

# The Generation Z ETF

Annual Report

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## THE GENERATION Z ETF

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## THE GENERATION Z ETF

### LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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Dear Shareholders,

We greatly appreciate your continued investment in the Generation Z ETF (“ZGEN” or the “Fund”). The information presented in this letter relates to the operations of the Fund for its fiscal period beginning on its inception on December 16, 2021 through November 30, 2022. It is our goal to identify the companies most relevant to Gen Z and by doing so identify the companies of the future. As Generation Z continues to age and their wealth grows, they will begin to increasingly shape the world to their vision. The emergence of Gen Z centric companies like TikTok is a prime example. It is our strong belief that in order to identify the companies that will form the QQQ<sup>1</sup> of tomorrow, one must understand the generation driving those companies. We remain steadfast in our investment philosophy and our scoring methodology. These turbulent markets have not changed our market viewpoint. We are future focused, long-term investors, and we believe our sectors such as renewables, cyber security, software as a service (“SaaS”), e-Commerce, digital entertainment, autonomous driving, and AI will continue to experience outpaced growth and become generation defining companies.

The general market for tech stocks and ZGEN was difficult in 2022. Some of our sectors, Green Tech, performed well; while others like digital entertainment underperformed. We believe that addressing the environment will finally become a reality with Gen Z and as such Green Tech companies represent the largest holdings in the portfolio. Our methodology has also allowed us to steer clear of certain sectors such as crypto and biotech. While we believe in the future of blockchain technology, we scored crypto companies low in terms of values given their speculative nature and frequency of impropriety. In the ever changing landscape of technology, we continue to try to identify which sectors align with Gen Z and are experiencing exceptional innovation.

The companies that make up our portfolio continue to make strides in innovation and revenue growth. The average revenue growth of the companies in the ZGEN portfolio was 45%. Yet, due to a combination of overvaluations and general economic insecurities, the tech sector has suffered. This correction caused ZGEN to underperform. However, we believe the degree of the tech sector decline is irrational. The pandemic fundamentally progressed society in terms of digital adoption. We took multiple steps forward and instead of taking one step back, the markets however have now discounted all of the progress in terms of valuation, while the companies have retained all of the progress in terms of innovation and revenue. They have also largely retained the penetration they gained during the pandemic. We do not see the justification for the most innovative companies to be valued at 2020 levels. We do believe it is an opportune rich environment, we are not ignoring the air of pessimism towards innovation. We will continue to navigate the market with our long term principles. We remain extremely optimistic about the future of innovation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our team and you can find more general information on our website. <https://genz-etf.com/>

We appreciate your continued investment in the fund and for allowing us to provide exposure to Generation Z.

Investors should carefully consider the Fund’s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information is contained in the prospectus, which may be obtained by following the link above. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

<sup>1</sup> Invesco QQQ is an exchange-traded fund that tracks the Nasdaq-100 Index. The Nasdaq-100 Index comprises the 100 largest non-financial companies traded on the Nasdaq.

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### LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS (CONTINUED) NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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Investments involve risk and principal loss is possible. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Gen Z consumer preferences may be affected by changes in consumers' disposable income, social trends and marketing campaigns. These preferences may fall out of favor or differ from the general stock market, which may cause the Fund's performance to trail the overall equity markets. Applying Gen Z Scores to the investment process may exclude securities for non-investment reasons and therefore the Fund may forgo some market opportunities which could cause it to under-perform.

The Fund may invest in companies that have recently completed an IPO (initial public offering) or are derived from a de-SPAC business combination (a transaction involving a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company that merges with a target company, with the result that the company becomes publicly traded) These companies may be unseasoned and lack a trading history, a track record of reporting and research coverage and thus are often subject to extreme price volatility, liquidity issues and speculative trading.

The Fund's investment in foreign companies is subject to currency risks, political, economic and regulatory risks including the cost of trading and the risks of settlement in foreign jurisdictions. The Fund may invest in companies organized in China provided their equity securities are listed on U.S. stock exchanges. The Chinese economy is generally considered an emerging market and can be significantly affected by economic, diplomatic and political conditions causing volatility and adversely impact the Fund's investments.

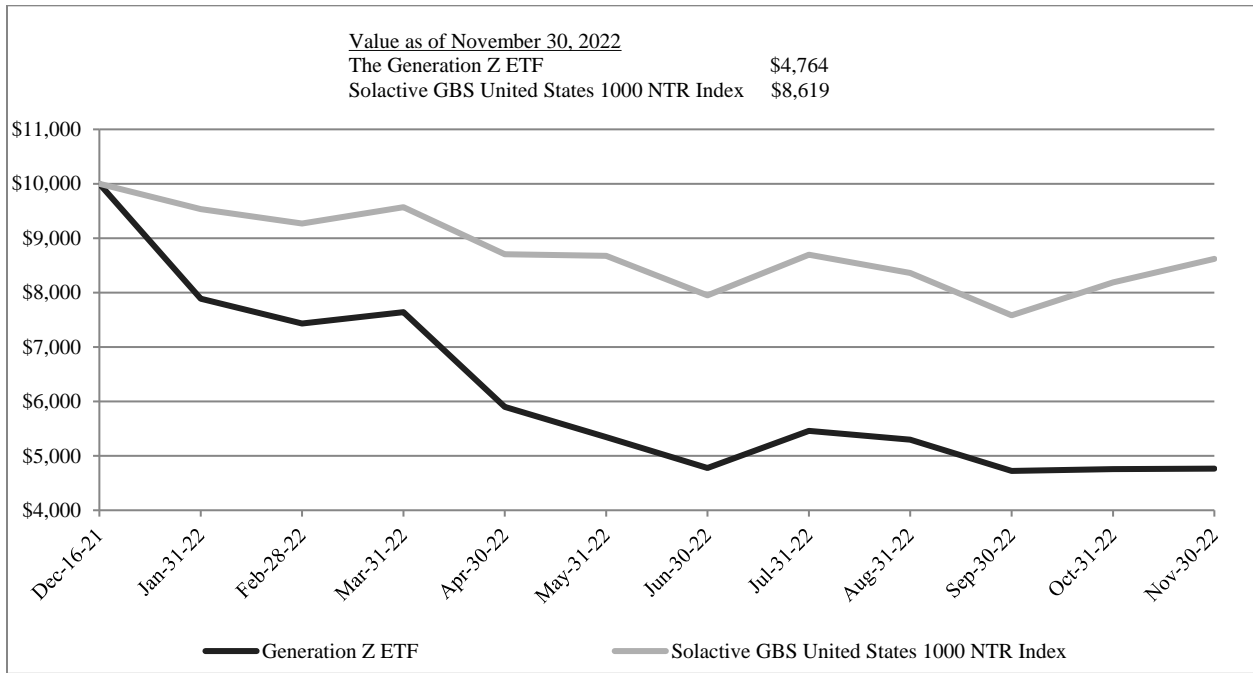
Unlike mutual funds, ETFs may trade at a premium or discount to their net asset value. ETF shares may only be redeemed at NAV by authorized participants in large creation units. There can be no guarantee that an active trading market for shares will exist. The trading of shares may incur brokerage commissions.

