of trades for the Fund and for its other customers. More specifically, the Commodity Broker will benefit from executing orders for other clients, whereas the Fund may be harmed to the extent that the Commodity Broker has fewer resources to allocate to the Fund's accounts due to the existence of such other clients. Allocation of resources among the Commodity Broker's clients adds to the potential conflict. Proprietary trading by the affiliates of the Managing Owner and the Commodity Broker may create conflicts of interest from time-to-

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time because such proprietary trades may take a position that is opposite of that of the Fund or may compete with the Fund for certain positions within the marketplace. See **Conflicts of Interest** for a more complete disclosure of various conflicts. Although the Managing Owner has established procedures designed to resolve certain of these conflicts equitably, the Managing Owner has not established formal procedures to resolve all potential conflicts of interest. Consequently, investors may be dependent on the good faith of the respective parties subject to such conflicts to resolve them equitably. Although the Managing Owner attempts to monitor these conflicts, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the Managing Owner to ensure that these conflicts will not, in fact, result in adverse consequences to the Fund.

## **The Trustee**

Wilmington Trust Company, or the Trustee, a Delaware trust company, is the sole trustee of the Trust. The Trustee delegated to the Managing Owner all of the power and authority to manage the business and affairs of the Trust and the Fund and has only nominal duties and liabilities to the Trust and the Fund.

## **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks to track changes, whether positive or negative, in the level of the DBIQ Diversified Agriculture Index Excess Return , or the Index, over time, plus the excess, if any, of the sum of the Fund's Treasury Income and Money Market Income over the expenses of the Fund. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund invests in futures contracts in an attempt to track its Index. The Fund holds Treasury Securities and money market mutual funds for margin and/or cash management purposes only.

The Shares are designed for investors who want a cost-effective and convenient way to invest in commodity futures on U.S. and non-U.S. markets.

Advantages of investing in the Fund include:

*Ease and Flexibility of Investment.* The Shares trade on the NYSE Arca and provide institutional and retail investors with indirect access to commodity futures markets. The Shares may be bought and sold on the NYSE Arca like other exchange-listed securities. Retail investors may purchase and sell Shares through traditional brokerage accounts.

*Margin.* Shares are eligible for margin accounts.

*Diversification.* The Shares may help to diversify a portfolio because historically the Index has tended to exhibit low to negative correlation with both equities and conventional bonds and positive correlation to inflation.

*Optimum Yield .* A portion of the Index utilizes an Optimum Yield methodology, which seeks to minimize the effects of negative roll yield that may be experienced by conventional commodities indexes.

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*Transparency.* The Shares provide a more direct investment in commodities than mutual funds or exchange-traded funds that invest in commodity-linked notes or otherwise gain indirect exposure to commodities, which may have implicit imbedded costs, credit risk and other potentially opaque features.

Investing in the Fund does not insulate Shareholders from certain risks, including price volatility.

The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing in a portfolio of exchange-traded futures on the commodities comprising the Index.

The Index, which is comprised of one or more underlying commodities, or Index Commodities, is intended to reflect the agricultural sector. The Index Commodities consist of Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Kansas City Wheat, Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle and Lean Hogs.

If the Managing Owner determines in its commercially reasonable judgment that it has become impracticable or inefficient for any reason for the Fund to gain full or partial exposure to any Index Commodity by investing in a specific futures contract that comprises the Index, the Fund may invest in a futures contract referencing the particular Index Commodity other than the specific contract that comprises the Index or, in the alternative, invest in other futures contracts not based on

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the particular Index Commodity if, in the commercially reasonable judgment of the Managing Owner, such futures contracts tend to exhibit trading prices that correlate with a futures contract that comprises the Index.

The Index Sponsor calculates the Index on an excess return basis and a total return basis. The excess return basis calculation reflects the change in market value over time, whether positive or negative, of the applicable underlying commodity futures only. The total return basis calculation reflects the sum of the change in market value over time, whether positive or negative, of the applicable underlying commodity futures plus the return on 3-month U.S. Treasury bills. The Fund seeks to track changes, whether positive or negative, in the level of the Index over time, plus the excess, if any, of the sum of the Fund's Treasury Income and Money Market Income over the expenses of the Fund. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund invests in futures contracts in an attempt to track its Index. The Fund holds Treasury Securities and money market mutual funds for margin and/or cash management purposes only. The Shares are designed for investors who want a cost-effective and convenient way to invest in a diversified index of commodity futures.

The Fund will make distributions at the discretion of the Managing Owner. To the extent that the Fund's actual and projected Treasury Income and the Fund's actual and projected Money Market Income exceeds the actual and projected fees and expenses of the Fund, the Managing Owner expects periodically to make distributions of the amount of such excess. The Fund currently does not expect to make distributions with respect to capital gains. Depending on the Fund's performance for the taxable year and your own tax situation for such year, your income tax liability for the taxable year for your allocable share of the Fund's net ordinary income or loss and capital gain or loss may exceed any distributions you receive with respect to such year.

The Fund also holds United States Treasury Securities for deposit with the Fund's Commodity Broker as margin and United States Treasury Securities, cash and money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise) on deposit with the Custodian (for cash management purposes).

## **General**

Each of the DBIQ Optimum Yield Index Excess Return , or DBIQ-OYER , and the DBIQ Index Excess Return , or DBIQ ER ( DBIQ-OYER and DBIQ ER , collectively, DBIQ or DBIQ ER ), is intended to reflect the changes in market value, positive or negative, in certain sectors of commodities, or an index. The Index is calculated on an excess return, or unfunded basis. The Index is rolled on both an Optimum Yield™ and non-Optimum Yield™ basis. The Optimum Yield™ rolling methodology is aimed at potentially maximizing the roll benefits in backwardated markets and minimizing the losses from rolling in contangoed markets. The non-Optimum Yield™ portion of the Index is rolled to the next to expire futures contract as provided below under Contract Selection (Non-OY Single Commodity Indexes only). The Index is comprised of one or more underlying commodities, or Index Commodities. Each Index Commodity is assigned a weight, or Index Base Weight, which is intended to reflect the proportion of such Index Commodity relative to the Index.

The Index has been calculated back to a base date, or Base Date. On the Base Date of January 18, 1989, the closing level of the Index, or Closing Level, was 100.

The sponsor of the Index is Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., or Index Sponsor.

## **Composition of the Index**

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The Index is composed of notional amounts of each of the underlying Index Commodities. The notional amount of each Index Commodity included in the Index is intended to reflect the changes in market value of each such Index Commodity within the Index. The Closing Level of the Index is calculated on each Index Business Day (as defined below) by the Index Sponsor based on the closing price of the futures contracts for each of the underlying Index Commodities and the notional amounts of such Index Commodities.

The Index is rebalanced annually in November to ensure that each of the Index Commodities is weighted in the same proportion that such Index Commodities were weighted on the Base Date.

The composition of the Index may be adjusted in the event that the Index Sponsor is not able to calculate the closing prices of the Index Commodities.

