

# Gabelli Commercial Aerospace and Defense ETF

(the “Aerospace and Defense Fund” or the “Fund”)

## SUMMARY PROSPECTUS *December 15, 2025*

**Ticker: GCAD**

**Exchange: NYSE Arca**

*Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund’s Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), which contain more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund’s Prospectus, SAI, reports to shareholders and other information about the Fund online at [www.gabelli.com/funds/etfs/gcad](http://www.gabelli.com/funds/etfs/gcad). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-422-3554 or by sending an email request to [info@gabelli.com](mailto:info@gabelli.com). The Fund’s Prospectus and SAI, both dated December 15, 2025, as may be amended or supplemented, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.*

### *Investment Objective*

The Fund seeks a high level of total return on its assets with an emphasis on income.

### *Fees and Expenses of the Fund:*

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below.** The investment advisory agreement between Gabelli ETFs Trust (the “Trust”) and Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”) provides that the Adviser will pay all operating expenses of the Fund, except the management fees, interest expenses, taxes, expenses incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions, distribution fees or expenses, litigation expenses, and any extraordinary expenses.

#### **Shareholder Fees**

(fees paid directly from your investment): . . . . . None

#### **Annual Fund Operating Expenses**

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

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| Management Fees . . . . .   | 0.90%   |
| Other Expenses <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .                               | 0.00%   |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses . . . . .                        | 0.90%   |
| Less Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . . | (0.90)% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver . . . . .       | 0.00%   |

(1) “Other Expenses” are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

(2) The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive the Fund’s management fee of 0.90% on the first \$25 million in net assets. The fee waiver agreement for the Aerospace and Defense Fund will continue for at least one year following the effective date of this Prospectus. This agreement may be terminated only by, or with the consent of, the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

### ***Expense Example***

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| <u>1 Year</u> | <u>3 Years</u> | <u>5 Years</u> | <u>10 Years</u> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| \$0           | \$196          | \$410          | \$1,025         |

### ***Portfolio Turnover***

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the Fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Aerospace and Defense Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 6% of the average value of its portfolio.

### ***Principal Investment Strategies***

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in income producing equity securities in the aerospace and defense sectors. As a fundamental policy, the Fund will concentrate (invest at least 25% of the value of its net assets) in the securities of companies principally engaged in the group of industries comprising the aerospace and defense sectors. Aerospace companies include manufacturers, assemblers and distributors of aircraft and aircraft parts. Defense companies include producers of components and equipment for the defense industry, such as military aircraft, radar equipment and weapons. The Fund defines an "aerospace and defense" company as a company that derives at least 50% of its revenues from, or devotes 50% of its assets to, aerospace and/or defense related activities or devotes 50% of its assets to, aerospace and/or defense related activities. Income producing equity securities (e.g., dividend paying securities) include U.S. exchange-listed common stock and preferred stock. The Fund may invest in companies without regard to market capitalization. The Fund may also invest in foreign securities by investing in American Depositary Receipts. In making stock selections, the Adviser looks for securities that have a better yield than the average of the Standard and Poor's 500 Index (the "S&P 500 Index"), as well as capital gains potential. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser focuses on issuers that:

- have strong free cash flow and pay regular dividends;
- have potential for long term earnings per share growth;
- may be subject to a value catalyst, such as industry developments, regulatory changes, changes in management, sale or spin-off of a division, or the development of a profitable new business are well managed; and
- will benefit from sustainable long term economic dynamics, such as globalization of an issuer's industry or an issuer's increased focus on productivity or enhancement of services

The Adviser also believes preferred stock of selected companies offer opportunities for capital appreciation as well as periodic income and may invest a portion of the Fund's assets in such securities. This is particularly true in the case of companies that have performed below expectations. If a company's performance has been poor enough, its preferred stock will trade more like common stock than like a fixed income security and may result in above average appreciation if performance improves. This leads to the possibility of capital appreciation if the price of the common stock recovers.

### ***Principal Risks***

#### ***You may want to invest in the Fund if:***

- you are a long term investor
- you are seeking income as well as capital appreciation

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The Fund's share price will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's portfolio securities. Your investment in the Fund is not a deposit of the bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency; you may lose money by investing in the Fund. When you sell Fund shares, they may be worth more or less than what you paid for them.