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The Fund is distributed by Quasar Distributors, LLC. The Fund's investment adviser is Empowered Funds, LLC, which is doing business as EA Advisers. The Fund's investment sub-adviser is Alkali Fintech, LLC.

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### Growth of \$10,000 (Unaudited)



**The Generation Z ETF**

**Solactive GBS United States 1000 NTR Index**

Average Annual Return*
Since Inception (December 16, 2021)
(52.36%)
(13.81%)

See “Index Overview” section for a description of the Index.

\* This chart assumes an initial gross investment of \$10,000 made on December 16, 2021. Returns shown include the dividends. The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

**The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor’s shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. Shares are bought and sold at market price not net asset value (NAV). Market price returns are based upon the closing composite market price and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times**

## THE GENERATION Z ETF

### Tabular Presentation of Schedule of Investments As of November 30, 2022

<b>Sector<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>% Net Assets</b>
Information Technology	36.0% <sup>2</sup>
Consumer Discretionary	30.3% <sup>2</sup>
Communication Services	15.1%
Industrials	7.8%
Utilities	2.3%
Materials	1.3%
Health Care	1.2%
Consumer Staples	1.2%
Other <sup>3</sup>	4.8%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

1. Sector designations may be different than the sector designations presented in other Fund materials. The sector designations may represent the investment adviser's internal sector classifications.
2. For purposes of the Fund's compliance with its concentration limits, the Fund uses various sub-classifications and none of the Fund's holdings in the sub-classifications exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets.
3. Cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and other assets less liabilities.

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### INDEX OVERVIEW (UNAUDITED)

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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#### **Solactive GBS United States 1000 NTR Index**

The Solactive GBS United States 1000 Index intends to track the performance of the largest 1000 companies from the US stock market and is based on the Solactive Global Benchmark Series. Constituents are selected based on company market capitalization and weighted by free float market capitalization. The index is calculated as a net total return index in USD and is reconstituted quarterly.

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**Schedule of Investments**

**November 30, 2022**

<u>Shares</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>COMMON STOCKS - 95.2%</b>	
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense - 0.5%</b>	
1,606 Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (a)	\$ 6,729
<b>Application Software - 7.4%</b>	
1,219 Arqit Quantum, Inc. ADR (a)(b)	9,301
358 DocuSign, Inc. (a)	16,851
3,436 Palantir Technologies, Inc. - Class A (a)	25,770
664 Unity Software, Inc. (a)	26,235
242 Zoom Video Communications, Inc. - Class A (a)	18,254
	96,411
<b>Auto Parts &amp; Equipment - 0.8%</b>	
1,319 Luminar Technologies, Inc. (a)	10,104
<b>Automobile Manufacturers - 4.9%</b>	
330 Tesla, Inc. (a)	64,251
<b>Casinos &amp; Gaming - 2.4%</b>	
2,060 DraftKings, Inc. - Class A (a)	31,559
<b>Data Processing &amp; Outsourced Services - 5.9%</b>	
484 Block, Inc. (a)	32,801
1,024 Dlocal Ltd. ADR (a)(b)	14,950
379 PayPal Holdings, Inc. (a)	29,717
	77,468
<b>Diversified Metals &amp; Mining - 1.3%</b>	
497 MP Materials Corp. (a)	16,525
<b>Education Services - 11.5%</b>	
2,630 2U, Inc. (a)	21,119
3,863 Coursera, Inc. (a)	53,850
867 Duolingo, Inc. (a)	60,404
1,053 Udemy, Inc. (a)	14,942
	150,315
<b>Electrical Components &amp; Equipment - 1.7%</b>	
1,022 ChargePoint Holdings, Inc. (a)	12,693
770 Enovix Corp. (a)	10,049
	22,742
<b>Health Care Technology - 1.3%</b>	
578 Teladoc Health, Inc. (a)	16,479
<b>Heavy Electrical Equipment - 3.3%</b>	
795 Bloom Energy Corp. - Class A (a)	16,926
2,194 TPI Composites, Inc. (a)	26,504
	43,430
<b>Hotels, Resorts &amp; Cruise Lines - 2.3%</b>	
298 Airbnb, Inc. - Class A (a)	30,438
<b>Human Resource &amp; Employment Services - 0.8%</b>	
816 Upwork, Inc. (a)	9,996

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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**Schedule of Investments (Continued)**

