

# ***BNY Mellon ETF Trust***

## **SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

August 31, 2024

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### **BNY Mellon Innovators ETF: BKIV**

Principal U.S. Listing Exchange: The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Financial Highlights for Open-End Management Investment Companies

BNY Mellon Innovators ETF  
Statement of Investments  
August 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
<b>Common Stocks – 99.4%</b>		
<b>Banks – 1.1%</b>		
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	692	<u>155,562</u>
<b>Consumer Discretionary Distribution &amp; Retail – 1.2%</b>		
Chewy, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	6,352	<u>181,349</u>
<b>Consumer Durables &amp; Apparel – 1.5%</b>		
Lululemon Athletica, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	849	<u>220,290</u>
<b>Consumer Services – 3.7%</b>		
Airbnb, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	1,525	178,898
DraftKings, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	4,816	166,152
Dutch Bros, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	6,456	<u>200,136</u>
		<b>545,186</b>
<b>Energy – 1.7%</b>		
Cactus, Inc., Class A	4,275	<u>254,448</u>
<b>Financial Services – 2.0%</b>		
Block, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	4,376	<u>289,166</u>
<b>Food, Beverage &amp; Tobacco – 5.6%</b>		
Celsius Holdings, Inc. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	7,465	283,894
Freshpet, Inc. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	2,746	373,456
Vital Farms, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	5,341	<u>167,974</u>
		<b>825,324</b>
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Services – 14.8%</b>		
Align Technology, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,528	362,472
DexCom, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	3,993	276,875
Guardant Health, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	4,929	126,084
Inspire Medical Systems, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	2,464	443,076
Intuitive Surgical, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	715	352,230
iRhythm Technologies, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,496	106,037
Privia Health Group, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	6,492	130,749
PROCEPT BioRobotics Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,065	84,135
TransMedics Group, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,780	<u>299,147</u>
		<b>2,180,805</b>
<b>Media &amp; Entertainment – 13.7%</b>		
Alphabet, Inc., Class C	4,532	748,278
Liberty Media Corp.-Liberty Formula One, Class C <sup>(a)</sup>	2,974	232,121
Netflix, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	748	524,610
Reddit, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	3,508	210,585
Trade Desk, Inc. (The), Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	2,939	<u>307,214</u>
		<b>2,022,808</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology &amp; Life Sciences – 22.0%</b>		
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,139	299,204
Ascendis Pharma A/S, ADR <sup>(a)</sup>	2,002	277,177
Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	2,332	123,736
Denali Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	5,554	135,740
Grail, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	3,482	49,131
Illumina, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,673	219,832
Insmed, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	8,426	644,336
Keros Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	2,382	108,024
Natera, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	2,004	236,993
Pacific Biosciences of California, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	42,549	58,292
Repligen Corp. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	2,916	440,112
Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	2,907	394,712
Twist Bioscience Corp. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	4,124	178,322

## STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
<b>Common Stocks – 99.4% (continued)</b>		
<b>Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology &amp; Life Sciences – 22.0% (continued)</b>		
Xenon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,879	75,799
		<b>3,241,410</b>
<b>Real Estate Management &amp; Development – 3.7%</b>		
CoStar Group, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	7,010	541,873
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment – 13.6%</b>		
NVIDIA Corp.	16,708	1,994,434
<b>Software &amp; Services – 14.1%</b>		
Confluent, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	14,361	304,740
CyberArk Software Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup>	767	219,930
HubSpot, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	182	90,831
Klaviyo, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	13,528	425,591
Monday.com Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup>	1,141	303,380
MongoDB, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	674	195,992
Shopify, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	3,624	268,430
Snowflake, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	2,329	266,042
		<b>2,074,936</b>
<b>Technology Hardware &amp; Equipment – 0.7%</b>		
Pure Storage, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	1,932	99,092
		<b>14,626,683</b>
<b>Total Common Stocks (cost \$11,570,119)</b>		
<b>Investment Companies – 0.6%</b>		
<b>Registered Investment Companies – 0.6%</b>		
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares, 5.27% <sup>(c)(d)</sup> (cost \$81,938)	81,938	81,938
<b>Total Investments (cost \$11,652,057)</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,708,621</b>
<b>Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>(4,721)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,703,900</b>

## ADR—American Depositary Receipt

<sup>(a)</sup> Non-income producing security.<sup>(b)</sup> Security, or portion thereof, on loan. At August 31, 2024, the value of the fund's securities on loan was \$877,528 and the value of the collateral was \$890,291, consisting of U.S. Government & Agency securities. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan.<sup>(c)</sup> Investment in affiliated issuer. The investment objective of this investment company is publicly available and can be found within the investment company's prospectus.<sup>(d)</sup> The rate shown is the 1-day yield as of August 31, 2024.