Investing in the Fund involves the following risks:

- **Aerospace Industry Risk.** Government aerospace regulation and spending policies can significantly affect the aerospace industry because many companies involved in the aerospace industry rely to a large extent on U.S. (and other) Government demand for their products and services. There are significant inherent risks in government contracting, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations of industry participants. Government spending in aerospace generally is not correlated with any economic cycle, but rather, on the cycle of general political support for this type of spending. However, there is no assurance that future levels of aerospace and defense spending will increase or that levels of aerospace and defense spending will not decrease in the future. In addition, the aerospace industry in particular has recently been affected by adverse economic conditions and consolidation within the industry. Furthermore, competition in the airline industry continues to increase as a result of airline deregulation.
- **Defense Industry Risk.** Companies in the defense industry are subject to numerous risks, including fierce competition, consolidation, adverse political, economic and governmental developments (both in the U.S. and abroad), compliance with varying regulation across international markets, substantial research and development costs, cuts in government funding, product and technology obsolescence, limited numbers of potential customers and decreased demand for new equipment. Since defense companies derive significant revenue from government contracts, they face a number of specific risks that may adversely affect a company's financial condition and outlook. The government may terminate a contract with an issuer as a result of an issuer's default, resulting in possible issuer liability to the government. The government may also terminate a contract for its own convenience, which may lead to difficulty for the issuer in recovering costs incurred prior to termination. Such contracts may also be modified or terminated due to changes in congressional funding levels. Government contractors are also subject to stringent routine audits and reviews, which may lead to significant price adjustments for products and services. The highly competitive bidding environment in which government contractors operate may also reduce the profitability of certain government contracts. Companies involved in the commercial aerospace industry are subject to risks including aircraft order cancellations, excess capacity, cutbacks in profitable business travel, fuel price hikes, labor union settlements, adverse changes in international politics and relations, intense global competition, government regulation and cyclical market patterns.
- **Concentration Risk.** The Fund may be susceptible to an increased risk of loss, including losses due to adverse events that affect the Fund's investments more than the market as a whole, to the extent that the Fund's investments are concentrated in the securities and/or other assets of a particular issuer or issuers, country, group of countries, region, market, industry, group of industries, sector, market segment or asset class.
- **Early Close/Trading Halt Risk.** An exchange or market may close or issue trading halts on specific securities, or the ability to buy or sell certain securities or financial instruments may be restricted, which may result in the Fund being unable to buy or sell certain securities or financial instruments. In such circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio, may be unable to accurately price its investments and/or may incur substantial trading losses. Any security for which trading has been halted for an extended period of time will be disclosed on the Fund's website, [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).
- **Large Capitalization Companies Risk.** Large capitalization companies generally experience slower rates of growth in earnings per share than do mid and small capitalization companies.
- **Small- and Mid-Capitalization Companies Risk.** Investing in securities of small and mid-capitalization companies may involve greater risks than investing in larger, more established issuers. Small and mid-capitalization companies may be less well established and may have a more highly leveraged capital structure, less liquidity, a smaller investor base, limited product lines, greater dependence on a few customers, or a few key personnel and similar factors that can make their business and stock market performance susceptible to greater fluctuation and volatility.

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- **Non-Diversification Risk.** The Fund may invest a large percentage of its assets in securities issued by or representing a small number of issuers. As a result, the Fund's performance may depend on the performance of a small number of issuers.
  - **Authorized Participant Concentration Risk.** Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. "Authorized Participants" are broker-dealers that are permitted to create and redeem shares directly with the Fund and who have entered into agreements with the Fund's distributor. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants on an agency basis (*i.e.*, on behalf of other market participants). To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other Authorized Participant steps forward to create or redeem, Fund shares may trade at a premium or discount to the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") and possibly face trading halts and/or delisting. This risk may be more pronounced in volatile markets, potentially where there are significant redemptions in ETFs, generally. Authorized participant concentration risk may be heightened for ETFs that invest in securities issued by non-U.S. issuers or other securities or instruments that have lower trading volumes. Additionally, in stressed market conditions, the market for Fund shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings. This adverse effect on liquidity for the Fund's shares could, in turn, lead to wider bid-ask spreads and differences between the market price of the Fund's shares and the underlying value of those shares.
  - **Large Shareholder Risk.** Certain shareholders, including the Adviser and its affiliates, may own a substantial amount of the Fund's shares. The disposition of shares by large shareholders, resulting in redemptions through or by Authorized Participants, could have a significant negative impact on the Fund. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of the trading volume on NYSE Arca (as defined below) and may, therefore, have a material upward or downward effect on the market price of the Fund's shares. The form of a large shareholder's contribution and any redemption activity in the Fund can adversely affect the tax efficiency of the Fund.
  - **Absence of an Active Market.** Although shares of the Fund are listed for trading on one or more stock exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained by market makers or Authorized Participants. Authorized Participants are not obligated to execute purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. Because this is a novel and unique structure, this could influence the number of entities willing to act as Authorized Participants. In periods of market volatility, market makers and/or Authorized Participants may be less willing to transact in Fund shares. The absence of an active market for the Fund's shares may contribute to the Fund's shares trading at a premium or discount to NAV. If a shareholder purchases Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV or sells Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may sustain losses.
  - **Equity Risk.** Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the equity securities held by the Fund will fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer companies' particular circumstances. Holders of equity securities only have rights to value in the company after all issuer debts have been paid, and they could lose their entire investment in a company that encounters financial difficulty.
  - **American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") Risk.** Investment in ADRs does not eliminate all the risks inherent in investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers. The market value of ADRs is dependent upon the market value of the underlying securities and fluctuations in the relative value of the currencies in which the ADRs and the underlying securities are quoted.
  - **Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks relating to political, social, and economic developments abroad, as well as risks resulting from the differences between the regulations to which U.S. and foreign issuers and markets are subject. These risks include expropriation, differing accounting and disclosure standards, currency exchange risks, settlement difficulties, market illiquidity, difficulties enforcing legal rights, and greater transaction costs.