**November 30, 2022**

<u>Shares</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>Industrial Machinery - 0.6%</b>	
3,740 Desktop Metal, Inc. - Class A (a)	\$ 7,667
<b>Interactive Home Entertainment - 1.7%</b>	
712 Roblox Corp. - Class A (a)	22,620
<b>Interactive Media &amp; Services - 8.7%</b>	
572 Alphabet, Inc. - Class C (a)	58,029
168 Match Group, Inc. (a)	8,494
212 Meta Platforms, Inc. - Class A (a)	25,037
2,246 Snap, Inc. - Class A (a)	23,156
	114,716
<b>Internet &amp; Direct Marketing Retail - 8.4%</b>	
540 Amazon.com, Inc. (a)	52,132
370 DoorDash, Inc. - Class A (a)	21,553
130 Etsy, Inc. (a)	17,172
549 Fiverr International Ltd. ADR (a)(b)	19,308
	110,165
<b>Internet Services &amp; Infrastructure - 3.0%</b>	
138 Okta, Inc. (a)	7,358
780 Shopify, Inc. - Class A ADR (a)(b)	31,886
	39,244
<b>Movies &amp; Entertainment - 4.6%</b>	
135 Netflix, Inc. (a)	41,247
244 Spotify Technology S.A. ADR (a)(b)	19,378
	60,625
<b>Packaged Foods &amp; Meats - 1.2%</b>	
587 Beyond Meat, Inc. (a)(c)	8,564
4,577 Oatly Group AB ADR (a)(b)	7,461
	16,025
<b>Renewable Electricity - 2.3%</b>	
376 NextEra Energy Partners LP	30,264
<b>Semiconductor Equipment - 13.9%</b>	
477 Enphase Energy, Inc. (a)	152,921
99 SolarEdge Technologies, Inc. (a)	29,587
	182,508
<b>Semiconductors - 3.2%</b>	
249 NVIDIA Corp.	42,138
<b>Systems Software - 2.6%</b>	
254 Gitlab, Inc. - Class A (a)	10,046
176 Zscaler, Inc. (a)	23,487
	33,533
<b>Trucking - 0.9%</b>	
1,023 Lyft, Inc. - Class A (a)	11,478
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost \$2,437,533)	1,247,430

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**Schedule of Investments (Continued)**

**November 30, 2022**

<u>Shares</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS PURCHASED WITH PROCEEDS FROM SECURITIES LENDING - 0.6%</b>	
7,380 First American Government Obligations Fund - Class X, 3.66% (d)	\$ 7,380
TOTAL INVESTMENTS PURCHASED WITH PROCEEDS FROM SECURITIES LENDING (Cost \$7,380)	7,380
 <b>MONEY MARKET FUNDS - 4.8%</b>	
63,021 First American Government Obligations Fund - Class X, 3.66% (d)	63,021
TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUNDS (Cost \$63,021)	63,021
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$2,507,934) - 100.6%	1,317,831
Other Liabilities in Excess of Assets - (0.6%)	(7,680)
TOTAL NET ASSETS - 100.0%	\$ 1,310,151

Percentages are stated as a percent of net assets.

ADR - American Depository Receipt

- (a) Non-income producing security.
- (b) Foreign issued security.
- (c) This security or a portion of this security was out on loan as of November 30, 2022. Total loaned securities had a market value of \$8,127 as of November 30, 2022.
- (d) Rate shown is the 7-day effective yield.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**November 30, 2022**

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	<b>The Generation Z ETF</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Investments in securities, at value	\$ 1,317,831
Dividends and interest receivable	175
Securities lending income receivable (Note 4)	<u>152</u>
Total assets	<u>1,318,158</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Due to securities lending agent (Note 4)	7,380
Accrued investment advisory fees	<u>627</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,007</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,310,151</u></u>
 <b>Net Assets Consist of:</b>	
Paid-in capital	2,896,021
Total distributable earnings (accumulated deficit)	<u>(1,585,870)</u>
Net Assets:	<u><u>\$ 1,310,151</u></u>
 <b>Calculation of Net Asset Value Per Share:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 1,310,151
Shares Outstanding (unlimited shares of beneficial interest authorized, no par value)	110,000
Net Asset Value per Share	<u><u>\$ 11.91</u></u>
 Cost of Investments in Securities	<u><u>\$ 2,507,934</u></u>

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## THE GENERATION Z ETF

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the Period Ended November 30, 2022

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	<b>The Generation Z ETF<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Investment Income:</b>	
Securities lending income	\$ 9,243
Interest income	575
Dividend income	57
Total investment income	<u>9,875</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Investment advisory fees	15,001
Other fees	352
Net expenses	<u>15,353</u>
<b>Net Investment Loss</b>	<u>(5,478)</u>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Loss on Investments:</b>	
Net realized loss on:	
Investments	<u>(1,520,586)</u>
	<u>(1,520,586)</u>
Net change in unrealized depreciation on:	
Investments	<u>(1,190,103)</u>
	<u>(1,190,103)</u>
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments:	<u>(2,710,689)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<u><u>\$ (2,716,167)</u></u>

(1) The Fund commenced operations on December 16, 2021.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	<b>The Generation Z ETF</b> <hr/> <b>For the Period Ended November 30, 2022<sup>(1)</sup></b> <hr/>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from:</b>	
<b>Operations:</b>	
Net investment loss	\$ (5,478)
Net realized loss on investments	(1,520,586)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	<u>(1,190,103)</u>
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	<u>(2,716,167)</u>
<b>Distributions to Shareholders:</b>	
Net investment income	<u>-</u>
Total distributions to shareholders	<u>-</u>
<b>Capital Share Transactions:</b>	
Proceeds from shares sold	5,873,652
Payments for shares redeemed	<u>(1,847,334)</u>
Net increase in net assets derived from net change in capital share transactions	<u>4,026,318</u>
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>1,310,151</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Beginning of period	<u>-</u>
End of period	<u><u>\$ 1,310,151</u></u>
<b>Changes in Shares Outstanding:</b>	
Shares outstanding, beginning of period	-
Shares sold	250,000
Shares repurchased	<u>(140,000)</u>
Shares outstanding, end of period	<u><u>110,000</u></u>

(1) The Fund commenced operations on December 16, 2021.

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**For the Period Ended November 30, 2022**

	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Loss <sup>(1)</sup>	Net Unrealized Loss on Investments	Net Decrease in Net Asset Value Resulting from Operations	Distributions from Net Investment Income	Total Distributions	Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return <sup>(2)</sup>	Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	Net Expenses <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	Net Investment Income <sup>(3)</sup>	Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(5)</sup>
<b>The Generation Z ETF</b>												
December 16, 2021 <sup>(6)</sup> to November 30, 2022	\$25.00	(0.03)	(13.06)	(13.09)	-	-	\$11.91	(52.36%)	\$1,310	0.61%	(0.22%)	22%

- (1) Net investment income per share represents net investment income divided by the daily average shares of beneficial interest outstanding throughout the period.
- (2) All returns reflect reinvested dividends, if any, but do not reflect the impact of taxes. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
- (3) For periods of less than one year, these ratios are annualized.
- (4) Net expenses include effects of any reimbursement or recoupment.
- (5) Portfolio turnover is not annualized and is calculated without regard to short-term securities having a maturity of less than one year.
- (6) Commencement of operations.

