# Annual Financial Statements and Other Important Information

### Simplify Exchange Traded Funds

Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF (SURI)





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# **Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF Schedule of Investments**

June 30, 2024

	Shares	 Value
Common Stocks – 68.2%		
Communication Services – 3.4%		
Telesat Corp.*	365,781	\$ 3,328,607
Health Care – 64.8%		
Abeona Therapeutics, Inc.*	408,584	1,732,396
Achieve Life Sciences, Inc.*	217,845	1,023,871
Akero Therapeutics, Inc.*	212,477	4,984,710
Applied Therapeutics, Inc.*	2,817,505	13,157,748
Ardelyx, Inc.*	598,000	4,431,180
Athira Pharma, Inc.*	1,492,792	3,955,899
Avidity Biosciences, Inc.*	125,000	5,106,250
Chinook Therapeutics, Inc.*(a)	25,000	9,750
Cybin, Inc.*	500,000	135,500
Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.*	90,000	1,138,500
Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc.*	465,000	2,883,000
Kura Oncology, Inc.*	80,000	1,647,200
Kymera Therapeutics, Inc.*	30,515	910,873
MAAT Pharma Saca*	1,362	10,444
Madrigal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	23,294	6,526,047
Phathom Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	521,935	5,375,931
Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	50,000	1,026,500
Trevi Therapeutics, Inc.*	200,000	596,000
TScan Therapeutics, Inc.*	1,046,916	6,124,459
Verrica Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	280,000	 2,041,200
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$52,420,628)		 62,817,458 66,146,065
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$52,420,026)		 00,140,000
Limited Partnership – 26.7%		
Energy – 26.7%		
Plains GP Holdings LP, Class A*		
(Cost \$17,065,756)	1,372,360	 25,827,815
	Principal	
Corporate Bonds – 3.3%		
Communications – 3.3%		
Telesat Canada / Telesat LLC, 5.63%, 12/6/2026, 144A(b)	\$ 2,700,000	1,275,999
Telesat Canada / Telesat LLC, 6.50%, 10/15/2027, 144A(b)	6,124,000	 1,923,863
Total Corporate Bonds (Cost \$4,706,981)		 3,199,862
	Shares	
Closed-End Funds – 1.6%		
Equity Funds – 1.6%		
Kayne Anderson Energy Infrastructure Fund		
(Cost \$1,318,886)	147,033	 1,518,851
Money Market Funds – 0.3%		
Fidelity Investments Money Market Treasury Only Portfolio - Class I, 5.19%(c)		
(Cost \$317,014)	317,014	317,014
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### Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF Schedule of Investments (Continued)

June 30, 2024

		Value
Total Investments – 100.1%		
(Cost \$75,829,265)	\$	97,009,607
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets – (0.1)%		(66,037)
Net Assets – 100.0%	<u>\$</u>	96,943,570

- Non Income Producing
- (a) Investment was valued using significant unobservable inputs.
- (b) Security was purchased (sold) pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be resold (repurchased) subject to that rule except to qualified institutional buyers. Unless otherwise noted, Rule 144A securities are deemed to be liquid. Total fair value of Rule 144A securities amounts to \$3,199,862, which represents 3.3% of net assets as of June 30, 2024.
- (c) Rate shown reflects the 7-day yield as of June 30, 2024.

#### **Affiliates**

Fiscal year to date transactions with companies which are or were affiliates are as follows:

Affiliate	Value at beginning of the period	Purchases Cost	Sales Proceeds	Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation	Value at the end of the period	Number of Shares at the end of the period	Dividend Income	Capital Gain Distributions
Simplify									
Enhanced									
Income ETF	\$	\$ 3,002,520 \$	(2,922,372)	\$ (80,148)	\$ —	\$ —	— \$	179,179	\$ 892

#### Summary of Investment Type††

Investment Categories	% of Net Assets
Common Stocks	68.2%
Limited Partnership	26.7%
Corporate Bonds	3.3%
Closed-End Funds	1.6%
Money Market Funds	0.3%
Total Investments	100.1%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	(0.1)%
Net Assets	100.0%

<sup>††</sup> The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of investments in that category as a percentage of the net assets of the Fund. The table depicts the Fund's investments but may not represent the Fund's market exposure to certain derivatives, if any, which are included in Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets.