Holdings and transactions in these affiliated companies during the period ended August 31, 2024 are as follows:

Description	Value (\$) 2/29/24	Purchases (\$) <sup>1</sup>	Sales (\$)	Value (\$) 8/31/24	Dividends/ Distributions (\$)
<b>Investment Companies – 0.6%</b>					
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares	228,888	1,445,524	(1,592,474)	81,938	4,431
<b>Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned – 0.0%</b>					
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares	180,158	2,806,056	(2,986,214)	—	968 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total – 0.6%</b>	<b>409,046</b>	<b>4,251,580</b>	<b>(4,578,688)</b>	<b>81,938</b>	<b>5,399</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes reinvested dividends/distributions.<sup>2</sup> Represents securities lending income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral from loaned securities, net of fees and collateral investment expenses, and other payments to and from borrowers of securities.

See Notes to Statement of Investments

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

August 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
<b>Assets (\$):</b>		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments (including securities on loan, valued at \$877,528)—Note 2(b):		
Unaffiliated issuers	11,570,119	14,626,683
Affiliated issuers	81,938	81,938
Dividends receivable		1,103
Securities lending income receivable		308
		<u>14,710,032</u>
<b>Liabilities (\$):</b>		
Due to BNY Mellon ETF Investment Adviser, LLC—Note 3(b)		6,132
		<u>6,132</u>
<b>Net Assets (\$)</b>		<u>14,703,900</u>
<b>Composition of Net Assets (\$):</b>		
Paid-in capital		11,404,422
Total distributable earnings (loss)		3,299,478
<b>Net Assets (\$)</b>		<u>14,703,900</u>
Shares outstanding no par value (unlimited shares authorized):		450,001
Net asset value per share		32.68
Market price per share		32.70

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended August 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

### Investment Income (\$):

#### Income:

Cash dividends:

Unaffiliated issuers

8,981

Affiliated issuers

4,431

Income from securities lending—Note 2(b)

968

#### Total Income

14,380

#### Expenses:

Management fee—Note 3(a)

36,105

#### Total Expenses

36,105

#### Net Investment (Loss)

(21,725)

#### Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments

304,252

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments

458,501

#### Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments

762,753

#### Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations

741,028

*See Notes to Financial Statements*

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended For the Period from	
	August 31, 2024	May 18, 2023 <sup>(a)</sup> to
	(Unaudited)	February 29, 2024
<b>Operations (\$):</b>		
Net investment (loss)	(21,725)	(29,129)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	304,252	(20,599)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	458,501	2,598,063
Net Increase from Payment by Affiliate	—	3,973
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>741,028</b>	<b>2,552,308</b>
<b>Beneficial Interest Transactions (\$):</b>		
Proceeds from shares sold	—	11,410,535
Transaction fees—Note 5	—	29
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Beneficial Interest Transactions</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11,410,564</b>
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>741,028</b>	<b>13,962,872</b>
<b>Net Assets (\$):</b>		
Beginning of Period	13,962,872	—
<b>End of Period</b>	<b>14,703,900</b>	<b>13,962,872</b>
<b>Changes in Shares Outstanding:</b>		
Shares sold	—	450,001
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>450,001</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Commencement of operations.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six Months Ended August 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	For the Period from May 18, 2023 <sup>(a)</sup> to February 29, 2024
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>		
Net asset value, beginning of period	31.03	25.00
Investment Operations:		
Net investment (loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	(0.05)	(0.07)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.70	6.09
Payment by Affiliate	—	0.01 <sup>(c)</sup>
Total from Investment Operations	1.65	6.03
Transaction fees <sup>(b)</sup>	—	0.00 <sup>(d)</sup>
Net asset value, end of period	32.68	31.03
Market price, end of period	32.70	30.98
<b>Net Asset Value Total Return (%)<sup>(e)</sup></b>	5.31	24.11 <sup>(f)</sup>
<b>Market Price Total Return (%)<sup>(e)</sup></b>	5.55	23.92 <sup>(f)</sup>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>		
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.50 <sup>(g)</sup>	0.50 <sup>(g)</sup>
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(0.30) <sup>(g)</sup>	(0.33) <sup>(g)</sup>
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(h)</sup>	25.96	12.39
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	14,704	13,963

<sup>(a)</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>(b)</sup> Based on average shares outstanding.

