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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q

**Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2016**

**Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
for the transition period from _____ to _____**

Commission file number: 001-32356

SPDR® GOLD TRUST
SPONSORED BY WORLD GOLD TRUST SERVICES, LLC
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York (State or Other Jurisdiction of	81-6124035 (I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or Organization)	Identification No.)
c/o World Gold Trust Services, LLC	
685 Third Ave. 27th Floor	
New York, New York 10017	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	
(212) 317-3800	
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of January 25, 2017 the Registrant had 269,600,000 Shares outstanding.

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Statements of Financial Condition**

at December 31, 2016 (unaudited) and September 30, 2016

(Amounts in 000 s of US\$ except for share and per share data)	Dec-31, 2016 (unaudited)	Sep-30, 2016
ASSETS		
Investment in Gold (cost <u>\$32,878,643</u> and <u>\$37,872,834</u> , at December 31, 2016 and September 30, 2016, respectively)	\$ 30,683,350	\$ 40,357,092
Gold receivable		
Total Assets	\$ 30,683,350	\$ 40,357,092
LIABILITIES		
Gold payable	\$ 44,182	\$ 50,461
Accounts payable to Sponsor	10,617	13,184
Total Liabilities	54,799	63,645
Net Assets	\$ 30,628,551	\$ 40,293,447
Shares issued and outstanding ⁽¹⁾	277,300,000	319,400,000
Net asset value per Share	\$ 110.45	\$ 126.15

(1) Authorized share capital is unlimited and the par value of the Shares is \$0.00.
See notes to the unaudited financial statements

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at December 31, 2016 (unaudited) and September 30, 2016

(All balances in 000 s except for percentages)**December 31, 2016**

(unaudited)

	Ounces of gold	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Investment in Gold	26,471.7	\$ 32,878,643	\$ 30,683,350	100.18%
Total Investment		\$ 32,878,643	\$ 30,683,350	100.18%
Liabilities in excess of other assets			(54,799)	(0.18%)
Net Assets			\$ 30,628,551	100.00%

September 30, 2016

Investment in Gold	30,515.8	\$ 37,872,834	\$ 40,357,092	100.16%
Total Investment		\$ 37,872,834	\$ 40,357,092	100.16%
Liabilities in excess of other assets			(63,645)	(0.16%)
Net Assets			\$ 40,293,447	100.00%

See notes to the unaudited financial statements

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For the three months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

(Amounts in 000 s of US\$, except per share data)		Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2016 (unaudited)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2015 (unaudited)
Expenses			
Sponsor fees		\$ 35,918	\$ 23,818
Total expenses		35,918	23,818
Net investment loss		(35,918)	(23,818)
Net realized and change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investment in gold			
Net realized gain/(loss) from investment in gold sold to pay expenses		68	(2,820)
Net realized gain/(loss) from gold distributed for the redemption of Shares		(205,896)	(362,484)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investment in gold		(4,679,551)	(753,891)
Net realized and change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investment in gold		(4,885,379)	(1,119,195)
Net income/(loss)		\$ (4,921,297)	\$ (1,143,013)
Net income/(loss) per share		\$ (16.10)	\$ (5.11)
Weighted average number of shares (in 000 s)		305,599	223,621

See notes to the unaudited financial statements

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For the three months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

(Amounts in 000 s of US\$)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2016 (unaudited)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2015 (unaudited)
INCREASE / DECREASE IN CASH FROM OPERATIONS:		
Cash proceeds received from sales of gold	\$ 38,485	\$ 24,513
Cash expenses paid	(38,485)	(24,513)
Increase/(Decrease) in cash resulting from operations		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
<i>Value of gold received for creation of shares net of gold receivable</i>	\$ 1,598,340	\$ 1,511,823
<i>Value of gold distributed for redemption of shares net of gold payable</i>	\$ 6,348,218	\$ 3,050,374
(Amount in 000 s of US\$)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2016 (unaudited)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2015 (unaudited)
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (4,921,297)	\$ (1,143,013)
Adjustments to reconcile net income/(loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Proceeds from sales of gold to pay expenses	38,485	24,513
Net realized (gain)/loss from investment in gold sold to pay expenses	(68)	2,820
Net realized (gain)/loss from gold distributed for the redemption of Shares	205,896	362,484
Net change in unrealized (appreciation)/depreciation on investment in gold	4,679,551	753,891
Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable to Sponsor	(2,567)	(695)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	\$

