



# GOAU

## U.S. Global GO GOLD and Precious Metal Miners ETF

### Fund Profile

#### FUND DETAILS

**Ticker:** GOAU  
**CUSIP:** 26922A719  
**Intraday NAV:** GOAU.IV  
**Expense Ratio:** 0.60%  
**Inception Date:** 6/27/2017  
**Number of Holdings:** 28  
**Stock Exchange:** NYSE Arca

#### Meet GOAU

The U.S. Global GO GOLD and Precious Metal Miners ETF (NYSE Arca: GOAU) tracks the U.S. Global Go Gold and Precious Metal Miners Index (GOAUX), which is designed to capture the performance of companies engaged in the production of precious metals either through active (mining or production) or passive (owning royalties or production streams) means.

#### Another Gold ETF?

We admit it: Precious metals is a crowded space, with some tough competition. But we believe GOAU is different because it focuses not just on mining stocks with large market caps, as many funds do. Instead, it seeks high-quality, well-managed producers that have a proven track record of sustainable profitability even when precious metal prices are down.

Combining years of experience investing in metals and mining and our boots-on-the-ground knowledge of the industry, we invest in companies with strong balance sheets and attractive portfolios of active mines, among other factors. Companies that rely primarily on debt to finance their business are eliminated from the index, which uses a smart-factor, rules-based model consisting of common stocks listed on well-developed exchanges across the globe.

In addition, GOAU places special emphasis on North American royalty and streaming companies, which we consider to be the “smart money” of the metals and mining space.

#### What Are Royalty Companies?

Royalty companies serve as specialized financiers that provide upfront capital to help fund producers’ exploration and production projects. In return, they receive royalties on whatever is produced or rights to a “stream.” A stream is an agreed-upon amount of gold, silver or other precious metal at a fixed, lower-than-market price.

Many producers prefer obtaining credit from royalty companies because terms are typically less onerous than those offered by traditional lenders. As an added bonus, most royalty companies provide producers with expert consultancy from their world-class team of mining engineers, geologists and metallurgists.

#### Why Invest in Royalty Companies?

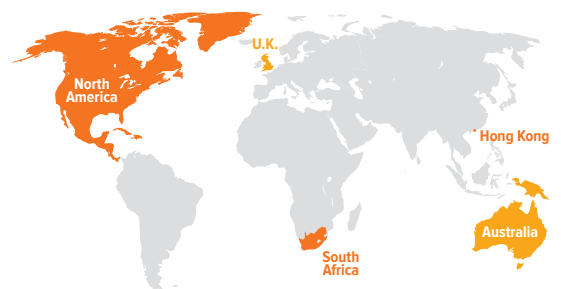
Royalty companies can help investors manage many common risks associated with traditional producers. Because they’re not directly responsible for building and maintaining mines and other costly infrastructure, huge operating expenses can be avoided. They also hold highly diversified portfolios of mines and other assets, which helps mitigate concentration risk in the event that one of the properties stops producing. As a result, royalty companies have enjoyed a much lower breakeven cost than traditional miners.

#### Shareholder Friendly Management

Royalty companies have a history of rewarding their investors, as they have shown greater dividend growth than the broader market, represented by the S&P 500 Index.\* Compared to many other companies in the mining space, royalty companies have tended to be better allocators of capital, taking on very little debt and deploying cash reserves only at the most opportune times.