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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#### NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION

The Generation Z ETF (the “Fund”) is a series of the EA Series Trust (the “Trust”), which was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on October 11, 2013. The Trust is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company and the offering of the Fund’s shares (“Shares”) is registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). The Fund is considered diversified under the 1940 Act. The Fund commenced operations on December 16, 2021. The Fund qualifies as an investment company as defined in the Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946-Financial Services- Investment Companies. The Fund’s investment objective is to seek capital appreciation.

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) that will invest its assets in U.S.-listed equity securities of companies that, in the assessment of the Sub-Adviser (Alkali Fintech LLC), are the most relevant to Generation Z (the age cohort born between 1997 and the early 2010s) (Gen Z).

Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Market prices for the shares may be different from their net asset value (“NAV”). The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at NAV only in blocks of 10,000 shares, called “Creation Units.” Creation Units are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in a specified universe. Once created, shares generally trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day in share amounts less than a Creation Unit. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund. Shares of the Fund may only be purchased or redeemed by certain financial institutions (“Authorized Participants”). An Authorized Participant is either (i) a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the National Securities Clearing Corporation or (ii) a DTC participant and, in each case, must have executed a Participant Agreement with the Distributor. Most retail investors do not qualify as Authorized Participants nor have the resources to buy and sell whole Creation Units. Therefore, they are unable to purchase or redeem the shares directly from the Fund. Rather, most retail investors may purchase shares in the secondary market with the assistance of a broker and are subject to customary brokerage commissions or fees.

Authorized Participants may be required to pay a transaction fee to compensate the Trust or its custodian for costs incurred in connection with creation and redemption transactions. The standard transaction fee, which is payable to the Trust’s custodian, typically applies to in-kind purchases of the Fund effected through the clearing process on any business day, regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased or redeemed that day (“Standard Transaction Fees”). Variable fees are imposed to compensate the Fund for the transaction costs associated with the cash transactions fees. Certain fund deposits consisting of cash-in-lieu or cash value may be subject to a variable charge (“Variable Transaction Fees”), which is payable to the Fund, of up to 2.00% of the value of the order in addition to the Standard Transaction Fees. Variable Transaction Fees received by the Fund, if any, are displayed in the Capital Share Transactions sections of the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

Because, among other things, the Fund imposes transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Shares to cover the custodial and other costs incurred by the Fund in effecting trades, the Board determined that it is not necessary to adopt policies and procedures to detect and deter market timing of the Fund’s Shares.

#### NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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- A. *Security Valuation.* Equity securities that are traded on a national securities exchange, except those listed on the NASDAQ Global Market<sup>®</sup> (“NASDAQ”) are valued at the last reported sale price on the exchange on which the security is principally traded. Securities traded on NASDAQ will be valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price (“NOCP”). If, on a particular day, an exchange-traded or NASDAQ security does not trade, then the most recent quoted bid for exchange-traded or the mean between the most recent quoted bid and ask price for NASDAQ securities will be used. Equity securities that are not traded on a listed exchange are generally valued at the last sale price in the over-the-counter market. If a non-exchange traded security does not trade on a particular day, then the mean between the last quoted closing bid and asked price will be used. Prices denominated in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. dollar equivalents at the current exchange rate, which approximates fair value. Redeemable securities issued by open-end investment companies are valued at the investment company’s applicable net asset value, with the exception of exchange-traded open-end investment companies which are priced as equity securities.

Securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued by a committee established by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) in accordance with procedures established by the Board. This “fair valuation” process is designed to value the subject security at the price the Trust would reasonably expect to receive upon its current sale. When a security is “fair valued,” consideration is given to the facts and circumstances relevant to the particular situation, including a review of various factors set forth in the pricing procedures adopted by the Board. The use of “fair value” pricing by the Fund may cause the net asset value of its shares to differ significantly from the net asset value that would be calculated without regard to such considerations. As of November 30, 2022, the Fund did not hold any securities valued by an investment committee.

As described above, the Fund may use various methods to measure the fair value of their investments on a recurring basis. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available; representing the Fund’s own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) NOVEMBER 30, 2022

The following is a summary of the fair value classification of the Fund's investments as of November 30, 2022:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LEVEL 1</u>	<u>LEVEL 2</u>	<u>LEVEL 3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>The Generation Z ETF</b>				
<b>Assets*</b>				
Common Stocks	\$1,247,430	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,247,430
Investments Purchased with Proceeds from				
Securities Lending	7,380	-	-	7,380
Money Market Funds	63,021	-	-	63,021
<b>Total Investments in Securities</b>	<b><u>\$1,317,831</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,317,831</u></b>

\* For further detail on each asset class, see the Schedule of Investments

During the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, the Fund did not invest in any Level 3 investments and recognized no transfers to/from Level 3. Transfers between levels are recognized at the end of the reporting period.

- B. *Risks.* Markets may perform poorly and the returns from the securities in which the Fund invests may underperform returns from the general securities markets. Securities markets may experience periods of high volatility and reduced liquidity in response to governmental actions or intervention, economic or market developments, or other external factors. The value of a company's securities may rise or fall in response to company, market, economic or other news.

Foreign securities may underperform U.S. securities and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Risks relating to investments in foreign securities (including, but not limited to, depositary receipts and participation certificates) and to securities of issuers with significant exposure to foreign markets include: currency exchange rate fluctuation; less available public information about the issuers of securities; less stringent regulatory standards; lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; and country risks including less liquidity, high inflation rates, unfavorable economic practices, political instability and expropriation and nationalization risks.