See notes to the unaudited financial statements

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For the three months ended December 31, 2016 (unaudited) and year ended September 30, 2016

(Amounts in 000 s of US\$)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2016 (unaudited)	Year Ended Sep-30, 2016
Net Assets - Opening Balance	\$ 40,293,447	\$ 24,612,170
Creations	1,598,340	20,832,493
Redemptions	(6,341,939)	(10,102,639)
Net investment loss	(35,918)	(127,076)
Net realized gain/(loss) from investment in gold sold to pay expenses	68	614
Net realized gain/(loss) from gold distributed for the redemption of shares	(205,896)	(6,601)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investment in gold	(4,679,551)	5,084,486
Net Assets - Closing Balance	\$ 30,628,551	\$ 40,293,447

See notes to the unaudited financial statements

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements

1. Organization

The SPDR® Gold Trust (the Trust) is an investment trust formed on November 12, 2004 (Date of Inception) under New York law pursuant to a trust indenture. The fiscal year end for the Trust is September 30th. The Trust holds gold and is expected from time to time to issue shares (Shares) (in minimum denominations of 100,000 Shares, also referred to as Baskets) in exchange for deposits of gold and to distribute gold in connection with redemption of Baskets. The investment objective of the Trust is for the Shares to reflect the performance of the price of gold bullion, less the Trust's expenses.

The Shares trade on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (NYSE Arca) under the symbol GLD, providing investors with an efficient means to obtain market exposure to the price of gold bullion. The Shares are eligible for margin accounts. The Shares are also listed on the Mexican Stock Exchange (*Bolsa Mexicana de Valores*), the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

BNY Mellon Asset Servicing, a division of The Bank of New York Mellon (the Trustee) does not actively manage the gold held by the Trust. This means that the Trustee does not sell gold at times when its price is high, or acquire gold at low prices in the expectation of future price increases. It also means that the Trustee does not make use of any of the hedging techniques available to professional gold investors to attempt to reduce the risk of losses resulting from price decreases. Any losses sustained by the Trust will adversely affect the value of the Shares.

The statement of financial condition and schedule of investment at December 31, 2016, the statements of operations and of cash flows for the three months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the statement of changes in net assets for the three months ended December 31, 2016 have been prepared on behalf of the Trust without audit. In the opinion of management of the sponsor of the Trust, World Gold Trust Services, LLC (the Sponsor), all adjustments (which include normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of and for the three months ended December 31, 2016 and for all periods presented have been made.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. The results of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full fiscal year.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Trust.

2.1. Basis of Accounting

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 in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2.2. Investment Company Status

The Trust is an investment company in accordance with U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance according to Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946. The Trust is not registered, and is not required to be registered under the Investment Company Act.

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U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the price the Trust would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Trust's policy is to value its investments at fair value.

The Trust does not hold derivative instruments, and its assets only consist of allocated gold bullion and, from time to time, cash, which is used to pay expenses.

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of the Trust's assets or liabilities. Inputs may be based on independent market data (observable inputs) or they may be internally developed (unobservable inputs). These inputs are categorized into a disclosure hierarchy consisting of three broad levels for financial reporting purposes. The level of a value determined for an asset or liability within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not considered to be active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means; and

Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable for the asset and liability, including the Trust's assumptions used in determining the fair value of investments.