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The Index includes provisions for the replacement of futures contracts as they approach maturity. This replacement takes place over a period of time in order to lessen the impact on the market for the futures contracts being replaced. With respect to each Index Commodity, the Fund employs a rule-based approach when it rolls from one futures contract to another. The Index is comprised of OY Single Commodity Indexes and non-OY Single Commodity Indexes. The Index Commodities that underlie the OY Single Commodity Indexes are Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Kansas City Wheat and Sugar. The Index Commodities that underlie the non-OY Single Commodity Indexes are Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle and Lean Hogs. The OY Single Commodity Indexes are rolled to the futures contract which generates the best possible implied roll yield. The futures contract with a delivery month within the next thirteen months which generates the best possible implied roll yield will be included in each OY Single Commodity Index. As a result, each OY Single Commodity Index is able to potentially maximize the roll benefits in backwarddated markets and minimize the losses from rolling in contangoed markets.

Each of the non-OY Single Commodity Indexes rolls only to the next to expire futures contract as provided below under Contract Selection (Non-OY Single Commodity Indexes only).

In general, as a futures contract approaches its expiration date, its price will move towards the spot price in a contangoed market. Assuming the spot price does not change, this would result in the futures contract price decreasing and a negative implied roll yield. The opposite is true in a backwarddated market. Rolling in a contangoed market will tend to cause a drag on an Index Commodity's contribution to the Fund's return while rolling in a backwarddated market will tend to cause a push on an Index Commodity's contribution to the Fund's return.

The futures contract price for each Index Commodity will be the exchange closing price for such Index Commodity on which the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) is open for business, or Index Business Days. If a weekday is not an Exchange Business Day (as defined in the following sentence) but is an Index Business Day, the exchange closing price from the previous Index Business Day will be used for each Index Commodity. Exchange Business Day means, in respect of an Index Commodity, a day that is a trading day for such Index Commodity on the relevant exchange (unless either an Index disruption event or force majeure event has occurred).

### **Contract Selection (OY Single Commodity Indexes only)**

On the first Index Business Day, or Verification Date, of each month, each Index Commodity futures contract will be tested in order to determine whether to continue including it in the applicable OY Single Commodity Index. If the Index Commodity futures contract requires delivery of the underlying commodity in the next month, known as the Delivery Month, a new Index Commodity futures contract will be selected for inclusion in such OY Single Commodity Index. For example, if the first Index Business Day is May 1 of the current year, and the Delivery Month of the Index Commodity futures contract currently in such OY Single Commodity Index is June of the current year, a new Index Commodity futures contract with a later Delivery Month will be selected.

For each underlying Index Commodity of an OY Single Commodity Index, the new Index Commodity futures contract selected will be the Index Commodity futures contract with the best possible implied roll yield based on the closing price for each eligible Index Commodity futures contract. Eligible Index Commodity futures contracts are any Index Commodity futures contracts having a Delivery Month (i) no sooner than the month after the Delivery Month of the Index Commodity futures contract currently in such OY Single Commodity Index, and (ii) no later than the 13<sup>th</sup> month after the Verification Date. For example, if the first Index Business Day is May 1 of the current year and the Delivery Month of an Index Commodity futures contract currently in an OY Single Commodity Index is therefore June of the current year, the Delivery Month of an eligible new Index Commodity futures contract must be between July of the current year and June of the following year. The implied roll yield is then calculated and the futures contract on the Index Commodity with the best possible implied roll yield is then selected. If two futures contracts have the same implied roll yield, the futures contract with the minimum number of months prior to the Delivery Month is selected.



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After selection of the replacement futures contract, each OY Single Commodity Index will roll such replacement futures contract as provided in the sub-paragraph Monthly Index Roll Period with respect to both OY Single Commodity Indexes and Non-OY Single Commodity Indexes.

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**Contract Selection (Non-OY Single Commodity Indexes only)**

On the first Index Business Day of each month, each non-OY Single Commodity Index will select a new futures contract to replace the old futures contract as provided in the following schedule.

| <b>Contract</b> | <b>Exchange<br/>(Symbol)</b> | <b>Jan</b> | <b>Feb</b> | <b>Mar</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>May</b> | <b>Jun</b> | <b>Jul</b> | <b>Aug</b> | <b>Sep</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>Nov</b> | <b>Dec</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Cocoa           | ICE-US (CC)                  | H          | K          | K          | N          | N          | U          | U          | Z          | Z          | Z          | H          | H          |
| Coffee          | ICE-US (KC)                  | H          | K          | K          | N          | N          | U          | U          | Z          | Z          | Z          | H          | H          |
| Cotton          | ICE-US (CT)                  | H          | K          | K          | N          | N          | Z          | Z          | Z          | Z          | Z          | H          | H          |
| Live Cattle     | CME (LC)                     | J          | J          | M          | M          | Q          | Q          | V          | V          | Z          | Z          | G          | G          |
| Feeder Cattle   | CME (FC)                     | H          | J          | K          | Q          | Q          | Q          | U          | V          | X          | F          | F          | H          |
| Lean Hogs       | CME (LH)                     | J          | J          | M          | M          | N          | Q          | V          | V          | Z          | Z          | G          | G          |

**Month**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Letter Code</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| January      | F                  |
| February     | G                  |
| March        | H                  |
| April        | J                  |
| May          | K                  |
| June         | M                  |
| July         | N                  |
| August       | Q                  |
| September    | U                  |
| October      | V                  |
| November     | X                  |
| December     | Z                  |

After selection of the replacement futures contract, each non-OY Single Commodity Index will roll such replacement futures contract as provided in the sub-paragraph Monthly Index Roll Period with respect to both OY Single Commodity Indexes and Non-OY Single Commodity Indexes.

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### **Monthly Index Roll Period with respect to both OY Single Commodity Indexes and Non-OY Single Commodity Indexes**

After the futures contract selection with respect to both OY Single Commodity Indexes and non-OY Single Commodity Indexes, the monthly roll for each Index Commodity subject to a roll in that particular month unwinds the old futures contract and enters a position in the new futures contract. This takes place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Index Business Day of the month.

On each day during the roll period, new notional holdings are calculated. The calculations for the old Index Commodities that are leaving the Index and the new Index Commodities are then calculated.

On all days that are not monthly index roll days, the notional holdings of each Index Commodity future remains constant.

The Index is re-weighted on an annual basis on the 6<sup>th</sup> Index Business Day of each November.

The calculation of the Index is expressed as the weighted average return of the Index Commodities.

*There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective or avoid substantial losses.*

### **Shares Should Track Closely the Value of its Index**

The Shares are intended to provide investment results that generally correspond to changes, positive or negative, in the levels of the Index, over time.

The value of the Shares is expected to fluctuate in relation to changes in the value of its portfolio. The market price of the Shares may not be identical to the NAV per Share, but these two valuations are expected to be very close.

The Fund holds a portfolio of long futures contracts on the Index Commodities which comprise its Index, each of which are traded on various commodity futures markets in the United States and abroad. The Fund also holds United States Treasury Securities for deposit with the Fund's Commodity Broker as margin and United States Treasury Securities, cash and money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise) on deposit with the Custodian (for cash management purposes). The Fund's portfolio is traded with a view to tracking the

changes in its Index over time, whether the Index is rising, falling or flat over any particular period. The Fund is not managed by traditional methods, which typically involve effecting changes in the composition of a portfolio on the basis of judgments relating to economic, financial and market considerations with a view to obtaining positive results.