The risks of foreign securities typically are greater in emerging and less developed markets. For example, in addition to the risks associated with investments in any foreign country, political, legal and economic structures in these less developed countries may be new and changing rapidly, which may cause instability and greater risk of loss. These securities markets may be less developed and securities in those markets are generally more volatile and less liquid than those in developed markets. Investing in emerging market countries may involve substantial risk due to, among other reasons, limited information; higher brokerage costs; different accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; less developed legal systems and thinner trading markets as compared to those in developed countries; different clearing and settlement procedures and custodial services; and currency blockages or transfer restrictions. Emerging market countries also are more likely to experience high levels of inflation, deflation or currency devaluations, which could hurt their economies and securities markets. Certain emerging markets also may face other significant internal or external risks, including a heightened risk of war and ethnic, religious and racial conflicts. In addition, governments in many emerging market countries participate to a significant degree in their economies and securities markets, which may impair investment and economic growth of companies in those markets. Such markets may also be heavily reliant on foreign capital and, therefore, vulnerable to capital flight.

See the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information regarding the risks of investing in shares of the Fund.

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- C. *Foreign Currency.* Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts using the spot rate of exchange at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund isolates the portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. That portion of gains (losses) attributable to the changes in market prices and the portion of gains (losses) attributable to changes in foreign exchange rates are included on the “Statement of Operations” under “Net realized gain (loss) – Foreign currency” and “Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) – Foreign Currency,” respectively.

The Fund reports net realized foreign exchange gains or losses that arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund’s books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the fair values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities at fiscal period end, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

- D. *Federal Income Taxes.* The Fund intends to continue to comply with the requirements of subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as necessary to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute substantially all net taxable investment income and net realized gains to shareholders in a manner which results in no tax cost to the Fund. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. As of and during the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, the Fund did not have any tax positions that did not meet the “more-likely-than-not” threshold of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. As of and during the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, the Fund did not have liabilities for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Fund would/will recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits on uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties. The Fund is subject to examination by U.S. taxing authorities for the tax periods since the Fund’s commencement of operations.

The Fund may be subject to taxes imposed on realized and unrealized gains on securities of certain foreign countries in which the Fund invests. The foreign tax expense, if any, was recorded on an accrual basis and is included in “Net realized gain (loss) on investments” and “Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments” on the accompanying Statements of Operations. The amount of foreign tax owed, if any, is included in “Payable for foreign taxes” on the accompanying Statements of Assets and Liabilities and is comprised of withholding taxes on foreign dividends and taxes on unrealized gains.

- E. *Security Transactions and Investment Income.* Investment securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Gains and losses realized on sales of securities are determined on a specific identification basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign taxes withheld at source. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the Fund’s understanding of the applicable tax rules and regulations.

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income for the Fund and distributions to shareholders from net realized gains on securities normally are declared and paid on an annual basis. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The Fund may distribute more frequently, if necessary, for tax purposes.

- F. *Use of Estimates.* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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- G. *Share Valuation.* The NAV per share of the Fund is calculated by dividing the sum of the value of the securities held by the Fund, plus cash and other assets, minus all liabilities (including estimated accrued expenses) by the total number of shares outstanding for the Fund, rounded to the nearest cent. The Fund’s shares will not be priced on the days on which the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is closed for regular trading. The offering and redemption price per share for the Fund is equal to the Fund’s net asset value per share.
- H. *Guarantees and Indemnifications.* In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. Additionally, as is customary, the Trust’s organizational documents permit the Trust to indemnify its officers and trustees against certain liabilities under certain circumstances. The Fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be against the Fund that have not yet occurred. As of the date of this Report, no claim has been made for indemnification pursuant to any such agreement of the Fund.
- I. *Reclassification of Capital Accounts.* GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. In addition, the Fund’s realized net capital gains resulting from in-kind redemptions, in which shareholders exchanged Fund shares for securities held by the Funds rather than for cash. Because such gains are not taxable to the Fund, and are not distributed to shareholders, they have been reclassified from accumulated net realized losses to paid-in capital. For the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022 the following table shows the reclassifications made:

	<b>Undistributed Net Investment Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>Accumulated Net Realized Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>Paid in Capital</b>
The Generation Z ETF	\$ 997	\$ 1,129,300	\$(1,130,297)

**NOTE 3 – COMMITMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS.**

Empowered Funds, LLC d/b/a EA Advisers (the “Adviser”) serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”) between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser, the Adviser provides investment advice to the Fund and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fund, subject to the direction and control of the Board and the officers of the Trust. Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser is also responsible for arranging transfer agency, custody, fund administration and accounting, and other non-distribution related services necessary for the Fund to operate. The Adviser administers the Fund’s business affairs, provides office facilities and equipment and certain clerical, bookkeeping and administrative services. The Adviser agrees to pay all expenses incurred by the Fund except for the fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, payments under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1, brokerage expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes (including tax-related services), interest (including borrowing costs), litigation expense (including class action-related services) and other non-routine or extraordinary expenses.

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (“Fund Services” or “Administrator”), doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, acts as the Funds’ Administrator and, in that capacity, performs various administrative and accounting services for the Funds. The Administrator prepares various federal and state regulatory filings, reports and returns for the Funds, including regulatory compliance monitoring and financial reporting; prepares reports and materials to be supplied to the trustees; monitors the activities of the Funds’ Custodian, transfer agent and fund accountant. Fund Services also serves as the transfer agent and fund accountant to the Funds. U.S. Bank N.A. (the “Custodian”), an affiliate of the Administrator, serves as the Funds’ Custodian.

The Custodian acts as the securities lending agent (the “Securities Lending Agent”) for the Fund.

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Alkali Fintech, LLC, serves as a non-discretionary investment sub-adviser to the Fund. Pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement (the “Sub-Advisory Agreement”) among the Trust, the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser is responsible for determining the investment exposures for the Fund, subject to the overall supervision and oversight of the Adviser and the Board.

At a Board meeting held on December 13, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Trustees”) including each Trustee who is not an “interested person” of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act, approved the Advisory Agreement. Per the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays an annual rate of 0.60% to the Adviser monthly based on average daily net assets. A description of the Board’s consideration is included in this report.