The following table summarizes the Trust's investments at fair value:

(Amounts in 000's of US\$)

December 31, 2016	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investment in Gold	\$ 30,683,350	\$	\$
Total	\$ 30,683,350	\$	\$
September 30, 2016			
Investment in Gold	\$ 40,357,092	\$	\$
Total	\$ 40,357,092	\$	\$

There were no transfers between Level 1 and other Levels for the three months ended December 31, 2016, and for the year ended September 30, 2016.

The Trustee values the gold held by the Trust on the basis of the price of an ounce of gold as determined by

ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (IBA), a benchmark administrator, which provides an independently administered auction process as well as the overall administration and governance for the LBMA Gold Price. In determining the net asset value (NAV) of the Trust, the Trustee values the gold held by the Trust on the basis of the price of an ounce of gold determined by the IBA 3:00 PM auction process (LBMA Gold Price PM), which is an electronic auction, with the imbalance calculated, and the price adjusted in rounds (45 seconds in duration). The auction runs twice daily at 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM London time. The Trustee determines the NAV of the Trust on each day the NYSE Arca is open for regular trading, at the earlier of the LBMA Gold Price PM for the day or 12:00 PM New York time. If no LBMA Gold Price is made on a particular evaluation day or if the LBMA Gold Price has not been announced by 12:00 PM New York time on a particular evaluation day, the next most recent LBMA Gold Price (AM or PM) is used in the determination of the NAV of the Trust, unless the Trustee, in consultation with the Sponsor, determines that such price is inappropriate to use as the basis for such determination.

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Gold is held by HSBC Bank plc (the Custodian) on behalf of the Trust. During the three month period ended December 31, 2016, no gold was held by a subcustodian. During the year ended September 30, 2016, the only time gold was held by a subcustodian (the Bank of England) was during the period January through March and the greatest amount of gold held during such period was approximately 29 tonnes, or approximately 3.8% of the Trust's gold at the time.

2.5. Gold Receivable

Gold receivable represents the quantity of gold covered by contractually binding orders for the creation of Shares where the gold has not yet been transferred to the Trust's account. Generally, the gold is transferred to the Trust's allocated bullion account at the Custodian within three business days of the trade date.

(Amounts in 000's of US\$)	Dec-31, 2016	Sep-30, 2016
Gold receivable	\$	\$

2.6. Gold Payable

Gold payable represents the quantity of gold covered by contractually binding orders for the redemption of Shares where the gold has not yet been transferred out of the Trust's account. Generally, the gold is transferred from the Trust's allocated bullion account with the Custodian within three business days of the trade date.

(Amounts in 000's of US\$)	Dec-31, 2016	Sep-30, 2016
Gold payable	\$ 44,182	\$ 50,461

2.7. Creations and Redemptions of Shares

The Trust creates and redeems Shares from time to time, but only in one or more Baskets (a Basket equals a block of 100,000 Shares). The Trust issues Shares in Baskets to certain authorized participants (Authorized Participants) on an ongoing basis. The creation and redemption of Baskets is only made in exchange for the delivery to the Trust or the distribution by the Trust of the amount of gold and any cash represented by the Baskets being created or redeemed, the amount of which will be based on the combined net asset value of the number of Shares included in the Baskets being created or redeemed determined on the day the order to create or redeem Baskets is properly received.

As the Shares of the Trust are redeemable in Baskets at the option of the Authorized Participants, the Trust has classified the Shares as Net Assets as of December 31, 2016. Changes in the Shares for the three months ended December 31, 2016 and for the year ended September 30, 2016, are as follows:

(All amounts are in 000's)

	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2016	Year Ended Sep-30, 2016
Activity in Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding:		
Creations	13,200	174,700
Redemptions	(55,300)	(86,000)
Net change in number of Shares Issued and Outstanding	(42,100)	88,700

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(Amounts in 000 s of US\$)	Three Months Ended Dec-31, 2016	Year Ended Sep-30, 2016
Activity in Value of Shares Issued and Outstanding:		
Creations	\$ 1,598,340	\$ 20,832,493
Redemptions	(6,341,939)	(10,102,639)
Net change in value of Shares Issued and Outstanding	(\$ 4,743,599)	\$ 10,729,854