## The Managing Owner

Invesco PowerShares Capital Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, serves as Managing Owner of the Trust and the Fund. The Managing Owner was formed on February 7, 2003. The Managing Owner is an affiliate of Invesco Ltd. The Managing Owner was formed to be the managing owner of investment vehicles such as exchange-traded funds and has been managing non-commodity futures based exchange-traded funds since 2003 and a commodity futures based exchange-traded fund since 2014. The Managing Owner serves as the commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor of the Trust and the Fund. The Managing Owner is registered as a commodity pool operator, commodity trading advisor and swap firm with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or the CFTC, and is a member of the National Futures Association, or the NFA. As a registered commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor, with respect to both the Trust and the Fund, the Managing Owner must comply with various regulatory requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the CFTC and the NFA, including investor protection requirements, antifraud prohibitions, disclosure requirements, and reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The Managing Owner also is subject to periodic inspections and audits by the CFTC and NFA.

An investment in the Shares is speculative and involves a high degree of risk.

The principal office of the Managing Owner is located at 3500 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, IL 60515. The telephone number of the Managing Owner is (800) 983-0903.

PowerShares® is a registered service mark of Invesco PowerShares Capital Management LLC.

The Fund pays the Managing Owner a Management Fee, monthly in arrears, in an amount equal to 0.85% per annum of the daily NAV of the Fund.

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The Management Fee is paid in consideration of the Managing Owner's commodity futures trading advisory services.

The Fund may, for cash management purposes, invest in money market mutual funds that are managed by affiliates of the Managing Owner. The indirect portion of the management fee that the Fund may incur through such investment is in addition to the Management Fee paid to the Managing Owner. Therefore, the Managing Owner has agreed voluntarily to waive the fees that it receives in an amount equal to the indirect management fees that the Fund incurs through its investments in affiliated money market mutual funds through June 20, 2017.

## **The Commodity Broker**

A variety of executing brokers execute futures transactions on behalf of the Fund. Such executing brokers give-up all such transactions to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which serves as the Fund's clearing broker, or Commodity Broker. In its capacity as clearing broker, the Commodity Broker executes and clears each of the Fund's futures transactions and performs certain administrative services for the Fund. The Commodity Broker is registered with the CFTC as a futures commission merchant and is a member of the NFA in such capacity.

The Fund pays to the Commodity Broker all brokerage commissions, including applicable exchange fees, NFA fees, give-up fees, pit brokerage fees and other transaction related fees and expenses charged in connection with trading activities. On average, total charges paid to the Commodity Broker are expected to be less than \$7.00 per round-turn trade, although the Commodity Broker's brokerage commissions and trading fees are determined on a contract-by-contract basis. The Managing Owner estimates the brokerage commissions and fees will be approximately 0.04% of the NAV of the Fund in any year, although the actual amount of brokerage commissions and fees in any year or any part of any year may be greater.

A round-turn trade is a completed transaction involving both a purchase and a liquidating sale, or a sale followed by a covering purchase.

## **The Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent**

The Bank of New York Mellon is the administrator, or the Administrator, of the Fund and has entered into an Administration Agreement in connection therewith. The Bank of New York Mellon serves as custodian, or Custodian, of the Fund and has entered into a Global Custody Agreement, or Custody Agreement, in connection therewith. The Bank of New York Mellon serves as the transfer agent, or Transfer Agent, of the Fund and has entered into a Transfer Agency and Service Agreement in connection therewith.

The Bank of New York Mellon, a banking corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York with trust powers, has an office at 2 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217. The Bank of New York Mellon is subject to supervision by the New York State Banking Department and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Information regarding the NAV of the Fund, creation and redemption transaction fees and the names of the parties that have executed a Participant Agreement may be obtained from The Bank of New York Mellon by calling the following number: (718) 315-7500. A copy of the Administration Agreement is available for inspection at The Bank of New York Mellon's office identified above.

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Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, the Administrator performs or supervises the performance of services necessary for the operation and administration of the Fund (other than making investment decisions), including receiving and processing orders from Authorized Participants to create and redeem Baskets, NAV calculations, accounting and other fund administrative services. The Administrator retains, separately for the Fund, certain financial books and records, including: Basket creation and redemption books and records, Fund accounting records, ledgers with respect to assets, liabilities, capital, income and expenses, the registrar, transfer journals and related details and trading and related documents received from futures commission merchants, c/o The Bank of New York Mellon, 2 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, New York 11217, telephone number (718) 315-7500.

The Administration Agreement is continuously in effect unless terminated on at least 90 days prior written notice by either party to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may terminate the Administration Agreement upon 30 days

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prior written notice if the Fund has materially failed to perform its obligations under the Administration Agreement.

The Administration Agreement provides for the exculpation and indemnification of the Administrator from and against any costs, expenses, damages, liabilities or claims (other than those resulting from the Administrator's own bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct) which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against the Administrator in performing its obligations or duties under the Administration Agreement. Key terms of the Administration Agreement are summarized under the heading "Material Contracts."

The Administrator's monthly fees are paid on behalf of the Fund by the Managing Owner out of the Management Fee.

The Administrator and any of its affiliates may from time-to-time purchase or sell Shares for their own account, as agent for their customers and for accounts over which they exercise investment discretion.

The Transfer Agent receives a transaction processing fee in connection with orders from Authorized Participants to create or redeem Baskets in the amount of \$500 per order. These transaction processing fees are paid directly by the Authorized Participants and not by the Fund.

The Fund is expected to retain the services of one or more additional service providers to assist with certain tax reporting requirements of the Fund and the Shareholders.

## **Invesco Distributors, Inc.**

Invesco Distributors, Inc., or Invesco Distributors, assists the Managing Owner with certain functions and duties relating to distribution and marketing, including reviewing and approving marketing materials. Invesco Distributors retains all marketing materials at c/o Invesco Distributors, Inc., 11 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77046-1173. Investors may contact Invesco Distributors toll-free in the U.S. at (800) 983-0903. The Fund has entered into a Distribution Services Agreement with Invesco Distributors. Invesco Distributors is affiliated with the Managing Owner.

The Managing Owner, out of the Management Fee, pays Invesco Distributors for performing its duties on

behalf of the Fund and may pay Invesco Distributors additional compensation in consideration of the performance by Invesco Distributors of additional services. Such additional services may include, among other services, the development and implementation of a marketing plan and the utilization of Invesco Distributors' resources, which include an extensive broker database and a network of internal and external wholesalers.

## **Index Sponsor**

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The Managing Owner, on behalf of the Fund, has appointed Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. to serve as the index sponsor, or the Index Sponsor. The Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the daily index levels and the indicative intraday index levels. Additionally, the Index Sponsor also calculates the IIV per Share throughout each Business Day.

The Managing Owner pays the Index Sponsor a licensing fee and an index services fee out of the Management Fee for performing its duties.

### **Marketing Agent**

The Managing Owner, on behalf of the Fund, has appointed Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., or the Marketing Agent, to assist the Managing Owner by providing support to educate institutional investors about the Deutsche Bank indices and to complete governmental or institutional due diligence questionnaires or requests for proposals related to the Deutsche Bank indices.

The Managing Owner pays the Marketing Agent a marketing services fee out of the Management Fee.

The Marketing Agent will not open or maintain customer accounts or handle orders for the Fund. The Marketing Agent has no responsibility for the performance of the Fund or the decisions made or actions taken by the Managing Owner.