<sup>(c)</sup> The total return for the fund was not materially impacted by the reimbursement to the fund for fund losses relating to trade processing error.

<sup>(d)</sup> Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>(e)</sup> Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. Net asset value total return includes adjustments in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as such, the net asset value for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values may differ from the net asset value and returns for shareholder transactions. Market price total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market price at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at market price during the period, and sale at the market price on the last day of the period. Total investment returns calculated for a period of less than one year are not annualized.

<sup>(f)</sup> The net asset value total return and the market price total return is calculated from fund inception. The inception date is the first date the fund was available on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC.

<sup>(g)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(h)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate is not annualized for periods less than one year, if applicable, and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions.

See Notes to Financial Statements



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

### NOTE 1—Organization:

BNY Mellon Innovators ETF (the “fund”) is a separate non-diversified series of BNY Mellon ETF Trust (the “Trust”), which is registered as a Massachusetts business trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Act”), as an open-ended management investment company. The Trust operates as a series company currently consisting of thirteen series, including the fund. The investment objective of the fund is to seek long-term capital growth. BNY Mellon ETF Investment Adviser, LLC (the “Adviser”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (“BNY”), serves as the fund’s investment adviser. Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser” or “NIMNA”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, serves as the fund’s sub-adviser. NIMNA has entered into a sub-sub-investment advisory agreement with its affiliate, Newton Investment Management Limited (“NIM”), which enables NIM to provide certain advisory services to the Sub-Adviser for the benefit of the fund, including, but not limited to, portfolio management services. NIM is subject to the supervision of NIMNA and the Adviser. NIM is also an affiliate of the Adviser. NIM, located at 160 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V, 4LA, England, was formed in 1978. NIM is an indirect subsidiary of BNY. The Bank of New York Mellon, a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, serves as administrator, custodian and transfer agent with the Trust. BNY Mellon Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, is the distributor of the fund’s shares.

The shares of the fund are referred to herein as “Shares” or “Fund Shares.” Fund Shares are listed and traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC. The market price of each Share may differ to some degree from the fund’s net asset value (“NAV”). Unlike conventional mutual funds, the fund issues and redeems Shares on a continuous basis, at NAV, only in a large specified number of Shares, each called a “Creation Unit”. Creation Units are issued and redeemed principally in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a basket of securities. Except when aggregated in Creation Units by Authorized Participants, the Shares are not individually redeemable securities of the fund. Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Shares of the fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Shares of the fund (ask).

### NOTE 2—Significant Accounting Policies:

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) is the exclusive reference of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The fund is an investment company and applies the accounting and reporting guidance of the FASB ASC Topic 946 Financial Services-Investment Companies. The fund’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Trust enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

**(a) Portfolio valuation:** The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Additionally, GAAP provides guidance on determining whether the volume and activity in a market has decreased significantly and whether such a decrease in activity results in transactions that are not orderly. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures around valuation inputs and techniques used during annual and interim periods.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund’s investments relating to fair value measurements. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

**Level 1**—unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

**Level 2**—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

**Level 3**—significant unobservable inputs (including the fund’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. Valuation techniques used to value the fund's investments are as follows:

The Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") has designated the Adviser as the fund's valuation designee to make all fair value determinations with respect to the fund's portfolio of investments, subject to the Board's oversight and pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act.

Investments in equity securities, including ETFs (but not including investments in other open-end registered investment companies), generally are valued at the last sales price on the day of valuation on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities primarily are traded. Securities listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System ("NASDAQ") for which market quotations are available will be valued at the official closing price. If there are no transactions in a security, or no official closing prices for a NASDAQ market-listed security on that day, the security will be valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Open short positions for which there is no sale price on a given day are valued at the lowest asked price. Registered investment companies that are not traded on an exchange are valued at their net asset value. All of the preceding securities are generally categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect fair value accurately, they are valued at fair value as determined in good faith based on procedures approved by the Board. Fair value of investments may be determined by valuation designee using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. These securities are either categorized within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used.