2.8. Revenue Recognition Policy

The Trustee will, at the direction of the Sponsor or in its own discretion, sell the Trust's gold as necessary to pay the Trust's expenses. When selling gold to pay expenses, the Trustee will endeavor to sell the smallest amount of gold needed to pay expenses in order to minimize the Trust's holdings of assets other than gold. Unless otherwise directed by the Sponsor the Trustee will sell gold to the Custodian at the next LBMA Gold Price PM following the sale order. A gain or loss is recognized based on the difference between the selling price and the average cost of the gold sold, and such amounts are reported as net realized gain/(loss) from investment in gold sold to pay expenses on the Statement of Operations.

The Trust's net realized and change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investment in gold for the three month period ended December 31, 2016 of (\$4,885,379) is made up of a realized gain of \$68 from the sale of gold to pay expenses, a realized loss of (\$205,896) from gold distributed for the redemption of Shares, and a change in unrealized depreciation of (\$4,679,551) on investment in gold.

The Trust's net realized and change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investment in gold for the three month period ended December 31, 2015 of (\$1,119,195) is made up of a realized loss of (\$2,820) from the sale of gold to pay expenses, a realized loss of (\$362,484) from gold distributed for the redemption of Shares, and a change in unrealized depreciation of (\$753,891) on investment in gold.

2.9. Income Taxes

The Trust identifies its major tax jurisdiction as the United States. The Trust is classified as a grantor trust for US federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Trust itself will not be subject to US federal income tax. Instead, the Trust's income and expenses will flow through to the Shareholders, and the Trustee will report the Trust's proceeds, income, deductions, gains, and losses to the Internal Revenue Service on that basis. The Sponsor of the Trust has evaluated whether or not there are uncertain tax positions that require financial statement recognition and has determined that no reserves for uncertain tax positions are required as of December 31, 2016 or September 30, 2016.

The Sponsor evaluates tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Trust's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more-likely-than-not to be sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet that threshold would be recorded as an expense in the current year. The Trust is required to analyze all open tax years. Open tax years are those years that are open for examination by the Internal Revenue Service. As of December 31, 2016, the 2015, 2014 and 2013 tax years remain open for examination. There are no examinations in progress at period end.

3. Related Parties Sponsor

The Trust's only recurring expense is the Sponsor's fee which accrues daily at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the daily NAV, in exchange for the Sponsor assuming the responsibility to pay all ordinary fees and expenses of the Trust.

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Affiliates of the Trustee may from time to time act as Authorized Participants or purchase or sell gold or Shares for their own account, as agent for their customers and for accounts over which they exercise investment discretion.

4. Concentration of Risk

The Trust's sole business activity is the investment in gold. Various factors could affect the price of gold including: (i) global gold supply and demand, which is influenced by such factors as forward selling by gold producers, purchases made by gold producers to unwind gold hedge positions, central bank purchases and sales, and production and cost levels in major gold-producing countries such as China, Australia, South Africa and the United States; (ii) investors' expectations with respect to the rate of inflation; (iii) currency exchange rates; (iv) interest rates; (v) investment and trading activities of hedge funds and commodity funds; and (vi) global or regional political, economic or financial events and situations. In addition, there is no assurance that gold will maintain its long-term value in terms of purchasing power in the future. In the event that the price of gold declines, the Sponsor expects the value of an investment in the Shares to decline proportionately. Each of these events could have a material effect on the Trust's financial position and results of operations.