### **800 Number for Investors**

Investors may contact the Managing Owner toll free in the U.S. at (800) 983-0903.

### **Limitation of Liabilities**

Your investment in the Fund is part of the assets of the Fund, and it will therefore be subject to the risks of



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the Fund's trading only. You cannot lose more than your investment in the Fund, and you will not be subject to the losses or liabilities of any other fund of the Trust in which you have not invested. We have received an opinion of counsel that the Fund is entitled to the benefits of the limitation on inter-series liability provided under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act. Each Share, when purchased in accordance with the Fifth Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust and Trust Agreement of the Trust, as amended from time-to-time, or the Trust Declaration, shall, except as otherwise provided by law, be fully-paid and non-assessable.

The debts, liabilities, obligations, claims and expenses of the Fund will be enforceable against the assets of the Fund only, and not against the assets of the Trust generally or the assets of any other fund of the Trust, and, unless otherwise provided in the Trust Declaration, none of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to the Trust generally or any other series thereof will be enforceable against the assets of the Fund, as the case may be.

## **Creation and Redemption of Shares**

The Fund creates and redeems Shares from time-to-time, but only in one or more Baskets. A Basket is a block of 200,000 Shares. Baskets may be created or redeemed only by Authorized Participants. Except when aggregated in Baskets, the Shares are not redeemable securities. Authorized Participants pay a transaction fee of \$500 in connection with each order to create or redeem a Basket. Authorized Participants may sell the Shares included in the Baskets they purchase from the Fund to other investors.

See [Creation and Redemption of Shares](#) for more details.

## **The Offering**

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Managing Owner and the Authorized Participant as provided in the next sentence, the Fund issues Shares in Baskets to Authorized Participants continuously on the creation order settlement date as of 2:45 p.m., Eastern time, on the business day immediately following the date on which a valid order to create a Basket is accepted by the Fund, at the NAV of 200,000 Shares as of the closing time of the NYSE Arca or the last to close of the

exchanges on which the Fund's futures contracts are traded, whichever is later, on the date that a valid order to create a Basket is accepted by the Fund. Upon submission of a creation order, the Authorized Participant may request the Managing Owner to agree to a creation order settlement date up to 3 business days after the creation order date.

## **Authorized Participants**

Baskets may be created or redeemed only by Authorized Participants. Each Authorized Participant must (1) be a registered broker-dealer or other securities market participant such as a bank or other financial institution which is not required to register as a broker-dealer to engage in securities transactions, (2) be a participant in DTC, and (3) have entered into an agreement with the Fund and the Managing Owner, or a Participant Agreement. The Participant Agreement sets forth the procedures for the creation and redemption of Baskets and for the delivery of cash required for such creations or redemptions. A list of the current Authorized Participants can be obtained from the Administrator. See [Creation and Redemption of Shares](#) for more details.

**NAV**

NAV, in respect of the Fund, means the total assets of the Fund including, but not limited to, all cash and cash equivalents or other debt securities less total liabilities of the Fund, each determined on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, consistently applied under the accrual method of accounting.

NAV per Share is the NAV of the Fund divided by the number of its outstanding Shares.

See Description of the Shares; The Fund; Certain Material Terms of the Trust Declaration-NAV for more details.

**Clearance and Settlement**

The Shares are evidenced by global certificates that the Fund issues to DTC. The Shares are available only in book-entry form. Shareholders may hold their Shares through DTC, if they are participants in DTC, or indirectly through entities that are participants in DTC.

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**Segregated Accounts/Treasury Income and Money Market Income**

The proceeds of the continuous offering of the Shares are deposited in cash in a segregated account in the name of the Fund at the Custodian (or another eligible financial institution, as applicable) in accordance with CFTC investor protection and segregation requirements. The Fund is credited with 100% of the interest earned on its average net assets on deposit with the Custodian or such other financial institution each week. The Managing Owner expects to invest non-margin assets in United States government securities (which include any security issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States), or any certificate of deposit for any of the foregoing, including United States Treasury bonds, United States Treasury securities and issues of agencies of the United States government, and certain cash items such as money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise), certificates of deposit (under nine months) and time deposits or other instruments permitted by applicable rules and regulations for cash management purposes. The Fund is expected to earn Treasury Income equal to 0.22% per annum, based upon the yield of 3-month United States Treasury Securities as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.06 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. The Fund is also expected to earn Money Market Income equal to 0.39% per annum as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.10 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. Because the Fund invests a portion of its assets in each of the Treasury Securities and the money market mutual funds, its expected income from each of its holdings will be approximately \$0.05 and approximately \$0.01, respectively, for an aggregate amount of approximately \$0.06. This income is used by the Fund to pay its expenses. See Fees and Expenses on page 56 for more details.

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**Fees and Expenses**

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| Management Fee   | The Fund pays the Managing Owner a Management Fee, monthly in arrears, in an amount equal to 0.85% per annum of its daily NAV. The Management Fee is paid in consideration of the Managing Owner's commodity futures trading advisory services.  |
| Organization and Offering Expenses   | The Fund may, for cash management purposes, invest in money market mutual funds that are managed by affiliates of the Managing Owner. The indirect portion of the management fee that the Fund may incur through such investment is in addition to the Management Fee paid to the Managing Owner. Therefore, the Managing Owner has agreed voluntarily to waive the fees that it receives in an amount equal to the indirect management fees that the Fund incurs through its investments in affiliated money market mutual funds through June 20, 2017.<br>Expenses incurred in connection with organizing the Fund and the initial offering of the Shares were paid by the Predecessor Managing Owner. Expenses incurred in connection with the continuous offering of Shares from commencement of the Fund's trading operations up to and excluding February 23, 2015 were also paid by the Predecessor Managing Owner. Expenses incurred in connection with the continuous offering of Shares on and after February 23, 2015 are paid by the Managing Owner. |
| Brokerage Commissions and Fees   | The Fund pays to the Commodity Broker all brokerage commissions, including applicable exchange fees, NFA fees, give-up fees, pit brokerage fees and other transaction related fees and expenses charged in connection with its trading activities. On average, total charges paid to the Commodity Broker are expected to be less than \$7.00 per round-turn trade, although the Commodity Broker's brokerage commissions and trading fees are determined on a contract-by-contract basis. The Managing Owner estimates the brokerage commissions and fees will be approximately 0.04% of the NAV of the Fund in any year, although the actual amount of brokerage commissions and fees in any year or any part of any year may be greater.  |
| Routine Operational, Administrative and Other Ordinary Expenses                                | The Managing Owner pays all of the routine operational, administrative and other ordinary expenses of the Fund, including, but not limited to, computer services, the fees and expenses of the Trustee, license and service fees paid to Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., or DBSI, as Marketing Agent and Index Sponsor, legal and accounting fees and expenses, tax preparation expenses, filing fees, and printing, mailing and duplication costs.   |
| Non-Recurring Fees and Expenses  | The Fund pays all non-recurring and unusual fees and expenses (referred to as extraordinary fees and expenses in the Trust Declaration), if any, of itself. Non-recurring and unusual fees and expenses are fees and expenses which are non-recurring and unusual in nature, such as legal claims and liabilities, litigation costs or indemnification or other unanticipated expenses. Such non-recurring and unusual fees and expenses, by their nature, are unpredictable in terms of timing and amount.  |
| Management Fee and Expenses to be Paid First out of Treasury Income and/or Money Market Income | The Management Fee and the brokerage commissions and fees of the Fund are paid first out of Treasury Income from the Fund's holdings of United States Treasury Securities and Money Market Income from the Fund's holdings of money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise) on deposit with the Commodity Broker as margin, the Custodian, or otherwise. If the sum of the Treasury Income and the Money Market Income is not sufficient to cover the fees and expenses of the Fund during any period, the excess of such fees and expenses over such Treasury Income and the Money Market Income will be paid out of income from futures trading, if any, or from sales of the Fund's United States Treasury Securities and/or holdings in money market mutual funds. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund invests in futures contracts in an attempt to track its Index. The Fund holds Treasury Securities and money market mutual funds for margin and/or cash management purposes only.   |
| Selling Commission   | Retail investors may purchase and sell Shares through traditional brokerage accounts. Investors are expected to be charged a customary commission by their brokers in connection with purchases of Shares that will vary from investor to investor. Investors are encouraged to review the terms of their brokerage accounts for applicable charges.   |