For securities where observable inputs are limited, assumptions about market activity and risk are used and are generally categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The table below summarizes the inputs used as of August 31, 2024 in valuing the fund's investments:

#### Fair Value Measurements

	Level 1 - Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
<b>Assets (\$)</b>				
Investments In Securities: <sup>†</sup>				
Common Stocks	14,626,683	—	—	<b>14,626,683</b>
Investment Companies	81,938	—	—	<b>81,938</b>

<sup>†</sup> See Statement of Investments for additional detailed categorizations, if any.

**(b) Securities transactions and investment income:** Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income, including, where applicable, accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is recognized on the accrual basis.

Pursuant to a securities lending agreement with BNY, the fund may lend securities to qualified institutions. It is the fund's policy that, at origination, all loans are secured by collateral of at least 102% of the value of U.S. securities loaned and 105% of the value of foreign securities loaned. Collateral equivalent to at least 100% of the market value of securities on loan is maintained at all times. Collateral is either in the form of cash, which can be invested in certain money market mutual funds managed by the Adviser, or U.S. Government and Agency securities. Any non-cash collateral received cannot be sold or re-pledged by the fund, except in the event of borrower default. The securities on loan, if any, are also disclosed in the fund's Statement of Investments. The fund is entitled to receive all dividends, interest and distributions on securities loaned, in addition to income earned as a result of the lending transaction. Should a borrower fail to return the securities in a timely manner, BNY is required to replace the securities for the benefit of the fund or credit the fund with the market value of the unreturned securities and is subrogated to the fund's rights against the borrower and the collateral. Additionally, the contractual maturity of security lending transactions are on an overnight and continuous basis. During the period ended August 31, 2024, BNY earned \$132 from the lending of the fund's portfolio securities, pursuant to the securities lending agreement.

For financial reporting purposes, the fund elects not to offset assets and liabilities subject to a securities lending agreement, if any, in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Therefore, all qualifying transactions are presented on a gross basis in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. As of August 31, 2024, the fund had securities lending and the impact of netting of assets and liabilities and the offsetting of collateral pledged or received, if any, based on contractual netting/set-off provisions in the securities lending agreement are detailed in the following table:

	<b>Assets (\$)</b>	<b>Liabilities (\$)</b>
Securities Lending	877,528	—
Total gross amount of assets and liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	877,528	—
Collateral (received)/posted not offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	(877,528) <sup>†</sup>	—
Net Amount	—	—

<sup>†</sup> The value of the related collateral received by the fund normally exceeded the value of the securities loaned by the fund pursuant to the securities lending agreement. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan. See Statement of Investments for detailed information regarding the collateral received for open securities lending.

**(c) Affiliated issuers:** Investments in other investment companies advised by the Adviser or its affiliates are defined as “affiliated” under the Act.

**(d) Market Risk:** The value of the securities in which the fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the fund. Global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies world-wide.

**Innovation-Driven Company Risk:** There can be no assurance that a company identified as an innovation-driven company by NIMNA will ultimately introduce or benefit from a new product or service or that such product or service may not be significantly delayed or have the affect NIMNA anticipated. The returns on a portfolio of securities that are viewed by NIMNA as innovation-driven companies may trail the returns of a portfolio that is not limited to securities of innovation-driven companies. Investing only in securities of innovation-driven companies may affect the fund’s exposure to certain types of investments and may adversely impact the fund’s performance depending on whether such investments are in or out of favor in the market.

**Authorized Participants, Market Makers and Liquidity Providers Risk:** The fund has a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants, which are responsible for the creation and redemption activity for the fund. In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, fund shares may trade at a material discount to net asset value and possibly face delisting: (i) Authorized Participants exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other Authorized Participants step forward to perform these services, or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of fund shares in the secondary market may differ from the fund’s daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** The fund is non-diversified, which means that the fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. Therefore, the fund’s performance may be more vulnerable to changes in the market value of a single issuer or group of issuers and more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified fund.