5. Indemnification

The Sponsor and its shareholders, members, directors, officers, employees, affiliates and subsidiaries are indemnified from the Trust and held harmless against certain losses, liabilities or expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under the Trust Indenture without gross negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct, willful malfeasance or reckless disregard of the indemnified party's obligations and duties under the Trust Indenture. Such indemnity includes payment from the Trust of the costs and expenses incurred in defending against any claim or liability under the Trust Indenture. Under the Trust Indenture, the Sponsor may be able to seek indemnification from the Trust for payments it makes in connection with the Sponsor's activities under the Trust Indenture to the extent its conduct does not disqualify it from receiving such indemnification under the terms of the Trust Indenture. The Sponsor will also be indemnified from the Trust and held harmless against any loss, liability or expense arising under the Marketing Agent Agreement or any agreement entered into with an Authorized Participant which provides the procedures for the creation and redemption of Baskets and for the delivery of gold and any cash required for creations and redemptions insofar as such loss, liability or expense arises from any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any written statement provided to the Sponsor by the Trustee. Any amounts payable to the Sponsor are secured by a lien on the Trust.

The Sponsor has agreed to indemnify certain parties against certain liabilities and to contribute to payments that such parties may be required to make in respect of those liabilities. The Trustee has agreed to reimburse such parties, solely from and to the extent of the Trust's assets, for indemnification and contribution amounts due from the Sponsor in respect of such liabilities to the extent the Sponsor has not paid such amounts when due. The Sponsor has agreed that, to the extent the Trustee pays any amount in respect of the reimbursement obligations described in the preceding sentence, the Trustee, for the benefit of the Trust, will be subrogated to and will succeed to the rights of the party so reimbursed against the Sponsor.

6. Financial Highlights

The Trust is presenting the following financial highlights related to investment performance and operations of a Share outstanding for the three-month period ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The net investment loss and total expense

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ratios have been annualized. The total return at net asset value is based on the change in net asset value of a Share during the period and the total return at market value is based on the change in market value of a Share on the NYSE Arca during the period. An individual investor's return and ratios may vary based on the timing of capital transactions.

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	Three Months Ended December 31, 2016	Three Months Ended December 31, 2015
Net Asset Value		
Net asset value per Share, beginning of period	\$ 126.15	\$ 106.68
Net investment income/(loss)	(0.12)	(0.11)
Net Realized and Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(15.58)	(4.95)
Net Income/(Loss)	(15.70)	(5.06)
Net asset value per Share, end of period	\$ 110.45	\$ 101.62
Market value per Share, beginning of period	\$ 125.64	\$ 106.86
Market value per Share, end of period	\$ 109.61	\$ 101.46
Ratio to average net assets		
Net Investment Loss(1)	(0.40%)	(0.40%)
Gross Expenses(1)	(0.40%)	(0.40%)
Net expenses(1)	(0.40%)	(0.40%)
Total Return, at net asset value(2)	(12.45%)	(4.74%)
Total Return, at market value(2)	(12.76%)	(5.05%)

(1) Percentages are annualized.

(2) Percentages are not annualized.

7. Subsequent Events

The Sponsor has evaluated events through the issuance of financial statements and determined that no events have occurred that require disclosure.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report. The discussion and analysis which follows may contain trend analysis and other forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial results. Words such as anticipate, expect, intend, plan, believe, seek, outlook and estimate as well as similar words and phrases signify forward-looking statements. SPDR® Gold Trust's forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and conditions and important factors, risks and uncertainties may cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements.

Trust Overview

SPDR® Gold Trust is an investment trust that was formed on November 12, 2004 (Date of Inception). The Trust issues baskets of Shares, or Baskets, in exchange for deposits of gold and distributes gold in connection with the redemption of Baskets. The investment objective of the Trust is for the Shares to reflect the performance of the price of gold bullion, less the expenses of the Trust's operations. The Shares are designed to provide investors with a cost effective and convenient way to invest in gold.

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As of the date of this quarterly report, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Goldman Sachs Execution & Clearing, L.P., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, RBC Capital Markets LLC, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., UBS Securities LLC, and Virtu Financial BD LLC are the only Authorized Participants. An updated list of Authorized Participants can be obtained from the Trustee or the Sponsor.