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### **Breakeven Amounts**

The estimated amount of all fees and expenses which are anticipated to be incurred by a new investor in Shares during the first twelve months of investment is 0.89% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, plus the amount of any commissions charged by the investor's broker.

The Fund will be successful only if its annual returns from futures trading, plus its annual Treasury Income and Money Market Income, exceed such fees and expenses of approximately 0.89% per annum. The Fund is expected to earn Treasury Income equal to 0.22% per annum, based upon the yield of 3-month United States Treasury Securities as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.06 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. The Fund is also expected to earn Money Market Income equal to 0.39% per annum as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.10 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. Because the Fund invests a portion of its assets in each of the Treasury Securities and the money market mutual funds, its expected income from each of its holdings will be approximately \$0.05 and approximately \$0.01, respectively, for an aggregate amount of approximately \$0.06. Therefore, based upon the difference between the sum of the current Treasury Income plus the Money Market Income and the annual fees and expenses, the Fund will be required to earn approximately 0.67% per annum, or \$0.17 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share, in order for an investor to break-even on an investment during the first twelve months of an investment. Actual Treasury Income and Money Market Income could be higher or lower than the current levels. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund invests in futures contracts in an attempt to track its Index. The Fund holds Treasury Securities and money market mutual funds for margin and/or cash management purposes only.

### **Distributions**

The Fund will make distributions at the discretion of the Managing Owner. To the extent that the Fund's actual and projected Treasury Income and the Fund's actual and projected Money Market Income exceeds the actual and projected fees and expenses of the Fund, the Managing Owner expects periodically to make distributions of the amount of such excess. The Managing Owner currently does not expect to make distributions with respect to the Fund's capital gains.

Depending on the Fund's performance for the taxable year and your own tax situation for such year, your income tax liability for the taxable year for your allocable share of the Fund's net ordinary income or loss and capital gain or loss may exceed any distributions you receive with respect to such year.

### **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Fund ends on December 31 of each year.

### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

Subject to the discussion below in Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations, the Fund will be classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Fund will generally not incur U.S. federal income tax liability; rather, each beneficial owner of Shares will be required to take into account its allocable share of the Fund's income, gain, loss, deduction and other items for the Fund's taxable year ending with or within the owner's taxable year.

Additionally, please refer to the Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations section below for information on the potential U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Shares.

### **Breakeven Table**

The Breakeven Table on the following page indicates the approximate percentage and dollar returns required for the value of an initial \$25.00 investment in a Share to equal the amount originally invested twelve months after issuance.

*The Breakeven Table as presented, is an approximation only. The capitalization of the Fund does not directly affect the level of its charges as a percentage of its NAV, other than brokerage commissions.*

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| Expense <sup>1</sup>   | Dollar Amount and Percentage of Expenses For<br>the Fund |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
|  |  | DBA <sup>9</sup> |
|  | \$   | %                |
| Management Fee <sup>2</sup>  | \$ 0.22  | 0.85%            |
| Organization and Offering Expense Reimbursement <sup>3</sup>                   | \$ 0.00  | 0.00%            |
| Brokerage Commissions and Fees <sup>4</sup>                                    | \$ 0.01  | 0.04%            |
| Routine Operational, Administrative and Other Ordinary Expenses <sup>5,6</sup> | \$ 0.00  | 0.00%            |
| Treasury Income and Money Market Income <sup>7</sup>                           | \$ (0.06)  | (0.22)%          |
| 12-Month Breakeven <sup>8</sup>  | \$ 0.17  | 0.67%            |

1. The breakeven analysis assumes that the Shares have a constant month-end Fund NAV and is based on \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. See Charges on page 56 for an explanation of the expenses included in the Breakeven Table. The Managing Owner will pay a marketing services fee to the Marketing Agent and an index services fee to the Index Sponsor. Because the marketing services fee and the index services fee are not paid by the Fund, these fees are not included in the breakeven analysis.

2. From the Management Fee, the Managing Owner is responsible for paying the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Invesco Distributors, the Index Sponsor and the Marketing Agent.

The Fund may, for cash management purposes, invest in money market mutual funds that are managed by affiliates of the Managing Owner. The indirect portion of the management fee that the Fund may incur through such investment is in addition to the Management Fee paid to the Managing Owner. Therefore, the Managing Owner has agreed voluntarily to waive the fees that it receives in an amount equal to the indirect management fees that the Fund incurs through its investments in affiliated money market mutual funds through June 20, 2017, or the Money market Management Fee Waiver.

As of the date of this prospectus, the Money Market Management Fee Waiver is approximately less than \$0.01 per Share per annum.

3. The Predecessor Managing Owner was responsible for paying the organization and offering expenses up to and excluding February 23, 2015. The Managing Owner is responsible for paying the continuous offering costs of the Fund from and including February 23, 2015.

4. The actual amount of brokerage commissions and trading fees to be incurred will vary based upon the trading frequency of the Fund and the specific futures contracts traded.

5. The Managing Owner is responsible for paying all routine operational, administrative and other ordinary expenses of the Fund.

6. In connection with orders to create and redeem Baskets, Authorized Participants pay a transaction fee in the amount of \$500 per order. Because these transaction fees are *de minimis* in amount, are charged on a transaction-by-transaction basis (and not on a Basket-by-Basket basis), and are borne by the Authorized Participants, they have not been included in the Breakeven Table.

7. Interest income currently is estimated to be earned at a rate of 0.22%, based upon the yield on 3-month United States Treasury Securities as of April 29, 2016, or the Treasury Income. Dividend income currently is estimated to be earned at a rate of 0.39% from the Fund's holdings of money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise) as of April 29, 2016, or the Money Market Income. Actual Treasury Income and Money Market Income could be higher or lower than the current levels. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund invests in futures contracts in an attempt to track its Index. The Fund holds Treasury Securities and money market mutual funds for margin and/or cash management purposes only.



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8. You may pay customary brokerage commissions in connection with purchases of the Shares. Because such brokerage commission rates are set by your broker, they will vary from investor to investor and have not been included in the Breakeven Table. Investors are encouraged to review the terms of their brokerage accounts for applicable charges.