**(e) Dividends and distributions to shareholders:** Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from net investment income and dividends from net realized capital gains, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). To the extent that net realized capital gains can be offset by capital loss carryovers of a fund, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gains. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

**(f) Federal income taxes:** It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of taxable income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

As of and during the period ended August 31, 2024, the fund did not have any liabilities for any uncertain tax positions. The fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended August 31, 2024, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

The tax year in the period ended February 29, 2024 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

The fund is permitted to carry forward capital losses for an unlimited period. Furthermore, capital loss carryovers retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses.

The fund has an unused capital loss carryover of \$20,599 available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net realized capital gains, if any, realized subsequent to February 29, 2024. These short-term capital losses can be carried forward for an unlimited period.

The fund had no distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

### **NOTE 3—Management Fee, Sub-Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates:**

**(a)** Pursuant to a management agreement with the Adviser, the management fee is computed at an annual rate of 0.50% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly. The fund's management agreement provides that the Adviser pays substantially all expenses of the fund, except for the management fees, payments under the fund's 12b-1 plan (if any), interest expenses, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, brokerage commissions, costs of holding shareholder meetings, fees and expenses associated with the fund's securities lending program, and litigation and potential litigation and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business.

The Adviser may from time to time voluntarily waive and/or reimburse fees or expenses in order to limit total annual fund operating expenses. Any such voluntary waiver or reimbursement may be eliminated by the Adviser at any time. During the period ended August 31, 2024, there was no reduction in expenses pursuant to the undertaking.

Pursuant to a sub-investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser serves as the fund's sub-adviser responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee at an annual percentage of the value of the fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser has obtained an exemptive order from the SEC (the "Order"), upon which the fund may rely, to use a manager of managers approach that permits the Adviser, subject to certain conditions and approval by the Board, to enter into and materially amend sub-investment advisory agreements with one or more sub-advisers who are either unaffiliated or affiliated with the Adviser without obtaining shareholder approval. The Order also relieves the fund from disclosing the sub-advisory fee paid by the Adviser to a Sub-Adviser in documents filed with the SEC and provided to shareholders. In addition, pursuant to the Order, it is not necessary to disclose the sub-advisory fee payable by the Adviser separately to a Sub-Adviser that is a wholly-owned subsidiary (as defined in the 1940 Act) of BNY in documents filed with the SEC and provided to shareholders; such fees are to be aggregated with fees payable to the Adviser. The Adviser has ultimate responsibility (subject to oversight by the Board) to supervise any Sub-Adviser and recommend the hiring, termination, and replacement of any Sub-Adviser to the Board.

Pursuant to a sub-investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser, and not the fund, pays the Sub-Adviser fee rate.

**(b)** The fund has an arrangement with The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Custodian"), a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund will receive interest income or be charged overdraft fees when cash balances are maintained. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes this interest income and overdraft fees, if any, as interest income in the Statement of Operations.

The components of "Due to BNY Mellon ETF Investment Adviser, LLC" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: Management fee of \$6,132.

**(c)** Each Board member serves as a Board member of each fund within the Trust. The Board members are not compensated directly by the fund. The Board members are paid by the Adviser from the unitary management fees paid to the Adviser by the funds within the Trust, including the fund.

#### **NOTE 4—Securities Transactions:**

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities and in-kind transactions, if any, during the period ended August 31, 2024, amounted to \$3,807,815 and \$3,681,686, respectively.

At August 31, 2024, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$3,056,564, consisting of gross appreciation of \$4,319,363 and gross depreciation of \$1,262,799.

At August 31, 2024, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

#### **NOTE 5—Shareholder Transactions:**

The fund issues and redeems its shares on a continuous basis, at NAV, to certain institutional investors known as “Authorized Participants” (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in a large specified number of shares called a Creation Unit. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares of the fund are not redeemable. The value of the fund is determined once each business day. The Creation Unit size for the fund may change. Authorized Participants will be notified of such change. Creation Unit transactions may be made in-kind, for cash, or for a combination of securities and cash. The principal consideration for creations and redemptions for the fund is in-kind, although this may be revised at any time without notice. The Trust issues and sells shares of the fund only: in Creation Units on a continuous basis through the Distributor, without a sales load, at their NAV per share determined after receipt of an order, on any Business Day, in proper form pursuant to the terms of the Authorized Participant Agreement. Transactions in capital shares for the fund are disclosed in detail in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. The consideration for the purchase of Creation Units of the fund may consist of the in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of securities and a specified amount of cash. Investors purchasing and redeeming Creation Units may pay a purchase transaction fee and a redemption transaction fee directly to the Trust and/or custodian to offset transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of Creation Units, including Creation Units for cash. The Adviser or its affiliates (the “Selling Shareholder”) may purchase Creation Units through a broker-dealer to “seed” (in whole or in part) funds as they are launched or may purchase shares from broker-dealers or other investors that have previously provided “seed” for funds when they were launched or otherwise in secondary market transactions. Because the Selling Shareholder may be deemed an affiliate of such funds, the fund shares are being registered to permit the resale of these shares from time to time after purchase. The fund will not receive any of the proceeds from resale by the Selling Shareholders of these fund shares. An additional variable fee may be charged for certain transactions. Such variable charges, if any, are included in “Transaction fees” on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