#### NOTE 4 – SECURITIES LENDING

The Fund may lend up to 33⅓% of the value of the securities in its portfolio to brokers, dealers and financial institutions (but not individuals) under terms of participation in a securities lending program administered by the Securities Lending Agent. The securities lending agreement requires that loans are collateralized at all times in an amount equal to at least 102% of the value of any domestic loaned securities at the time of the loan, plus accrued interest. The use of loans of foreign securities, which are denominated and payable in U.S. dollars, shall be collateralized in an amount equal to 105% of the value of any loaned securities at the time of the loan plus accrued interest. The Fund receives compensation in the form of fees and earns interest on the cash collateral. The amount of fees depends on a number of factors including the type of security and length of the loan. The Fund continues to receive interest payments or dividends on the securities loaned during the borrowing period. Gain or loss on the value of securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Fund. The Fund has the right under the terms of the securities lending agreement to recall the securities from the borrower on demand.

The securities lending agreement provides that, in the event of a borrower’s material default, the Securities Lending Agent shall take all actions the Securities Lending Agent deems appropriate to liquidate the collateral, purchase replacement securities at the Securities Lending Agent’s expense, or pay the Fund an amount equal to the market value of the loaned securities, subject to certain limitations which are set forth in detail in the securities lending agreement between the Fund and the Securities Lending Agent.

As of the end of the current fiscal period, the Fund had loaned securities and received cash collateral for the loans. The cash collateral is invested by the Securities Lending Agent in accordance with the Trust approved investment guidelines. Those guidelines require the cash collateral to be invested in readily marketable, high quality, short-term obligations; however, such investments are subject to risk of payment delays or default on the part of the issuer or counterparty or otherwise may not generate sufficient interest to support the costs associated with securities lending. The Fund could also experience delays in recovering its securities and possible loss of income or value if the borrower fails to return the borrowed securities, although the Fund is indemnified from this risk by contract with the Securities Lending Agent.

As of the end of the current fiscal period, the value of the securities on loan and payable for collateral due to broker were as follows:

	<b>Value of Securities on Loan</b>	<b>Payable for Collateral Received*</b>
The Generation Z ETF	\$ 8,127	\$ 7,380

\* The cash collateral received was invested in the First American Money Market Government Obligations Fund as shown on the Schedule of Investments. The investment objective is to seek maximum current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity.

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The interest income earned by the Fund on the investment of cash collateral received from borrowers for the securities loaned to them (“Securities Lending Income, Net”) is reflected in the Fund’s Statement of Operations. Net securities lending income earned on collateral investments and recognized by the Fund during the current fiscal period, was as follows:

The Generation Z ETF	\$ 9,243
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**NOTE 5 – PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES**

For the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, purchases and sales of securities for the Fund, excluding short-term securities and in-kind transactions, were as follows:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>
The Generation Z ETF	\$ 551,955	\$ 602,619

For the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, in-kind transactions associated with creations and redemptions were as follows:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>
The Generation Z ETF	\$ 5,790,397	\$ 1,780,979

For the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, short-term and long-term gains on in-kind transactions were as follows:

	<u>Short Term</u>	<u>Long Term</u>
The Generation Z ETF	\$(1,129,565)	\$ -

There were no purchases or sales of U.S. Government securities during the fiscal period.

**NOTE 6 – TAX INFORMATION**

The components of tax basis cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for federal income tax purposes at November 30, 2022 were as follows:

	<u>The Generation Z ETF</u>
Tax cost of Investments	\$ 2,531,742
Gross tax unrealized appreciation	71,625
Gross tax unrealized depreciation	(1,285,536)
Net tax unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,213,911)
Undistributed ordinary income	-
Undistributed long-term gain	-
Total distributable earnings	\$ -
Other accumulated gain (loss)	\$ (371,959)
Total accumulated gain (loss)	\$ (1,585,870)

The difference between book and tax-basis cost is attributable to the realization for tax purposes of unrealized gains on investments in REITs, partnerships, passive foreign investment companies and wash sales. Under tax law, certain capital and foreign currency losses realized after October 31 and within the taxable year are deemed to arise on the first business day of the Fund’s next taxable year.

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For the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, the Fund did not defer any qualified late year losses. At November 30, 2022, the following fund deferred, on a tax basis, post-October losses of:

	<b>Post October Late Year Loss Deferral</b>	<b>Post October Capital Loss Deferral</b>
The Generation Z ETF	\$ 4,481	\$ -

At November 30, 2022, the Fund had the following capital loss carryforwards:

	<b>Unlimited Short- Term</b>	<b>Unlimited Long- Term</b>
The Generation Z ETF	\$ (367,478)	\$ -

#### NOTE 7 – DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fund did not pay any distributions during the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022.

#### NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, management of the Fund has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued. There were no transactions that occurred during the period subsequent to November 30, 2022, that materially impacted the amounts or disclosures in the Fund's financial statements.

## THE GENERATION Z ETF

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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To the Shareholders and  
Board of Trustees of  
EA Series Trust

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of The Generation Z ETF (the “Fund”, a series of EA Series Trust, the “Trust”) as of November 30, 2022, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, and financial highlights for the period from December 16, 2021 (commencement of operations) through November 30, 2022, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of November 30, 2022, and the results of its operations, changes in net assets, and financial highlights, for the period from December 16, 2021 (commencement of operations) through November 30, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Trust’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Trust’s financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2022, by correspondence with the custodian. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM (CONTINUED)**

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**Critical Audit Matters**

Critical audit matters are matters arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. We determined that there are no critical audit matters.

We have served as the auditor of one or more of the investment companies within the EA Series Trust since 2016.

*Spicer Jeffrey LLP*

Denver, Colorado  
January 27, 2023





## THE GENERATION Z ETF

### EXPENSE EXAMPLE NOVEMBER 30, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

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As a shareholder of The Generation Z ETF, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including brokerage commissions on purchases and sales of Fund shares, and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees and other Fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the most recent six-month period and held the entire period (June 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022).

#### Actual Expenses

The first line of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid During the Period June 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

#### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The second line of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund’s actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund’s actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund’s and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds. Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as brokerage commissions paid on purchases and sales of Fund shares. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. If these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher. The information assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

	<b>Annualized Expense Ratio</b>	<b>Beginning Account Value June 1, 2022</b>	<b>Ending Account Value November 30, 2022</b>	<b>Expenses Paid During Period June 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022</b>
<b>The Generation Z ETF<sup>1</sup></b>				
Actual	0.61%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 891.70	\$ 2.89
Hypothetical (5% annual return before expenses)	0.61%	1,000.00	1,022.01	3.09

1. The dollar amounts shown as expenses paid during the period are equal to the annualized six-month expense ratio multiplied by the average account value during the period, multiplied by 183/365, to reflect the one-half year period.