Investing in the Shares does not insulate the investor from certain risks, including price volatility. The following chart illustrates the movement in the price of the Shares and NAV of the Shares against the corresponding gold price (per 1/10 of an oz. of gold) since the day the Shares first began trading on the NYSE:

Share price & NAV v. gold price from November 18, 2004 to December 30, 2016

The divergence of the price of the Shares and NAV of the Shares from the gold price over time reflects the cumulative effect of the Trust expenses that arise if an investment had been held since inception.

Critical Accounting Policy

Valuation of Gold, Definition of NAV

As of the LBMA Gold Price on each day that the NYSE Arca is open for regular trading or, if there is no LBMA Gold Price on such day or the LBMA Gold Price has not been announced by 12:00 PM New York time on such day, as of 12:00 PM New York time on such day, or the Valuation Time, the Trustee values the gold held by the Trust and determines the NAV of the Trust.

At the Valuation Time, the Trustee values the Trust's gold on the basis of that day's LBMA Gold Price PM or, if no LBMA Gold Price PM is made on such day or has not been announced by the Valuation Time, the next most recent LBMA Gold Price (AM or PM) determined prior to the Valuation Time will be used, unless the Trustee, in consultation with the Sponsor, determines that such price is inappropriate as a basis for valuation. In the event the Trustee and the Sponsor determine that the LBMA Gold Price PM or last prior LBMA Gold Price (AM or PM) is not an appropriate basis for valuation of the Trust's gold, they will identify an alternative basis for such valuation.

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to be employed by the Trustee. While we believe that the LBMA Gold Price is an appropriate indicator of the value of gold, there are other indicators that are available that could be different than the LBMA Gold Price. The use of such an alternative indicator could result in materially different fair value pricing of the gold in the Trust which could result in different market adjustments or redemption value adjustments of our outstanding redeemable Shares.

Once the value of the gold has been determined, the Trustee subtracts all estimated accrued unitary fees, expenses and other liabilities of the Trust from the total value of the gold and all other assets of the Trust. The resulting figure is the NAV of the Trust. The NAV of the Trust is used to compute the Sponsor's fee. The Trustee determines the NAV per Share by dividing the NAV of the Trust by the number of Shares outstanding as of the close of trading on NYSE Arca.

Custody of Gold

Gold is held by HSBC Bank plc (the Custodian) on behalf of the Trust.

Results of Operations

In the three months ended December 31, 2016, an additional 13,200,000 Shares (132 Baskets) were created in exchange for 1,258,844 ounces of gold, 55,300,000 Shares (553 Baskets) were redeemed in exchange for 5,271,922 ounces of gold, and 30,941 ounces of gold were sold to pay expenses.

As at December 31, 2016, the Custodian held 26,471,702 ounces of gold on behalf of the Trust in its vault, 100% of which is allocated gold in the form of London Good Delivery gold bars including gold payable with a market value of \$30,683,349,811 (cost \$32,878,642,856) based on the LBMA Gold Price AM on December 30, 2016. Subcustodians held nil ounces of gold in their vaults on behalf of the Trust and 38,117 ounces of gold were payable by the Trust in connection with the creation and redemption of Baskets.

As at September 30, 2016, the Custodian held 30,515,760 ounces of gold on behalf of the Trust in its vault 100% of which is allocated gold in the form of London Good Delivery gold bars including gold payable, with a market value of \$40,357,092,158 (cost \$37,872,834,300) based on the LBMA Gold Price PM on September 30, 2016. Subcustodians held nil ounces of gold in their vaults on behalf of the Trust and 38,156 ounces of gold were payable by the Trust in connection with the creation and redemption of Baskets.

On September 13, 2016, Inspectorate International Limited, concluded the annual full count of the Trust's gold bullion held by the Custodian. On October 1, 2016, Inspectorate International Limited concluded reconciliation procedures from August 25, 2016 through September 30, 2016. The results can be found on www.spdrgoldshares.com.