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9. DBA is subject to (i) a Management Fee of 0.85% per annum and (ii) estimated brokerage commissions and fees of 0.04% per annum. DBA is subject to fees and expenses in the aggregate amount of approximately 0.89% per annum. DBA will be successful only if its annual returns from the underlying futures contracts, including annual Treasury Income and Money Market Income, exceed approximately 0.89% per annum. DBA is expected to earn Treasury Income equal to 0.22% per annum, as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.06 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. DBA is also expected to earn Money Market Income equal to 0.39% per annum as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.10 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. Because the Fund invests a portion of its assets in each of the Treasury Securities and the money market mutual funds, its expected income from each of its holdings will be approximately \$0.05 and approximately \$0.01, respectively, for an aggregate amount of approximately \$0.06. Therefore, based upon the difference between the sum of the current Treasury Income plus the Money Market Income and the annual fees and expenses, DBA will be required to earn approximately 0.67% per annum, or \$0.17 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share, in order for an investor to break-even on an investment during the first twelve months of an investment. Actual Treasury Income and Money Market Income could be higher or lower than the current levels. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund invests in futures contracts in an attempt to track its Index. The Fund holds Treasury Securities and money market mutual funds for margin and/or cash management purposes only.

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### **Incorporation by Reference of Certain Documents**

The Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, allows us to incorporate by reference into this Prospectus the information that we file with it, meaning we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents already on file with the SEC.

The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this Prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede some of this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, and any future filings we make with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act, including those filed prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement containing this Prospectus.

This filing incorporates by reference the following documents, which we have previously filed and may subsequently file with the SEC, in response to certain disclosures:

The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed on February 29, 2016;

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed May 10, 2016;

The Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed April 22, 2016 and June 20, 2016;

All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since December 31, 2015, except for information furnished under Form 8-K, which is not deemed filed and not incorporated herein by reference;

Any documents filed pursuant to the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to its effectiveness shall be deemed incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; and

Any documents filed under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering made under this Prospectus.

Any statement contained in a document that is incorporated by reference will be modified or superseded for all purposes to the extent that a statement contained in this Prospectus (or in any other document that is subsequently filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference) modifies or is contrary to that previous statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed a part of this Prospectus except as so modified or superseded.

We will provide to you a copy of the filings that have been incorporated by reference in this Prospectus upon your request, at no cost. Any request may be made by writing or calling us at the following address or telephone number:

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These documents may also be accessed through our website at <http://www.invescopowershares.com> or as described herein under Additional Information. The information and other content contained on or linked from our website is not incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and should not be considered a part of this Prospectus.

We file annual, quarterly, current reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy these materials at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding the Fund.

### **Reports to Shareholders**

The Managing Owner will furnish you with an annual report of the Fund within 90 calendar days after the end of the Fund's fiscal year as required by the rules and regulations of the CFTC, including, but not limited to, an annual audited financial statement certified by independent registered public accountants and any other

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reports required by any other governmental authority that has jurisdiction over the activities of the Fund. You also will be provided with appropriate information to permit you to file your U.S. federal and state income tax returns (on a timely basis) with respect to your Shares. Monthly account statements conforming to CFTC and NFA requirements are posted on the Managing Owner's website at <http://www.invescopowershares.com>. Additional reports may be posted on the Managing Owner's website in the discretion of the Managing Owner or as required by regulatory authorities.

## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Prospectus includes forward-looking statements that reflect the Managing Owner's current expectations about the future results, performance, prospects and opportunities of the Fund. The Managing Owner has tried to identify these forward-looking statements by using words such as may, will, expect, anticipate, believe, intend, should, estimate or the negative of those terms or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on information currently available to the Managing Owner and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors, both known, such as those described in Risk Factors in this Summary, in The Risks You Face and elsewhere in this Prospectus, and unknown, that could cause the actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities of the Fund to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Except as expressly required by the federal securities laws, the Managing Owner undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or the risks, uncertainties or other factors described in this Prospectus, as a result of new information, future events or changed circumstances or for any other reason after the date of this Prospectus.

**THE SHARES ARE SPECULATIVE AND**

**INVOLVE A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK.**

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**ORGANIZATION CHART**

**POWERSHARES DB MULTI-SECTOR COMMODITY TRUST**

**POWERSHARES DB AGRICULTURE FUND**

<sup>1</sup> PowerShares DB Energy Fund, PowerShares DB Oil Fund, PowerShares DB Precious Metals Fund, PowerShares DB Gold Fund, PowerShares DB Silver Fund and PowerShares DB Base Metals Fund, which are the remaining series of the Trust, are not offered by this Prospectus.

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**THE RISKS YOU FACE**

You could lose money investing in the Shares. You should consider carefully the risks described below before making an investment decision. You should also refer to the other information included in this Prospectus.

- (1) ***The Value of the Shares Relates Directly to the Value of the Futures Contracts and Other Assets Held by the Fund and Fluctuations in the Price of These Assets Could Materially Adversely Affect an Investment in the Shares.***

The Shares are designed to reflect as closely as possible the changes, positive or negative, in the level of its Index, over time, through its portfolio of exchange traded futures contracts on its Index Commodities. The value of the Shares relates directly to the value of its portfolio, less the liabilities (including estimated accrued but unpaid expenses) of the Fund. The price of the Index Commodities may fluctuate widely. Several factors may affect the prices of the Index Commodities, including, but not limited to:

Global supply and demand of each of the Index Commodities, which may be influenced by such factors as forward selling by the various commodities producers, purchases made by the commodities producers to unwind their hedge positions and production and cost levels in the major markets of each of the Index Commodities;

Domestic and foreign interest rates and investors' expectations concerning interest rates;

Domestic and foreign inflation rates and investors' expectations concerning inflation rates;

Investment and trading activities of mutual funds, hedge funds and commodity funds; and

Global or regional political, economic or financial events and situations.

- (2) ***NAV May Not Always Correspond to Market Price and, as a Result, Baskets May be Created or Redeemed at a Value that Differs from the Market Price of the Shares.***

The NAV per Shares will change as fluctuations occur in the market value of its portfolio. Investors should be aware that the public trading price of a Basket may be different from the NAV of a Basket (i.e., 200,000 Shares may trade at a premium over, or a discount to, NAV of a Basket) and similarly the public trading price per Share may be different from the NAV per Share. Consequently, an Authorized Participant may be able to create or redeem a Basket at a discount or a premium to the public trading price per Share. This price difference may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for Shares are closely related, but not identical, to the same forces influencing the prices of the Index Commodities, trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. Investors also should note that the size of the Fund in terms of total assets held may change substantially over time and from time-to-time as Baskets are created and redeemed.

Authorized Participants or their clients or customers may have an opportunity to realize a profit if they can purchase a Basket at a discount to the public trading price of the Shares or can redeem a Basket at a premium over the public trading price of such Shares. The Managing Owner expects that the exploitation of such arbitrage opportunities by Authorized Participants and their clients and customers will tend to cause the public trading price to track NAV per Share closely over time.

The value of a Share may be influenced by non-concurrent trading hours between the NYSE Arca and the various futures exchanges on which the Index Commodities are traded. While the Shares trade on the NYSE Arca from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, the trading hours for the futures exchanges on which each of the Index Commodities trade may not necessarily coincide during all of this time. For example, while the Shares trade on the NYSE Arca until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, liquidity in the global corn market will be reduced after the close of the CBOT at 2:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. As a result, during periods when the NYSE Arca is open and the futures exchanges on which the Index Commodities are traded are closed, trading spreads and the resulting premium or discount on the Shares may widen and, therefore, increase the difference between the price of the Shares and the NAV of such Shares.