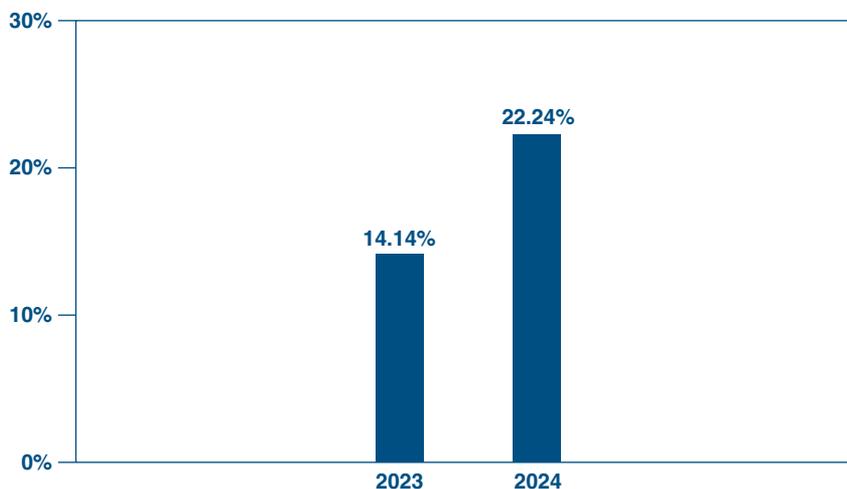
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- **Issuer Risk.** The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to an issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage, and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services, as well as the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and the value of its assets or factors unrelated to the issuer's value, such as investor perception.
  - **Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Fund's shares and distributions thereon can decline. Inflation risk is linked to increases in the prices of goods and services and a decrease in the purchasing power of money. Inflation often is accompanied or followed by a recession, or period of decline in economic activity, which may include job loss and other hardships and may cause the value of securities to go down generally. Inflation risk is greater for fixed-income instruments with longer maturities. In addition, this risk may be significantly elevated compared to normal conditions because of recent monetary policy measures and the current interest rate environment. Inflation has recently increased and it cannot be predicted whether and to what extent it may decline.
  - **Market Risk.** Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes due to a number of factors, including inflation (or expectations for inflation), deflation (or expectations for deflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, market instability, debt crises and downgrades, embargoes, tariffs, sanctions and other trade barriers, regulatory events, other governmental trade or market control programs and related geopolitical events. For example, the U.S. and other countries are periodically involved in disputes over trade and other matters, which may result in tariffs, investment restrictions and adverse impacts on affected companies and securities. Trade disputes may adversely affect the economies of the U.S. and its trading partners, as well as companies directly or indirectly affected and financial markets generally. The current political climate, including political and diplomatic events within the U.S. and abroad, may adversely affect the U.S. regulatory landscape, the general market environment and/or investor sentiment, which could have an adverse impact on the Fund's investments and operations. In addition, the value of the Fund's investments may be negatively affected by the occurrence of global events such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters or events, country instability, and infectious disease epidemics or pandemics. For example, the ongoing armed conflicts between Russia and Ukraine in Europe and among Israel, Hamas and other militant groups in the Middle East have caused and may continue to cause significant market disruptions. As a result, there is significant uncertainty around how these conflicts will evolve, which may result in market volatility and may have long-lasting impacts on both the U.S. and global financial markets.
  - **Management Risk.** If the Adviser is incorrect in its assessment of the investment prospects of the securities the Fund holds, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline.
  - **Market Trading Risk.** Individual Fund shares may be purchased and sold only on a national securities exchange or alternative trading system through a broker-dealer, and may not be directly purchased or redeemed from the Fund. There can be no guarantee that an active trading market for shares will develop or be maintained, or that their listing will continue unchanged. Buying and selling shares may require you to pay brokerage commissions and expose you to other trading costs. Due to brokerage commissions and other transaction costs that may apply, frequent trading may detract from realized investment returns. Trading prices of shares may be above, at, or below the Fund's NAV, will fluctuate in relation to NAV based on supply and demand in the market for shares and other factors, and may vary significantly from NAV during periods of market volatility. The return on your investment will be reduced if you sell shares at a greater discount or narrower premium to NAV than when you acquired shares.
  - **Preferred Stock Risk.** Preferred stocks are susceptible to general market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value as market confidence in and perceptions of their issuers change. The dividend on a preferred stock may be changed or omitted by the issuer, and participation in the growth of an issuer may be limited.
  - **Trading Issues Risk.** Trading in Fund shares on NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") may be halted in certain circumstances. There can be no assurance that the requirements of NYSE Arca necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met.