**Seed Capital:** As of August 31, 2024, MBC Investments Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY, held 379,401 shares of the fund.

**In-kind Redemptions:** For financial reporting purposes, in-kind redemptions are treated as sales of securities resulting in realized capital gains or losses to the fund. Because such gains or losses are not taxable to the fund and are not distributed to existing fund shareholders, the gains or losses are reclassified from accumulated net realized gain (loss) to paid-in capital at the end of the fund’s tax year. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. During the period ended August 31, 2024, the fund had no in-kind transactions.

Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants for Open-End Management Investment Companies (Unaudited)

N/A

Item 9. Proxy Disclosures for Open-End Management Investment Companies (Unaudited)

N/A

## Item 10. Remuneration Paid to Directors, Officers, and Others of Open-End Investment Companies (Unaudited)

Each member of the Board serves as a Board member of each fund within the Registrant. The Board members are not compensated directly by the Registrant. The Board members are paid by the Adviser from the unitary management fees paid to the Adviser by the funds within the Registrant.



## Item 11. Statement Regarding Basis for Approval of Investment Advisory Contracts (Unaudited)

At a meeting held on May 7, 2024, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”), all the members of which are not “interested persons” of the Trust as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, evaluated proposals: (i) to continue the management agreement (the “Management Agreement”) between the Trust and BNY Mellon ETF Investment Adviser, LLC (the “Adviser”) with respect to the BNY Mellon Innovators ETF (the “fund”); (ii) to continue the sub-investment advisory agreement (the “Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement”) between the Adviser and Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser”), an affiliate of the Adviser, on behalf of the fund; and (iii) to continue the sub-sub-investment advisory agreement (the “SSIA Agreement”) between the Sub-Adviser and Newton Investment Management Limited (“NIM”), also an affiliate of the Adviser, on behalf of the fund, which permits the Sub-Adviser to use the investment advisory personnel, resources and capabilities (“Investment Advisory Services”) available at its sister company, NIM, in providing the day-to-day management of the fund’s investments. The Management Agreement, the Sub-Advisory Agreement and the SSIA Agreement are each referred to herein as an “Agreement” and collectively, as the “Agreements”. The Trustees met separately to consider the Agreements and were advised by legal counsel throughout the process.

To evaluate the Agreements, the Board requested, and the Adviser, Sub-Adviser and NIM provided, such materials as the Board, with the advice of counsel, deemed reasonably necessary. In addition, the Board considered information it reviewed at other Board and Board committee meetings. In deciding whether to approve the Agreements, the Board considered various factors, including the (i) nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Adviser and Sub-Adviser under each respective Agreement, (ii) nature, extent and quality of services expected to be provided by NIM under the SSIA Agreement, (iii) investment performance of the fund, (iv) profits realized by the Adviser and its affiliates from its relationship with the fund, (v) fees charged to comparable funds, (vi) other benefits to the Adviser, Sub-Adviser, NIM and/or their affiliates, and (vii) extent to which economies of scale would be shared as the fund grows. The Board considered the Agreements for the fund and the engagement of the Adviser, Sub-Adviser and NIM separately.

The Board reviewed reports prepared by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (“Broadridge”), an independent provider of investment company data, which included information (i) comparing the fund’s performance with the performance of a group of other mid-cap growth exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) (the “Performance Group”) and with a broader group of retail and institutional mid-cap growth funds and ETFs (the “Performance Universe”) for the three-month, six-month and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2024; and (ii) comparing the fund’s contractual management fees and total expenses with a group of other mid-cap growth ETFs (the “Expense Group”) and, with respect to total expenses, with a broader group of mid-cap growth ETFs (the “Expense Universe”), the information for which was derived in part from fund financial statements available to Broadridge as of the date of its analysis.