## **Simplify Exchange Traded Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

June 30, 2024

		nplify Propel pportunities ETF
Assets		
Investments, at value	\$	97,009,607
Receivables:		
Interest		106,219
Dividends		32,348
Investment adviser		20,464
Prepaid expenses	_	30
Total assets		97,168,668
Liabilities		
Payables:		
Investment advisory fees		225,098
Total liabilities		225,098
Net Assets	\$	96,943,570
Net Assets Consist of		
Paid-in capital	\$	92,257,166
Distributable earnings (loss)		4,686,404
Net Assets	\$	96,943,570
Number of Common Shares outstanding		4,380,001
Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share	\$	22.13
Investments, at cost	\$	75,829,265

# Simplify Exchange Traded Funds Statement of Operations For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		nplify Propel oportunities ETF
Investment Income		
Unaffiliated dividend income	\$	753,332
Affiliated dividend income		179,179
Interest income		912,424
Total income		1,844,935
Expenses		
Investment advisory fees		2,663,709
Total expenses	_	2,663,709
Waiver		(242,163)
Net expenses		
Net investment income (loss).		(576,611)
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)		
Net realized gain (loss) from:		
Investments		(10,014,243)
Affiliated investments		(80,148)
In-kind redemptions		980,550
Foreign currency transactions		(25)
Capital gain distributions from affiliated funds		892
Net realized gain (loss)		(9,112,974)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:		
Investments		24,763,358
Net unrealized gain (loss)		24,763,358
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)		15,650,384
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$	15,073,773

### **Simplify Exchange Traded Funds Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations	Year Ended June 30, 2024	For the period February 8, 2023 <sup>(1)</sup> to
·		2022(1) 40
·		June 30, 2023
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Net investment income (loss).	\$ (576,611)	\$ (129,558)
Net realized gain (loss)	(9,112,974)	(990,028)
Net change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	24,763,358	(3,583,016)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	15,073,773	(4,702,602)
Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Distributions	_	(3,107,601)
Return of capital	(14,533,703)	(2,920,001)
Total distributions	(14,533,703)	(6,027,602)
Fund Shares Transactions		
Proceeds from shares sold	24,650,767	127,642,507
Value of shares redeemed	(28,418,927)	(16,740,643)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from fund share transactions	(3,768,160)	110,901,864
Total net increase (decrease) in Net Assets	(3,228,090)	100,171,660
Net Assets		
Beginning of period	100,171,660	
End of period	\$ 96,943,570	<u>\$ 100,171,660</u>
Changes in Shares Outstanding		
Shares outstanding, beginning of period	4,570,001	_
Shares sold	1,060,000	5,320,001(2)
Shares redeemed	(1,250,000)	(750,000)
Shares outstanding, end of period	4,380,001	4,570,001

<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Shares not in increment of 25,000 shares, a creation unit, represent the Adviser's initial seed investment in connection with the commencement of operations.

### **Simplify Exchange Traded Funds Financial Highlights**

Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF Selected Per Share Data	Year Ended June 30, 2024	Period Ended June 30, 2023 <sup>(a)</sup>		
Net Asset Value, beginning of period	\$ 21.92	\$ 25.00		
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	(0.13)	(0.04)		
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	3.63	(1.36)		
Total from investment operations	3.50	(1.40)		
Net investment income	_	(0.87)		
Return of capital	(3.29)	(0.81)		
Total distributions	(3.29)	(1.68)		
Net Asset Value, end of period	\$ 22.13	\$ 21.92		
Total Return (%)	17.27	(4.97) <sup>(c)</sup>		
Net Assets, end of period (\$ millions)	\$ 97	\$ 100		
Ratio of expenses before fee waiver (%)	2.75 <sup>(d)</sup>	2.75 <sup>(d)(e)</sup>		
Ratio of expenses after fee waiver (%)	2.50 <sup>(d)</sup>	2.50 <sup>(d)(e)</sup>		
Ratio of net investment income (loss) (%)	(0.60)	(0.50) <sup>(e)</sup>		
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(f)</sup>	42	46 <sup>(c)</sup>		

- (a) For the period February 8, 2023 (commencement of operations) through June 30, 2023.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- (c) Not annualized.
- (d) The Fund invests in other ETFs and indirectly bears its proportionate shares of fees and expenses incurred by the Underlying Funds in which the Fund is invested. This ratio does not included these indirect fees and expenses.
- (e) Annualized.
- (f) Excludes the impact of in-kind transactions related to the processing of capital share transactions in Creation Units.

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### 1. Organization

Simplify Exchange Traded Funds (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end registered management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust.