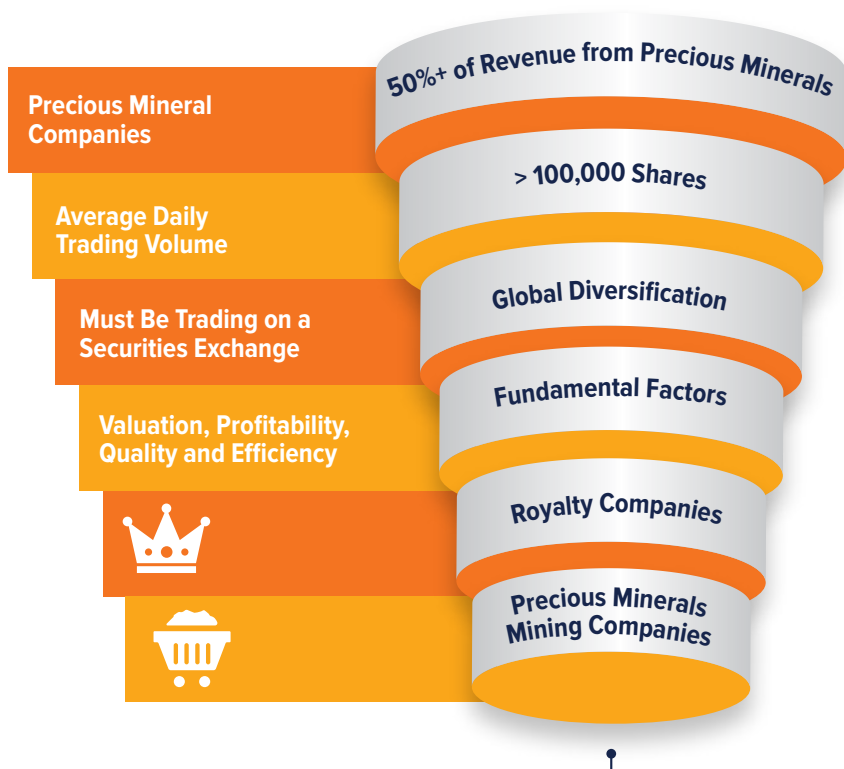
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## U.S. Global GO GOLD and Precious Metal Miners Index (GOAUX)

### INDEX UNIVERSE



### INDEX WEIGHTING

- 1 Top 3 Precious Minerals Companies**  
The 3 highest-scoring precious minerals companies, in North America, that have a market capitalization of at least \$1 billion receive a weight of 10% each.
- 2 Next 5 Precious Minerals Companies**  
The next 5 highest-scoring companies that are either domiciled in North America, or have a U.S.-listed ADR and are domiciled in South Africa, the U.K. or Australia, and have a minimum market cap of \$400 million, receive a weight of 4% each.
- 3 Next 10 Precious Minerals Companies**  
The next 10 highest-scoring companies that are either domiciled in North America, or have a U.S.-listed ADR and are domiciled in South Africa or the U.K., and have a minimum market cap of \$200 million, receive a weight of 3% each.
- 4 Next 10 Precious Minerals Companies**  
The next 10 highest-scoring companies that are domiciled outside of North America and have a market cap of at least \$200 million receive a weight of 2% each.

The index is rebalanced and reconstituted quarterly.

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Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Because the fund concentrates its investments in specific industries, the fund may be subject to greater risks and fluctuations than a portfolio representing a broader range of industries. The fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate more of its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund. The fund invests in foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods. These risks are greater for investments in emerging markets. The fund may invest in the securities of smaller-capitalization companies, which may be more volatile than funds that invest in larger, more established companies. The performance of the fund may diverge from that of the index. Because the fund may employ a representative sampling strategy and may also invest in securities that are not included in the index, the fund may experience tracking error to a greater extent than a fund that seeks to replicate an index. The fund is not actively managed and may be affected by a general decline in market segments related to the index. Gold, precious metals, and precious minerals funds may be susceptible to adverse economic, political or regulatory developments due to concentrating in a single theme. The prices of gold, precious metals, and precious minerals are subject to substantial price fluctuations over short periods of time and may be affected by unpredicted international monetary and political policies. We suggest investing no more than 5% to 10% of your portfolio in these sectors.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The U.S. Global GO GOLD and Precious Metal Miners Index uses a robust, dynamic, rules-based smart-factor model to select precious minerals companies that earn over 50% of their aggregate revenue from precious minerals through active (mining or production) or passive (royalties or streams) means. The index uses fundamental screens to identify companies with favorable valuation, profitability, quality and operating efficiency. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

Diversification does not protect an investor from market risks and does not assure a profit.

Market Capitalization is the value of the fund as determined by the market price of its issued and outstanding stock.

\*Source: Bloomberg. Dividend growth rate for five-year period as of 3/31/2017 was 11 percent for S&P 500, and 17 percent for a basket of royalty companies.

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