### **Nature, Extent and Quality of Services**

The Board considered the nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, as well as the nature, extent and quality of services expected to be provided by NIM. In doing so, the Board relied on its prior experience in overseeing the management of the fund and the materials provided prior to and at the meeting. The Board reviewed the Agreements and the Adviser’s and Sub-Adviser’s responsibilities for managing investment operations of the fund in accordance with the fund’s investment objective and policies, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. The Board appreciated the nature of the fund as an exchange-traded fund and considered the background and experience of the Adviser’s, Sub-Adviser’s and NIM’s senior management, including those individuals responsible for portfolio management and regulatory compliance of the fund. The Board also considered the portfolio management resources, structures and practices of the Adviser, Sub-Adviser and NIM, including those associated with monitoring and ensuring the fund’s compliance with its investment objective and policies and with applicable laws and regulations. The Board further considered information about the Sub-Adviser’s and NIM’s best execution procedures as well as the Adviser’s, Sub-Adviser’s and NIM’s overall investment management business. The Board looked at the Adviser’s general knowledge of the investment management business and that of its affiliates, including the Sub-Adviser and NIM. With respect to the Sub-Adviser, the Board also considered the Adviser’s favorable assessment of the nature and quality of the services provided by the Sub-Adviser. With respect to NIM, the Board also considered the Adviser’s favorable assessment of the nature and quality of services expected to be provided by NIM.

### **Investment Performance**

The Board then reviewed the results of the fund’s performance comparisons and considered that the fund’s total return performance was below the Performance Group median for the three-month, six-month and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2024, below the Performance Universe median and benchmark for the three-month and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2024, and above the Performance Universe median and benchmark for the six-month period ended March 31, 2024. Representatives of the Adviser indicated that the usefulness of performance comparisons may be affected by a number of factors, including different investment limitations and policies that may be applicable to the fund and comparison funds and the end date selected. The representatives noted the limited time period of the performance information, and further noted that the fund had outperformed the largest thematic fund included the Performance Group for the six-month and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2024.

### **Profits Realized by the Adviser**

The Board considered the profitability of the advisory arrangement with the fund to the Adviser and its affiliates. The Board had the opportunity to discuss with representatives of the Adviser the process and methodology used to calculate profitability.

### **Fees Charged to Comparable Funds**

The Board evaluated the fund's unitary fee through review of comparative information with respect to fees paid by similar funds (i.e., other mid-cap growth ETFs). The Board explored with management the differences between the fund's fee and fees paid by similar funds. The Board noted the fund's contractual management fee was less than the Expense Group median and the fund's total expenses were less than the Expense Group median and Expense Universe median total expenses.

The Board considered the fee paid to the Sub-Adviser in relation to the fee paid to the Adviser by the fund and the respective services provided by the Sub-Adviser and the Adviser. The Board also took into consideration that the Sub-Adviser's fee is paid by the Adviser and not the fund. Furthermore, the Board noted NIM would not receive a fee in connection with providing the Investment Advisory Services.

### **Other Benefits**

The Board also considered whether the Adviser, Sub-Adviser, NIM or their affiliates benefited in other ways from their relationship with the fund, including any soft-dollar arrangements in connection with the fund's brokerage transactions. The Board noted The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation may derive certain benefits from an incremental growth in its businesses that may possibly result from the availability of the fund to clients.

### **Economies of Scale**

The Board reviewed information regarding economies of scale or other efficiencies that may result as the fund's assets grow in size. The Board noted that the advisory fee rate for the fund did not provide for breakpoints as assets of the fund increase. The Adviser asserted that one of the benefits of the unitary fee was to provide an unvarying expense structure, which could be lost or diluted with the addition of breakpoints. The Board noted that it intends to continue to monitor fees as the fund grows in size and assess whether fee breakpoints may be warranted.

### **Conclusion**

After weighing the foregoing factors, none of which was dispositive in itself and may have been weighed differently by each Trustee, the Board approved the continuation of the Agreements for the fund. In approving the continuance of the Agreements, the Board found that the terms of the Agreements are fair and reasonable, and that the continuance of the Agreements is in the best interests of the fund and its shareholders.

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