As of June 30, 2024, the Trust consists of twenty eight investment series of exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") in operation and trading. These financial statements report on the Fund listed below:

Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF

Simplify Asset Management Inc. (the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Fund and has overall responsibility for the general management and administration of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board").

The Fund offers shares that are listed and traded on the NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"). Unlike mutual funds, the Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value ("NAV"), only in large specified lots consisting of 25,000 shares, each called a "Creation Unit", to authorized participants who have entered into agreements with the Fund's distributor. Shares are not individually redeemable securities of the Fund, and owners of the shares may acquire those shares from the Fund, or tender such shares for redemption to the Fund, in Creation Units only.

FundInvestment objectivesSimplify Propel Opportunities ETFThe Fund seeks to provide long-term growth of capital.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund is an investment company and accordingly follow the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 Financial Services – Investment Companies including Accounting Standards Update 2013-08. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.

#### **Investment Valuation**

The Fund's investments are valued using procedures approved by the Board and are generally valued using market valuations (Market Approach). A market valuation generally means a valuation (i) obtained from an exchange, a pricing service, or a major market maker (or dealer) or (ii) based on a price quotation or other equivalent indication of value supplied by an exchange, a pricing service, or a major market maker (or dealer). A price obtained from a pricing service based on such pricing service's valuation matrix may be considered a market valuation. Any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars at the current market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more sources.

If market quotations are not readily available, securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined using the "fair value" procedures approved by the Board. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security. The fair value prices can differ from market prices when they become available or when a price becomes available. The Board has designated the Adviser as its valuation designee to execute these procedures. The Adviser may also enlist third party consultants such as an audit firm or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value. These securities are either categorized as Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used. The Board reviews the execution of this process and the resultant fair value prices at least quarterly to assure the process produces reliable results.

Equity securities, closed-end funds, and ETFs are valued at the most recent sale price or official closing price reported on the exchange (U.S. or foreign) or over-the-counter market on which they trade. Securities, closed-end funds or ETFs for which no sales are reported are valued at the calculated mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations on the relevant market or, if a mean cannot be determined, at the most recent bid quotation. Equity securities, closed-end funds, and ETFs are generally categorized as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Exchange traded options are valued at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on the exchange on which such options are traded. If a mean price is not available, the closing price is used. Exchange trade options are categorized as Level 1. Options with international equity exposure are marked to market using closing prices for the underlying and interpolated option implied volatilities obtained from mid-market prices for options on the same underlying of similar expiries and strike prices. These securities are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Money Market Funds are valued at NAV.

Debt securities not traded on an exchange may be valued at prices supplied by a pricing agent(s) based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing, a method of valuing securities by reference to the value of other securities with similar characteristics, such as rating, interest rate and maturity. Debt securities are generally categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

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Under certain circumstances, the Fund may use an independent pricing service to calculate the fair market value of foreign equity securities on a daily basis by applying valuation factors to the last sale price or the mean price as noted above. The fair market values supplied by the independent pricing service will generally reflect market trading that occurs after the close of the applicable foreign markets of comparable securities or the value of other instruments that have a strong correlation to the fair valued securities. The independent pricing service will also take into account the current relevant currency exchange rate. A security that is fair valued may be valued at a price higher or lower than actual market quotations or the value determined by other funds using their own fair valuation procedures. Because foreign securities may trade on days when Shares are not priced, the value of securities held by the Fund can change on days when Shares cannot be redeemed or purchased. In the event that a foreign security's market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable (for reasons other than because the foreign exchange on which it trades closed before the Fund's calculation of NAV), the security will be valued at its fair market value as determined in good faith by the Fund's Adviser as the Board's valuation designee in accordance with procedures approved by the Board below. Without fair valuation, it is possible that short-term traders could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Fair valuation of the Fund's portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that it will prevent dilution of the Fund's NAV by short-term traders. In addition, because the Fund may invest in underlying ETFs which hold portfolio securities primarily listed on foreign (non- U.S.) exchanges, and these exchanges may trade on weekends or other days when the underlying ETFs do not price their shares, the value of these portfolio securities may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Shares.

Investments initially valued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rates obtained from pricing services or other parties in accordance with the valuation procedures of the Adviser as the Board's valuation designee. As a result, the NAV of the Shares may be affected by changes in the value of currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar. The value of securities traded in markets outside the United States or denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar may be affected significantly on a day that the Exchange is closed and an investor is not able to purchase, redeem or exchange Shares.

