



State Street and SPDR ETFs' Statement Regarding ETF Trading

State Street Global Advisors (State Street) believes that so far, Standard & Poor's downgrade of the long term US debt has been greeted in a pragmatic way by investors, regulators, clients, and central banks. Many analysts and investors have claimed to have expected it for some time, and State Street's investment concern is less the downgrade as a per se indicator, but rather the diminishing set of choices available to boost US economic growth, and set federal finances onto a non-inflationary path. With this as context, State Street has also been carefully scrutinizing how market events may impact Exchange Traded Funds and the products we offer through our SPDR ETF business.

While State Street is aware of and is closely monitoring the risks and implications of the current market dislocation, we do not expect that S&P's downgrade of US Debt will have any impact on the management of our ETFs, which are passively managed to track the performance of market indices.

Since the S&P rating decision on August 5th, ETFs have continued to trade in an orderly fashion and we expect that the trading and settlement of our SPDR ETFs will continue to trade without incident as they did prior to S&P's recent announcement.

Investors can be confident that State Street and SPDR ETFs is bringing to bear all necessary resources as we closely monitor the situation and continue to commit ourselves to protecting the interests of our shareholders.

Important Risk Information

ETFs trade like stocks, are subject to investment risk, fluctuate in market value and may trade at prices above or below the ETFs net asset value. Brokerage commissions and ETF expenses will reduce returns.

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