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**(3) *Regulatory and Exchange Position Limits and Other Rules May Restrict the Creation of Baskets and the Operation of the Fund.***

CFTC and commodity exchange rules impose speculative position limits on market participants, including the Fund, trading in certain commodities. These position limits prohibit any person from holding a position of more than a specific number of such futures contracts.

In the aggregate, the Index is composed of 11 Index Commodities, which are all subject to speculative position limits imposed by the CFTC and/or the rules of the futures exchanges on which the futures contracts for the applicable Index Commodities are traded. The purposes of speculative position limits are to diminish, eliminate or prevent sudden or unreasonable fluctuations or unwarranted changes in the prices of futures contracts. Currently, speculative position limits (i) for corn, oats, wheat, soybean, soybean oil and cotton are determined by the CFTC and (ii) for all other commodities are determined by the futures exchanges. On November 5, 2013, the CFTC proposed for public comment new position limits and aggregation regulations, both of which are currently pending and have not yet been adopted. In addition, the CFTC proposed regulations that would expand the available exemptions from the aggregation requirements that apply to accounts of related parties. It remains to be seen whether the CFTC will modify either or both of the proposed regulations in response to public comments.

The CFTC's existing position limit regulations require that a trader aggregate all positions in accounts which the trader owns or over which the trader controls trading. However, a trader is not required to aggregate positions in multiple accounts or commodity pools if that trader (or its applicable divisions/subsidiaries) qualifies as an independent account controller under applicable CFTC regulations and avails itself of the independent account controller exemption under the regulations. The re-proposed regulations would maintain the independent account controller exemption, which the Managing Owner intends to rely upon in order to disaggregate the positions of the Fund from certain other accounts. However, if the CFTC does not adopt or renew the independent account controller exemption, or if the exemption were modified or otherwise unavailable, to the extent the Managing Owner avails itself of the exemption, it may be required to aggregate positions in multiple accounts

or commodity pools for purposes of the CFTC's position limits regulations. In that case, it is possible that investment decisions of the Managing Owner with respect to the Fund would be affected by positions maintained by the Managing Owner with respect to accounts other than for the Fund. It is likely that the Fund would be compelled to liquidate futures contracts with respect to the Affected Index Commodities to come within position limits in the aggregate with other accounts or substitute a futures contract that exhibits trading prices that tend to correlate with a futures contract with respect to an Affected Index Commodity, at the risk of variance with the Index. In addition, failure to comply with the requirements of the independent account controller exemption, if applicable, could lead to an enforcement proceeding against the Managing Owner and could adversely affect the Fund.

Generally, speculative position limits in the physical delivery markets are set at a stricter level during the spot month, the month when the futures contract matures and becomes deliverable, versus the limits set for all other months. If the Managing Owner determines that the Fund's trading may be approaching any of these speculative position limits, the Fund may reduce its trading in that commodity or trade in other commodities or instruments that the Index Sponsor determines comply with the rules and goals of the Index. Below is a chart that sets forth certain relevant information, including current speculative position limits for each Affected Index Commodity that any person may hold, separately or in combination, net long or net short, for the purchase or sale of any commodity futures contract or, on a futures-equivalent basis, options thereon. Speculative position limit levels remain subject to change by the CFTC or the relevant exchanges. Depending on the outcome of any future CFTC or futures exchange rulemaking, as applicable, the rules concerning position limits may be amended in a manner that is detrimental to the Fund.

Exchanges may also establish accountability levels applicable to futures contracts. An exchange may order a person who holds or controls aggregate positions in excess of specified position accountability levels not to further increase the positions, to comply with any prospective limit which exceeds the size of the position owned or controlled, or to reduce any open position which exceeds position accountability levels if the exchange determines that such action is necessary to maintain an orderly market. Under current regulations, subject to any relevant exemptions, traders, such as the Fund,



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may not exceed speculative position limits, either individually or in the aggregate with other persons with whom they are under common control or ownership. Under the proposed regulations, the CFTC would

require certain persons to aggregate exchange listed futures and economically equivalent swap positions owned or controlled by such persons.

| <b>Affected Index Commodity</b> | <b>Exchange (Symbol)<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Exchange Position Limits<sup>2</sup></b> |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Corn                            | CBOT (C)                             | 600   | Spot Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 33,000                                      | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 33,000                                      | All Months Combined  |
| Cotton #2                       | ICE-US (CT)                          | 300   | Spot Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 5,000                                       | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 5,000                                       | All Months Combined  |
| Sugar #11                       | ICE-US (SB)                          | 5,000                                       | Spot Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 10,000                                      | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 15,000                                      | All Months Combined  |
| Soybeans                        | CBOT (S)                             | 600   | Spot Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 15,000                                      | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 15,000                                      | All Months Combined  |
| Wheat                           | CBOT (W)                             | 600   | Spot Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 12,000                                      | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 12,000                                      | All Months Combined  |
| Kansas City Wheat               | KCB (KW)                             | 600   | Spot Month (Spot month limits go into effect on a contract at the close of trade two business days before its first trading day delivery month.) |
|                                 |                                      | 12,000                                      | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 12,000                                      | All Months Combined  |
| Cocoa                           | ICE-US (CC)                          | 1,000                                       | Spot Month/Notice Period   |
|                                 |                                      | 6,000                                       | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 6,000                                       | All Months Combined  |
| Coffee                          | ICE-US (KC)                          | 500   | Spot Month/Notice Period   |
|                                 |                                      | 5,000                                       | Single Month   |
|                                 |                                      | 5,000                                       | All Months Combined  |
| Live Cattle                     | CME (LC)                             | 450   | Spot Month (as of the close of business on the first business day following the first Friday of the contract month)                              |
|                                 |                                      | 300   | Spot Month (as of the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the last five business days of the contract month)             |
|                                 |                                      |   |  |

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|               |          |       |  |
|---------------|----------|-------|--|
|               |          | 6,300 | Single Month   |
| Feeder Cattle | CME (FC) | 300   | Spot Month (during the last ten days of trading)   |
|               |          | 1,950 | Single Month   |
| Lean Hogs     | CME (LH) | 950   | Spot Month (as of the close of business on the fifth business day of the contract month) |
|               |          | 4,575 | Single Month   |

<sup>1</sup> **Legend:**

CBOT means the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago Inc., a part of the CME Group, or its successor.

ICE-US means ICE Futures U.S., Inc., or its successor.

KCB means the Board of Trade of Kansas City, Missouri, a part of the CME Group, or its successor.

CME means the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc., or its successor.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to any additional limitations on an exchange-by-exchange basis, as applicable.

Because the Fund is currently subject to position limits and may be subject to new and expanded position limits, the Fund's ability to issue new Baskets, or the Fund's ability to reinvest income in additional futures contracts corresponding to the Affected Index Commodities, may be impaired or limited to the extent these activities would cause the Fund to exceed its applicable position limits. Limiting the size of the Fund to stay within these position limits may affect the correlation between the price of the Shares, as traded on the NYSE Arca, and the NAV of the Shares. Additionally, the Fund on any given date may not have an effective registration statement with the SEC with

sufficient Shares available which may limit the Fund's ability to create new Baskets. The inability to create additional Baskets could result in Shares trading at a premium or discount to NAV of the Fund.