The Fund categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to value its investments into a disclosure hierarchy consisting of three levels as shown below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the fund has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, 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.

The following is a summary of the valuations as of June 30, 2024 for the Fund based upon the three levels defined above:

#### **Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF**

<u>Assets</u>	Level 1		Level 2		Level 1 Level 2 Level 3		Level 2 Level 3		 Total
Common Stocks	\$	66,136,315	\$	_	\$	9,750	\$ 66,146,065		
Limited Partnership		25,827,815		_		_	25,827,815		
Corporate Bonds		_		3,199,862		_	3,199,862		
Closed-End Funds		1,518,851		_		_	1,518,851		
Money Market Funds		317,014		_			317,014		
TOTAL	\$	93,799,995	\$	3,199,862	\$	9,750	\$ 97,009,607		

#### Cash

Cash consists of cash on deposit with a major financial institution which may exceed federally insured limits.

### **Foreign Currency Translations**

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rates at period end. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of the transactions.

Net realized and unrealized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net gains and losses between trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, the acquisition and disposition of foreign currencies, and the difference between the amount of net investment income accrued and the U.S. dollar amount actually received. The portion of both realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed, but is included with net realized and unrealized gain/appreciation and loss/depreciation on investments.

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#### **Investment Transactions and Related Income**

For financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are reported on the trade date. However, for daily NAV determination, portfolio securities transactions are reflected no later than in the first calculation on the first business day following trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis and includes, where applicable, the amortization of premium or accretion of discount based on effective yield. Gains or losses realized on sales of securities are determined using the specific identification method by comparing the identified cost of the security lot sold with the net sales proceeds. Dividend Income on the Statements of Operations is shown net of any foreign taxes withheld on income from foreign securities, which are provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable tax rules and regulations.

#### Income Tax Information and Distributions to Shareholders

It is the Fund's policy to comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("the Code"). The Fund intends to qualify for and to elect treatment as a separate Regulated Investment Company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Code. It is the Fund's policy is to pay out dividends from net investment income quarterly. Taxable net realized gains from investment transactions, reduced by capital loss carryforwards, if any, will be declared and distributed to shareholders at least annually. The capital loss carryforward amount, if any, will be available to offset future net capital gains. The Fund may occasionally be required to make supplemental distributions at some other time during the year. The Fund reserves the right to declare special distributions if, in its reasonable discretion, such action is necessary or advisable to preserve the status of the Fund as a RIC or to avoid imposition of income or excise taxes on undistributed income. Dividends and distributions to shareholders, if any, will be recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount of dividends and distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains will be determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These "book/tax" differences are either considered temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, (e.g., return of capital and distribution reclassifications), such amounts are reclassified within the composition of net assets based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences (e.g., wash sales and straddles) do not require a reclassification. Dividends and distributions, which exceed earnings and profits for the full year for tax purposes, will be reported as a tax return of capital.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP requirements regarding accounting for uncertainties in income taxes, management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions expected to be taken on foreign, federal and state income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statement.

The Fund will recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense on the Statement of Operations.

### 3. Investment Advisory Agreement and Other Agreements

The Adviser has overall responsibility for the general management and administration of the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board. Under an investment advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser (the "Investment Advisory Agreement"), the Adviser is responsible for arranging sub-advisory, transfer agency, custody, fund administration, and all other non-distribution related services for the Fund to operate.

Propel Bio Management, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser") serves as investment sub-adviser to the Fund. The Sub-Adviser is responsible for day-to-day management of the Fund, subject to supervision of the Adviser. The Adviser, not the Fund, pays the sub-advisory fee to the Sub-Adviser.

In addition to serving as Portfolio Manager of the Sub-Adviser with respect to the Fund, Mr. Richard Kayne (through a trust where he serves as a trustee) indirectly owns voting preferred shares of the Adviser and through the same trust is indirectly the Fund's seed investor. Mr. Kayne is also a majority owner in Propel Bio Partners, LLC (the "General Partner"), a Delaware limited liability company, which serves as the general partner to the Propel Bio Partners, L.P. (the "Private Fund"). The Private Fund is a pooled investment vehicle that is exempt from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Securities Act of 1933. The Sub-Adviser has been retained by the General Partner to serve as the investment adviser to the Private Fund. Mr. Kayne's indirect part ownership of the Adviser and provision of seed capital to the Fund presents a potential conflict of interest on the part of the Adviser in selecting the Sub-Adviser. These relationships between Mr. Kayne and each of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser were fully disclosed to, discussed with and considered by the Board in approving and renewing the appointment of the Sub-Adviser.