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### **REVIEW OF LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (UNAUDITED)**

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Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Trust, on behalf of the series of the Trust covered by this shareholder report (the “Fund”), has adopted a liquidity risk management program (“the Program”) to govern the Trust’s approach to managing liquidity risk. Rule 22e-4 seeks to promote effective liquidity risk management, thereby reducing the risk that the Fund will be unable to meet its redemption obligations and mitigating dilution of the interests of fund shareholders. The Trust’s liquidity risk management program is tailored to reflect the Fund’s particular risks, but not to eliminate all adverse impacts of liquidity risk, which would be incompatible with the nature of the Fund.

The Trust’s Board of Trustees has designated the Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser as the Program Administrator, responsible for administering the Program and its policies and procedures.

At the July 26, 2022, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, the Program Administrator provided the Trustees with a report pertaining to the operation, adequacy, and effectiveness of implementation of the Program for the period ended March 31, 2022. The report concluded that the Program appeared effectively tailored to identify potential illiquid scenarios and to enable the Fund to deliver appropriate reporting. In addition, the report concluded that the Program is adequately operating, and its implementation has been effective. The report reflected that there were no liquidity events that impacted the Fund’s ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders. The report further described material changes that were made to the Program since its implementation.

There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the prospectus for more information regarding the Fund’s exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.

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### **FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

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For the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022, certain dividends paid by the Fund may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 23.8%, as provided for by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The percentage of dividends declared from ordinary income designated as qualified dividend income was as follows:

The Generation Z ETF	0.00%
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For corporate shareholders, the percent of ordinary income distributions qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction for the fiscal period ended November 30, 2022 was as follows:

The Generation Z ETF	0.00%
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### **SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAIN**

The percentage of taxable ordinary income distributions that are designated as short-term capital gain distributions under the Internal Revenue Section 871 (k)(2)(C) for the Fund was 0.00% (unaudited).

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### MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The table below sets forth certain information about each of the Trust’s executive officers as well as its affiliated and independent Trustees.

Name, Address, and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past 5 Years
<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Daniel Dorn Born: 1975	Trustee	Since 2014	Associate Professor of Finance, Drexel University, LeBow College of Business (2003 – present).	34	None
Michael S. Pagano, Ph.D., CFA Born: 1962	Trustee	Since 2014	The Robert J. and Mary Ellen Darretta Endowed Chair in Finance, Villanova University (1999 – present); Founder, Michael S. Pagano, LLC (business consulting firm) (2008 – present);	34	Citadel Federal Credit Union (pro bono service for non-profit)
Chukwuemeka (Emeka) O. Oguh Born: 1983	Trustee	Since 2018	Co-founder and CEO, PeopleJoy (2016 – present).	34	None
<b>Interested Trustee*</b>					
Wesley R. Gray, Ph.D. Born: 1980	Trustee and President	Since 2014	Founder and Executive Managing Member, EA Advisers (2013 – present); Founder and Executive Managing Member, Empirical Finance, LLC d/b/a Alpha Architect (2010 – present).	34	None

\* Dr. Gray is an “interested person,” as defined by the Investment Company Act, because of his employment with and ownership interest in the Adviser.

Additional information about the Affiliated Trustee and Independent Trustees is available in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

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**MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (CONTINUED)**

**Officers**

<b>Name, Address, and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years</b>
John Vogel, Ph.D. Born: 1983	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	Since 2014	Managing Member, EA Advisers (2013 – present); Managing Member, Empirical Finance, LLC d/b/a Alpha Architect (2012 – present).
Jessica D. Leighty Born: 1981	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2022	Chief Compliance Officer, Alpha Architect (2021 – Present), Chief Compliance Officer, Snow Compliance (2015 – 2021)
Patrick R. Cleary Born: 1982	Secretary	Since 2015	Chief Operating Officer and Managing Member, Alpha Architect, LLC (2014 – present); Chief Executive Officer of EA Advisers (2021 – present).
Sean Hegarty Born: 1993	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2022	Chief Operating Officer, EA Advisers (2022 – present); Assistant Vice President – Fund Administration, U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (2018-2022); Staff Accountant, Cohen & Company (2015-2018)

## THE GENERATION Z ETF

### **BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADVISORY AND SUB-ADVISORY CONTRACTS**

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The Board (the members of which are referred to as “Trustees”) of the EA Series Trust (the “Trust”) met virtually on December 13, 2021 to consider the approval of Advisory Agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Generation Z ETF (the “Fund”), and Empowered Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”), as well as to consider the approval of the Sub-Advisory Agreement between the Adviser and Alkali Fintech, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser”). In accordance with Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act, the Board requested, reviewed and considered materials furnished by the Adviser and Sub-Adviser relevant to the Board’s consideration of whether to approve the Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement. In connection with considering approval of both the Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Trust, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (the “Independent Trustees”), met in executive session with counsel to the Trust, who provided assistance and advice. In reaching the decision to approve both the Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board considered and reviewed information provided by the Adviser and Sub-Adviser, including among other things information about its personnel, operations, financial condition, and compliance and risk management. The Board also reviewed copies of the proposed Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement. During their review and consideration, the Board focused on and reviewed the factors they deemed relevant, including:

**Nature, Quality and Extent of Services.** The Board was presented and considered information concerning the nature, quality and extent of the overall services expected to be provided by the Adviser to the Fund. In this connection, the Board considered the responsibilities of the Adviser, recognizing that the Adviser had invested significant time and effort in structuring the Trust and the Fund, obtaining the necessary exemptive relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and arranging service providers for the Fund. In addition, the Board considered that, the Adviser is responsible for providing investment advisory services to the Fund, monitoring compliance with the Fund’s objectives, policies and restrictions, and carrying out directives of the Board. The Board also considered the services expected to be provided by the Adviser in the oversight of the Trust’s administrator, transfer agent and custodian. In addition, the Board evaluated the integrity of the Adviser’s and Sub-Adviser’s personnel, the experience of the portfolio management team in managing assets and the adequacy of the Adviser’s and Sub-Adviser’s resources. In addition, the Board evaluated the integrity of each of the Adviser’s and Sub-Advisers’ personnel, the experience of the portfolio management team in managing assets and the adequacy of each of the Adviser’s and Sub-Adviser’s resources. The Board also considered the Adviser’s ongoing oversight responsibilities of the Sub-Adviser and the adequacy of the Adviser’s resources. The Board considered that the Sub-Adviser would provide its services as a non-discretionary investment sub-adviser and that the Adviser would be each the Fund’s discretionary investment adviser and responsible for all trading and compliance for the Fund.