- **Value Investing Risk.** The Fund invests in “value” stocks. Value investing refers to buying securities that the Adviser believes are out of favor and/or undervalued in comparison to their peers or their prospects for growth. From time to time, “value” investing falls out of favor with investors. During those periods, the Fund’s relative performance may suffer.
- **Geopolitical Risk.** Occurrence of global events such as war, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, country instability, infectious disease epidemics, pandemics and other public health issues, market instability, debt crises and downgrades, embargoes, tariffs, sanctions and other trade barriers and other governmental trade or market control programs, the potential exit of a country from its respective union and related geopolitical events, may result in market volatility and may have long-lasting impacts on both the U.S. and global financial markets. For example, the U.S. government has imposed, and may in the future further increase, tariffs on certain foreign goods, and some foreign governments have instituted retaliatory tariffs on certain U.S. goods. These and any further actions that may be taken by the U.S. and foreign governments with respect to trade policy may impair the value of your investment in the Fund.

### **Performance**

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risk of investing in the Commercial Aerospace and Defense Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for one year, five years, and ten years, if applicable, compared with those of a broad-based securities market index. Prior to March 10, 2023, the Fund operated under its prior name, the Gabelli Equity Income ETF. The Fund’s prior name reflected its former investment strategy of seeking to attain a high level of total return, with an emphasis on income, through investing at least 80% of its net assets in income producing equity securities. Accordingly, performance prior to March 10, 2023 was attributable to the Fund’s prior investment strategy. As with all mutual funds, the Aerospace and Defense Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated information on the Fund’s results can be obtained by visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

**COMMERCIAL AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE FUND  
(Total returns for the Year Ended December 31)**



During the calendar years shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 8.80% (quarter ended March 31, 2024) and the lowest return for a quarter was (6.99)% (quarter ended September 30, 2023).

| <b>Average Annual Total Returns<br/>(for the years ended December 31, 2024,<br/>with the maximum sales charges, if applicable)</b> | <b>Past<br/>One Year</b> | <b>Since<br/>Inception<br/>(January 3,<br/>2023)</b> |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Return Before Taxes . . . . .  | 22.24%                   | 18.20%   |
| Return After Taxes On Distributions . . . . .  | 21.60%                   | 17.66%   |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares . . . . .  | 13.41%                   | 13.96%   |
| S&P 500 Index . . . . .  | 25.02%                   | 26.02%   |

**Management**

**The Adviser.** Gabelli Funds, LLC

**The Portfolio Manager.** Lieutenant Colonel G. Anthony (Tony) Bancroft, USMCR, has served as the team leader and portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception and commencement of operations on January 3, 2023.

**Other Information**

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded Fund (commonly referred to as an “ETF”). Individual shares of the Fund are listed and traded on a national securities exchange, and individual Fund shares may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker or dealer at market price. These transactions, which do not involve the Fund, are made at market prices that may vary throughout the day, rather than at NAV. Shares of the Fund may trade at a price greater than the Fund’s NAV (premium) or less than the Fund’s NAV (discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares (ask) when buying or selling Fund shares in the secondary market (the “bid-ask spread”). The Fund will only issue or redeem shares that have been aggregated into blocks of 5,000 shares or multiples thereof (“Creation Units”) to Authorized Participants who have entered into agreements with the Fund’s distributor. The Fund generally will issue or redeem Creation Units in return for a designated portfolio of securities (and an amount of cash) that the Fund specifies each day.

**Tax Information**

The Fund expects that distributions will generally be taxable as ordinary income or long term capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