For its investment advisory services, the Adviser was entitled to receive a management fee based on the Fund's average daily net assets, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly, at an annual rate equal to:

Assets	Management Fee
Up to and including \$1 billion	2.75%
Over \$1 billion and less the \$ 5 billion	
Over \$5 billion and less the \$ 10 billion	2.00%
Over \$10 billion	1.00%

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The Adviser and Sub-Adviser have collectively agreed to waive 0.25% of the management and sub advisory fee on an annualized basis through December 31, 2024. This waiver may be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees on 60 days' notice and terminates automatically if the management agreement or sub-advisory agreement is terminated. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Adviser waived fees of \$242,163.

Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Adviser has agreed to pay substantially all the operating expenses of the Fund, excluding interest expenses, taxes, brokerage expenses, Rule 12b-1 fees (if any), acquired fund fees and expenses, expenses incidental to a meeting of the Fund's shareholders and the Management Fee. In addition to the excluded operating expenses, the Fund also pays non-operating expenses such as litigation and indemnification expenses and other expenses determined to be extraordinary by the Trust.

The Board has adopted a Distribution and Service Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. In accordance with its Rule 12b-1 plan, the Fund is authorized to pay an amount up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets each year to finance activities primarily intended to result in the sale of Creation Units of the Fund or the provision of investor services. No Rule 12b-1 fees are currently paid by the Fund and there are no plans to impose these fees. However, in the event Rule 12b-1 fees are charged in the future, they will be paid out of the Fund's assets, and directly impact the NAV per share of the Fund.

The Bank of New York Mellon, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, serves as Administrator, Custodian, Accounting Agent and Transfer Agent for the Fund.

Foreside Financial Services, LLC (the "Distributor") serves as the distributor of Creation Units for the Fund on an agency basis. The Distributor does not maintain a secondary market in shares of the Fund. Foreside Fund Officer Services, LLC a related party to the Distributor also serves as the Trust's Compliance Officer.

A Trustee and certain Officers of the Trust are also employees of the Adviser and/or the Distributor.

#### 4. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term securities, U.S. Government Securities and in-kind transactions were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$ 39,881,639	\$ 45,848,862
Securities received and delivered in-kind through subscriptions and redemptions were as follows:		
Fund	Purchases	Sales
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$ —	\$ 9,768,550

#### 5. Fund Share Transactions

The Fund issues and redeems Shares at NAV only in large blocks of 25,000 Shares (each block of Shares is called a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units are issued and redeemed primarily in-kind for securities but may include cash. Individual Shares may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through brokers. Except when aggregated in Creation Units in transactions with Authorized Participants, the Shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund.

Fund Shares are listed and traded on the Exchange on each day that the Exchange is open for business ("Business Day"). The Fund's Shares may only be purchased and sold on the Exchange through a broker-dealer. Because the Fund's Shares trade at market prices rather than at their NAV, Shares may trade at a price equal to the NAV, greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount).

Authorized participants pay a fixed transaction fee of \$500 to the shareholder servicing agent when purchasing and redeeming Creation Units of the Fund. The transaction fee is used to defray the costs associated with the issuance and redemption of Creation Units. In addition to the fixed transaction fee, the Fund may charge an additional maximum 3% of the amount invested variable fee for creations and redemptions in cash, to offset brokerage and impact expenses associated with a cash transaction.

#### 6. Federal Income Taxes

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the effect of permanent "book/tax" reclassifications to the components of net assets are included below. These differences are primarily due to redemptions-in-kind, non-deductible excise tax paid, prior year true ups, distributions in excess, return of capital distributions, and controlled foreign corporations income reversal.

	Distributable	
Fund	earnings (loss)	Paid-in Capital
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$(6,084,313)	\$ 6,084,313

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The tax character of dividends and distributions declared for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Fund	Ordinary Income*	Long -Term Capital Gains	Return of Capital
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Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$ <i>—</i>	<b>\$</b> —	\$14,533,703

<sup>\*</sup> For tax purposes short-term capital gain distributions are considered ordinary income distributions.