Cash Resources and Liquidity

At December 31, 2016, the Trust did not have any cash balances. When selling gold to pay expenses, the Trustee endeavors to sell the exact amount of gold needed to pay expenses in order to minimize the Trust's holdings of assets other than gold. As a consequence, we expect that the Trust will not record any net cash flow from its operations and that its cash balance will be zero at the end of each reporting period.

Analysis of Movements in the Price of Gold

As movements in the price of gold are expected to directly affect the price of the Trust's Shares, investors should understand what the recent movements in the price of gold have been. Investors, however, should also be aware that past movements in the gold price are not indicators of future movements. This section identifies recent trends in the

movements of the gold price.

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The following chart provides historical background on the price of gold. The chart illustrates movements in the price of gold in US dollars per ounce over the period from January 1, 2012 to December 30, 2016, and is based on the LBMA Gold Price PM when available since March 20, 2015 and previously the London PM Fix.

Daily gold price - January 1, 2012 to December 30, 2016

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The average, high, low and end-of-period gold prices for the three and twelve month periods over the prior three years and for the period from the Date of Inception through December 30, 2016, based on the LBMA Gold Price PM (formerly the London PM Fix), were:

Period	Average	High	Date	Low	Date	End of period	Last business day⁽¹⁾
Three months to March 31, 2014	\$ 1,293.06	\$ 1,385.00	Mar 14, 2014	\$ 1,221.00	Jan 08, 2014	\$ 1,291.75	Mar 31, 2014
Three months to June 30, 2014	\$ 1,288.44	\$ 1,325.75	Apr 14, 2014	\$ 1,242.75	Jun 03, 2014	\$ 1,315.00	Jun 30, 2014
Three months to September 30, 2014	\$ 1,281.21	\$ 1,340.25	Jul 10, 2014	\$ 1,213.50	Sep 22, 2014	\$ 1,216.50	Sep 30, 2014
Three months to December 31, 2014	\$ 1,200.67	\$ 1,250.25	Oct 21, 2014	\$ 1,142.00	Nov 05, 2014	\$ 1,199.25	Dec 31, 2014 ⁽²⁾
Three months to March 31, 2015	\$ 1,217.37	\$ 1,295.75	Jan 22, 2015	\$ 1,147.25	Mar 18, 2015	\$ 1,187.00	Mar 31, 2015
Three months to June 30, 2015	\$ 1,192.19	\$ 1,225.00	May 14, 2015	\$ 1,164.60	Jun 05, 2015	\$ 1,171.00	Jun 30, 2015
Three months to September 30, 2015	\$ 1,123.87	\$ 1,168.00	Jul 01, 2015	\$ 1,080.80	Jul 24, 2015	\$ 1,114.00	Sep 30, 2015
Three months to December 31, 2015	\$ 1,105.29	\$ 1,184.25	Oct 15, 2015	\$ 1,049.40	Dec 17, 2015	\$ 1,062.25	Dec 31, 2015 ⁽²⁾
Three months to March 31, 2016	\$ 1,184.30	\$ 1,277.50	Mar 04, 2016	\$ 1,077.00	Jan 05, 2016	\$ 1,237.00	Mar 31, 2016
Three months to June 30, 2016	\$ 1,260.03	\$ 1,324.55	Jun 27, 2016	\$ 1,212.10	May 31, 2016	\$ 1,320.75	Jun 30, 2016
Three months to September 30, 2016	\$ 1,323.40	\$ 1,366.25	Jul 06, 2016	\$ 1,308.35	Sep 16, 2016	\$ 1,322.50	Sep 30, 2016
	\$ 1,218.75	\$ 1,313.30	Oct 03, 2016	\$ 1,125.70	Dec 20, 2016	\$ 1,159.10	Dec 30, 2016 ⁽²⁾