**(4) The Fund's Performance May Not Always Replicate Exactly the Changes in the Level of its Index.**

It is possible that the Fund's performance may not fully replicate the changes in the level of the Index due to disruptions in the markets for the relevant Index Commodities, the imposition of speculative position

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limits (as discussed in *The Risks You Face* (3) *Regulatory and Exchange Position Limits and Other Rules May Restrict the Creation of Baskets and the Operation of the Fund*), or due to other extraordinary circumstances. As the Fund approaches or reaches position limits with respect to certain futures contracts comprising its Index, the Fund may commence investing in other futures contracts based on commodities that comprise the Index and in futures contracts based on commodities other than commodities that comprise the Index that, in the commercially reasonable judgment of the Managing Owner, tend to exhibit trading prices that correlate with a futures contract that comprises the Index. In addition, the Fund is not able to replicate exactly the changes in the level of the Index because the total return generated by the Fund is reduced by expenses and transaction costs, including those incurred in connection with the Fund's trading activities, and increased by Treasury Income from its holdings of United States Treasury Securities and Money Market Income from its holding of money market mutual funds (affiliated or otherwise) for margin and cash management purposes. Tracking the Index requires trading of the Fund's portfolio with a view to tracking the Index over time and is dependent upon the skills of the Managing Owner and its trading principals, among other factors.

**(5) *The Fund Is Not Actively Managed and Tracks its Index During Periods in Which the Index Is Flat or Declining as Well as When the Index Is Rising.***

The Fund is not actively managed by traditional methods. Therefore, if positions in any one or more of its Index Commodities are declining in value, the Fund will not close out such positions, except in connection with a change in the composition or weighting of the Index. The Managing Owner seeks to cause the NAV of the Fund to track the Index during periods in which the Index is flat or declining as well as when the Index is rising.

**(6) *The NYSE Arca May Halt Trading in the Shares Which Would Adversely Impact Your Ability to Sell Shares.***

The Shares are listed for trading on the NYSE Arca under the market symbol DBA. Trading in Shares may be halted due to market conditions or, in light of NYSE Arca rules and procedures, for reasons that, in the view of the NYSE Arca, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to "circuit breaker" rules that

require trading to be halted for a specified period based on a specified market decline. There can be no assurance that the requirements necessary to maintain the listing of the Shares will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund will be terminated if the Shares are delisted.

**(7) *The Lack of Active Trading Markets for the Shares May Result in Losses on Your Investment at the Time of Disposition of Your Shares.***

Although the Shares are listed and traded on the NYSE Arca, there can be no guarantee that an active trading market for the Shares will be maintained. If you need to sell your Shares at a time when no active market for them exists, the price you receive for your Shares, assuming that you are able to sell them, likely will be lower than the price you would receive if an active market did exist.

**(8) *The Shares Could Decrease in Value if Unanticipated Operational or Trading Problems Arise.***

The mechanisms and procedures governing the creation, redemption and offering of the Shares have been developed specifically for this securities product. Consequently, there may be unanticipated problems or issues with respect to the mechanics of the operations of the Fund and the trading of the Shares that could have a material adverse effect on an investment in the Shares. In addition, although the Fund is not actively managed by traditional methods, to the extent that unanticipated operational or trading problems or issues arise, the Managing Owner's past experience and qualifications may not be suitable for solving these problems or issues.

- (9) *As the Managing Owner and its Principals have a Limited History of Operating an Exchange-Traded Fund that Invests in a Broad Range of Commodity Futures Contracts, their Experience May be Relatively Inadequate or Unsuitable to Manage the Fund.*

The Managing Owner manages a number of exchange-traded funds that use financial futures as part of their investment strategy and, only for a limited time, has actively managed an exchange-traded fund related to a broad-based futures index. The past performance of these funds is no indication of the Managing Owner's ability to manage exchange-traded investment vehicles that track a commodities index such as the Fund. There can be no

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assurance that the Managing Owner will be able to cause the NAV per Share to closely track the changes in the Index levels. If the experience of the Managing Owner and its principals is not relatively adequate or suitable to manage investment vehicles such as the Fund, the operations of the Fund may be adversely affected.

***(10) You May Not Rely on Past Performance or Index Results in Deciding Whether to Buy Shares.***

Although past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results, the Fund's performance history might (or might not) provide you with more information on which to evaluate an investment in the Fund. Likewise, the Index has a history which might (or might not) be indicative of the future Index results, or of the future performance of the Fund. Therefore, you will have to make your decision to invest in the Fund without relying on the Fund's past performance history or the Index's closing level history.

***(11) Fewer Representative Commodities May Result In Greater Index Volatility.***

The Index is concentrated in terms of the number of commodities represented. The Fund is concentrated in approximately 11 commodities. You should be aware that other commodities indexes are more diversified in terms of both the number and variety of commodities included. Concentration in fewer commodities may result in a greater degree of volatility in the Index and the NAV of the Fund which tracks the Index under specific market conditions and over time.

***(12) Price Volatility May Possibly Cause the Total Loss of Your Investment.***

Futures contracts have a high degree of price variability and are subject to occasional rapid and substantial changes. Consequently, you could lose all or substantially all of your investment in the Fund.

***(13) Unusually Long Peak-to-Valley Drawdown Periods With Respect To the Index May Be Reflected in Equally Long Peak-to-Valley Drawdown Periods with Respect to the Performance of the Shares.***

Although past Index levels are not necessarily indicative of future Index levels, the peak-to-valley drawdown periods that the Index has experienced have been unusually long and have lasted for multi-

year drawdown periods. Please see the chart on page 33 for information regarding worst peak-to-valley drawdown periods with respect to the Index.

Because it is expected that the Fund's performance will track the change of its underlying Index, the Fund would suffer a continuous drawdown during the period that the Index suffers such a drawdown period, and in turn, the value of your Shares will also suffer.

***(14) Fees and Commissions are Charged Regardless of Profitability and May Result in Depletion of Assets.***

The Fund is directly subject to the fees and expenses described herein which are payable irrespective of profitability. Such fees and expenses include asset-based fees of 0.85% per annum. Additional charges include brokerage fees of approximately 0.04% per annum in the aggregate

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and selling commissions. For the avoidance of doubt, selling commissions are not included in the Fund's breakeven calculation. The Fund is expected to earn Treasury Income equal to 0.22% per annum as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.06 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. The Fund is also expected to earn Money Market Income equal to 0.39% per annum, as of April 29, 2016, or a maximum of \$0.10 per annum per Share at \$25.00 as the NAV per Share. Because the Fund's current Treasury Income and/or Money Market Income does not exceed its fees and expenses, the Fund will need to have a positive performance that exceeds the difference between the sum of the Fund's Treasury Income and or Money Market Income and its fees and expenses in order to break-even. If the aggregate of the Fund's performance from its holding of futures contracts plus its Treasury Income and/or Money Market Income (earned from its margin and cash management function) do not exceed the Fund's fees and expenses described herein, then, the expenses of the Fund could, over time, result in losses to your investment therein. You may never achieve profits, significant or otherwise.