The tax character of dividends and distributions declared for the period ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

		Long -Term	Return of
Fund	Ordinary Income*	Capital Gains	Capital
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$3.107.601	\$—	\$2.920.001

<sup>\*</sup> For tax purposes short-term capital gain distributions are considered ordinary income distributions.

As of June 30, 2024, the components of accumulated earnings (losses) on a tax basis were as follows:

						Post-October	
	Undistributed	Undistributed	Temporary	Net Unrealized	Accumulated	/ Late-year	
	Ordinary	Long-term	Book/Tax	Appreciation	Capital and	<b>Ordinary Loss</b>	Distributable
Fund	Income	Capital Gains	Differences(a)	(Depreciation)	Other Losses	Deferrals	earnings (loss)
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$15,246,306	\$ (10,559,902)	\$—	\$4,686,404

<sup>(</sup>a) The temporary book/tax differences was attributable primarily to dividend payable and straddles deferral.

At June 30, 2024, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments owned by the Fund, based on cost for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

				Net
		Gross	Gross	Unrealized
		Unrealized	Unrealized	Appreciation
Fund	Tax Cost	Appreciation	Depreciation	(Depreciation)
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$81,763,301	\$33,056,499	\$(17,810,193)	\$15,246,306

The differences between book-basis and tax-basis components of net assets are primarily attributable to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and return of capital basis adjustments from underlying investments.

The Fund utilized capital loss carryforwards to offset taxable gains realized during the year ended June 30, 2024:

Fund	Amount
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$—

At June 30, 2024, for federal income tax purposes, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards available as shown in the table below, to the extent provided by regulations, to offset future capital gains for an unlimited period. To the extent that these capital loss carryforwards are used to offset future capital gains, it is probable that the capital gains so offset will not be distributed to shareholders.

Fund	Short-Term	Long-Term	1	otal Amount
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$ 8,326,533	\$ 2,233,369	\$	10,559,902

Certain capital and qualified late year ordinary losses incurred after October 31 and December 31, respectively, and within the current taxable year, are deemed to arise on the first business day of the Fund's next taxable year. At June 30 2024, the Fund incurred and will elect to defer post-October capital losses and late year ordinary losses:

Fund	Capital Post- October Losses	Late-year ordinary Losses
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	\$—	<b>\$</b> —

June 30, 2024

### 7. In-Kind Seeding

Assets contributed to Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF (SURI) were \$60,286,654 in cash and securities at fair market of \$71,250,025 with unrealized appreciation of \$10,963,371, in exchange for 2,850,001 shares at a NAV of \$25 on February 7, 2023. On June 21, 2023, additional assets contributed to Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF (SURI) were \$29,722,184 in cash and securities at fair market of \$37,751,058 with unrealized appreciation of \$8,028,874 in exchange for 1,650,000 shares at a NAV of \$22.88. The fair value of assets contributed to Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF (SURI) became the new cost basis for financial reporting purposes.

### 8. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of these financial statements and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statement.

### Simplify Exchange Traded Funds Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF and

Board of Trustees of Simplify Exchange Traded Funds

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF (the "Fund"), a series of Simplify Exchange Traded Funds, as of June 30, 2024, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, and the statements of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the year ended June 30, 2024 and for the period from February 8, 2023 (commencement of operations) through June 30, 2023, and the related notes (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 June 30, 2024, the results of its operations for the year then ended, and the changes in net assets and the financial highlights for each of the two periods in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. 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 Fund 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 audits 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.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of June 30, 2024, by correspondence with the custodian. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the auditor of one of more funds advised by Simplify Asset Management, Inc. since 2020.

COHEN & COMPANY, LTD.

Cohen + Company

Cleveland, Ohio August 29, 2024

### Simplify Exchange Traded Funds Additional Information (Unaudited)

#### **Discount & Premium Information**

Information regarding how often shares of the Fund traded on NYSE Arca at a price above (i.e., at a premium) or below (i.e., at a discount) the NAV of the Fund can be found at www.simplify.us.

#### Tax Information

Form 1099-DIV and other year-end tax information provide shareholders with actual calendar year amounts that should be included in their tax returns. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors.

The Fund designates the following amounts or, if subsequently determined to be different, the maximum allowable for its year ended June 30, 2024.

	Qualified	Dividends
	Dividend	Received
Fund	Income*	Deduction
Simplify Propel Opportunities ETF	100.00%	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup> The above percentage is based on ordinary income dividends paid to shareholders during the Fund's fiscal year.

This report must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.





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