Three months
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December 31,
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Twelve months ended December 31, 2014	\$ 1,265.65	\$ 1,385.00	Mar 14, 2014	\$ 1,142.00	Nov 05, 2014	\$ 1,199.25	Dec 31, 2014 ⁽²⁾
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Twelve months ended December 31, 2015	\$ 1,158.86	\$ 1,295.75	Jan 22, 2015	\$ 1,049.40	Dec 17, 2015	\$ 1,062.25	Dec 31, 2015 ⁽²⁾
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Twelve months ended December 31, 2016	\$ 1,250.27	\$ 1,366.25	Jul 06, 2016	\$ 1,077.00	Jan 05, 2016	\$ 1,159.10	Dec 30, 2016 ⁽²⁾
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November 12, 2004 to December 31, 2016	\$ 1,087.67	\$ 1,895.00	Sep 05, 2011	\$ 411.10	Feb 08, 2005	\$ 1,159.10	Dec 30, 2016 ⁽²⁾
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- (1) The end of period gold price is the LBMA Gold Price PM (formerly the London PM Fix) on the last business day of the period. This is in accordance with the Trust Indenture and the basis used for calculating the Net Asset Value of the Trust.
- (2) There was no LBMA Gold Price PM on the last business day of December 2016 nor was there a London PM Fix on the last business day of December 2014 and 2015. The LBMA Gold Price AM on the last business day of December 2016 and 2015 was \$1,159.10 and \$1,062.25, respectively. The London AM Fix on the last business day of December 2014 was \$1,199.25. The Net Asset Value of the Trust on December 31, 2016 and 2015 was calculated using the LBMA Gold Price AM, in accordance with the Trust Indenture. The Net Asset Value of the Trust on December 31, 2014 was calculated using the London AM Fix, in accordance with the Trust Indenture.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Trust Indenture does not authorize the Trustee to borrow for payment of the Trust's ordinary expenses. The Trust does not engage in transactions in foreign currencies which could expose the Trust or holders of Shares to any foreign currency related market risk. The Trust does not invest in any derivative financial instruments or long-term debt instruments.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The duly authorized officers of the Sponsor, performing functions equivalent to those a principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the Trust would perform if the Trust had any officers, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Trust's disclosure controls and procedures, and have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures of the Trust were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. Such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Trust files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time period specified in the applicable rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the duly authorized officers of the Sponsor performing functions equivalent to those a principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the Trust would perform if the Trust had any officers, and to Audit Committee of the Sponsor, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal control over financial reporting. There has been no change in the internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Trust's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION:

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Not applicable.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2016, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing the Trust. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

a) None.

b) Not applicable.

c) As of the date of the formation of the Trust on November 12, 2004, the NAV of the Trust, which represents the value of the gold deposited in the Trust, was \$13,081,500, and the NAV per Share was \$43.60. Since formation and through December 31, 2016, 11,972 Baskets (1,197,200,000 Shares) have been created and 9,199 Baskets (919,990,000 Shares) have been redeemed.

Period	Total Number of Shares Redeemed	Average Ounces of Gold Per Share
10/01/16 to 10/31/16	10,400,000	.09536
11/01/16 to 11/30/16	24,200,000	.09534
12/01/16 to 12/31/16	20,700,000	.09531
Total	55,300,000	.09533

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Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

The exhibits listed on the accompanying Exhibit Index, and such Exhibit Index, are filed or incorporated by reference as a part of this report.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned in the capacities* indicated thereunto duly authorized.

WORLD GOLD TRUST SERVICES, LLC
Sponsor of the SPDR® Gold Trust
(Registrant)

/s/ Joseph R Cavatoni
Joseph R Cavatoni
Principal Executive Officer

/s/ Samantha McDonald
Samantha McDonald
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: January 27, 2017

* The Registrant is a trust and the persons are signing in their capacities as officers of World Gold Trust Services, LLC, the Sponsor of the Registrant.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K

Exhibit	
No.	Description of Exhibit
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to the Trust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to the Trust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.
32.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, with respect to the Trust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.
32.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, with respect to the Trust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

* Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are deemed not filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.