**Performance.** Performance information was not available for the Fund as it had not yet commenced operations.

**Comparative Fees and Expenses.** In considering the advisory fee and sub-advisory fee, the Board reviewed and considered the fees in light of the nature, quality and extent of the services expected to be provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, respectively. With respect to the advisory fee and expense ratio for the Fund, the Board also considered the fees and expense ratios versus the fees and expenses charged to other exchange-traded funds and mutual funds. The Board noted that there were no directly comparable passively managed and actively managed ETFs or mutual funds using as strategy comparable to the proposed strategy, and it was therefore difficult to compare the Fund’s management fee and estimated expenses with the fees and expenses of other passively managed and actively managed ETFs and mutual funds. With respect to the sub-advisory fee, the Board noted that they were payable solely out of the unitary management fee payable to the Adviser.

The Board considered, among other information, the data provided in the third-party report. Fee information was provided in quartiles, ranging from quartile one (the least expensive) to quartile four (the most expensive). The Board considered the third-party peer group analysis that included comparison of the Fund’s anticipated net expense ratio against funds that were both exchanged-traded funds and mutual funds. The Fund’s total expense ratio (for both gross and net fees) was in the first quartile for ETFs and the first quartile for mutual funds. The Fund’s management fee was in the first quartile for ETFs and the first quartile for mutual funds. The Board determined that the Fund’s proposed fee level was reasonable.

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**Costs and Profitability.** The Board further considered information regarding the potential profits, if any, that may be realized by each of the Adviser and Sub-Adviser in connection with providing their respective services to the Fund. The Board reviewed estimated profit and loss information provided by the Adviser with respect to the Fund and estimated data regarding the proposed Sub-Advisory fee and the costs associated with the personnel, systems and equipment necessary to manage the Fund and to meet the regulatory and compliance requirements adopted by the SEC and other regulatory bodies as well as other expenses the Adviser would pay in accordance with the Advisory Agreement. The Board also took into consideration that the Adviser agreed to pay all expenses incurred by the Fund except for the fees paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, payments under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1, brokerage expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, interest (including borrowing costs), litigation expenses and other non-routine or extraordinary expenses. The Board also considered the respective financial obligations of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, as sponsor of the Fund. They considered the Sub-Adviser's projected Fund asset totals over the first three years of operations. The Board also considered the ownership structure of the Sub-Adviser and the assets committed by the ownership group to support the Fund.

**Other Benefits.** The Board further considered the extent to which the Adviser or Sub-Adviser might derive ancillary benefits from Fund operations. For example, the Adviser and Sub-Adviser may engage in soft dollar transactions in the future, although it did not currently plan to do so. In addition, the Adviser may benefit from continued growth in the Trust by potentially negotiating better fee arrangements with key vendors serving all of the funds in the Trust.

**Economies of Scale.** The Board also considered whether economies of scale would be realized by the Fund as its assets grow, including the extent to which this is reflected in the level of fees to be charged. The Board noted that the advisory and sub-advisory fees for the Fund do not include breakpoints but concluded that it was premature to meaningfully evaluate potential economies of scale.

**Conclusion.** No single factor was determinative of the Board's decision to approve both the Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement; rather, the Board based its determination on the total mix of information available to it. Based on a consideration of all the factors in their totality, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, approved both the Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement, including the compensation payable under the Agreements.

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### **INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)**

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The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings for its first and third fiscal quarters with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on Part F of Form N-PORT. The Fund’s Form N-PORT is available without charge, upon request, by calling (215) 882-9983. Furthermore, you may obtain the Form N-PORT on the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Fund’s portfolio holdings are posted on its website at <https://genz-etf.com/>.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT PROXY VOTING (UNAUDITED)**

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A description of the policies and procedures the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is provided in the Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”). The SAI is available without charge upon request by calling (215) 882-9983, by accessing the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or by accessing the Fund’s website at <https://genz-etf.com/>.

When available, information regarding how the Fund’s voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the twelve months ending June 30 is (1) available by calling (215) 882-9983 and (2) the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS (UNAUDITED)**

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Information regarding how often shares of the Fund trades on an exchange at a price above (i.e., at premium) or below (i.e., at a discount) the NAV of the Fund is available, without charge, on the Fund’s website at <https://genz-etf.com/>.

### **PRIVACY POLICY (UNAUDITED)**

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EA Series Trust (the “Trust”) is strongly committed to preserving and safeguarding the personal financial information of any customers of the Trust. Confidentiality is extremely important to us.

Regulation S-P requires, among others, each investment company to “adopt written policies and procedures that address administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for the protection of customer records and information.” However, Pursuant to Regulation S-P’s definition of “customer,” the Trust currently does not have, nor does it anticipate having in the future, any customers. In addition, the Trust does not collect any non-public personal information from any consumers.

Nonetheless, the Trust has instituted certain technical, administrative and physical safeguards through which the Trust would seek to protect personal financial information about any customers from unauthorized use and access. First, technical procedures are used in order to limit the accessibility and exposure of Trust-maintained information contained in electronic form. If customer information were obtained by the Trust, such technical procedures would cover such information.

Second, administrative procedures that are in place, would be used to control the number and type of employees, affiliated and nonaffiliated persons, to whom customer information (if the Trust were to obtain any) would be accessible.

Third, physical safeguards have been established, which if customer information were obtained by the Trust, to prevent access to such information contained in hard-copy form.

As these procedures illustrate, the Trust realizes the importance of information confidentiality and security and emphasizes practices which are aimed at achieving those goals.



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