

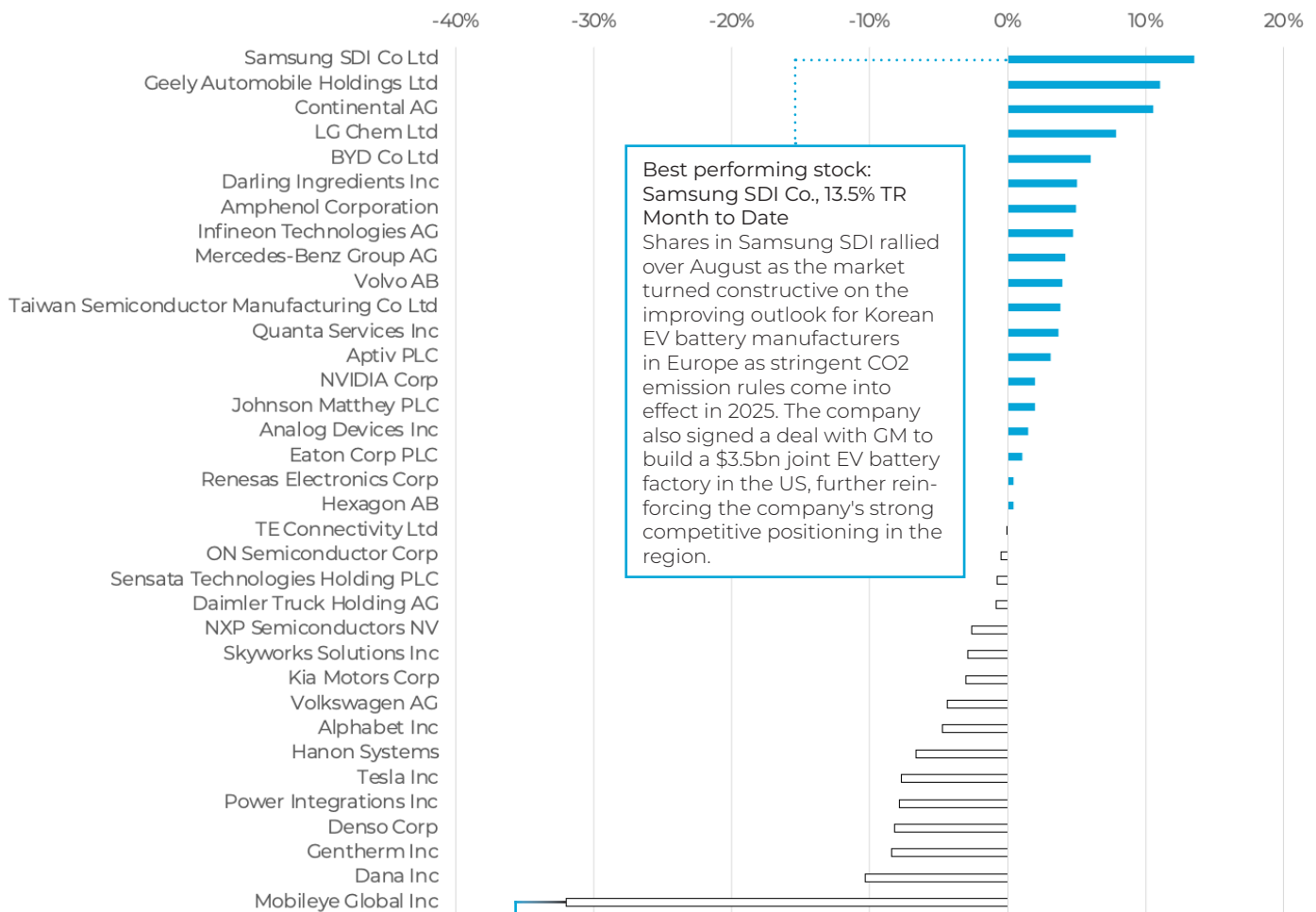


## Portfolio Performance

as of 08/31/2024

MOTO produced a total return of -0.37% on a NAV basis (-0.14% market price), underperforming the MSCI World Index NR, which provided a return of 2.64%. South Korea has announced that from 2027, all international flights will need to use at least 1% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), with plans to capture 30% of the global blended SAF export market. The EV and autonomous vehicle sectors saw notable developments, including increased consolidation in China's EV industry and WeRide's upcoming US IPO. Continue reading for more in-depth insights into MOTO and for the latest developments in the Smart Transportation Revolution.

Holdings are subject to change. To view current fund holdings visit [SmartETFs.com/MOTO](https://SmartETFs.com/MOTO)



**Best performing stock:**  
Samsung SDI Co., 13.5% TR Month to Date  
Shares in Samsung SDI rallied over August as the market turned constructive on the improving outlook for Korean EV battery manufacturers in Europe as stringent CO2 emission rules come into effect in 2025. The company also signed a deal with GM to build a \$3.5bn joint EV battery factory in the US, further reinforcing the company's strong competitive positioning in the region.

**Worst performing stock: Mobileye Global Inc., -32.0% TR Month to Date**

Mobileye shares fell last month after delivering solid results but lowering full year revenue guidance and cutting profit guidance by over 40%. The reduction was driven by a lower global auto production outlook, program launch delays, tariffs impacting exports of China EVs, and lower assumed attach rates of SuperVision at Zeekr. Mobileye is experiencing amplified cyclical headwinds from the Auto industry thanks to its higher exposure to the China market.

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# MOTO

## The SmartETFs Smart Transportation & Technology ETF

September 2024 Update



**SmartETFs**  
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### Portfolio Performance

As of 08/31/2024	1 Month	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception (11/15/19)
MOTO at NAV	-0.37%	3.36%	4.23%	5.96%	-0.44%	14.31%
MOTO at Market Price	-0.14%	3.27%	4.18%	5.49%	-0.54%	14.17%
MSCI World NR	2.64%	10.65%	16.72%	24.43%	6.89%	12.08%
As of 06/30/2024	1 Month	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception (11/15/19)
MOTO at NAV	-0.96%	5.85%	5.85%	4.94%	1.16%	15.26%
MOTO at Market Price	-1.12%	5.69%	5.69%	4.25%	0.99%	15.08%
MSCI World NR	2.03%	11.75%	11.75%	20.19%	6.85%	11.49%

Expense Ratio: 0.68% (net) | 0.96% (gross)

The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or pay ETF expenses in order to limit the Fund's total annual operating expenses to 0.68% through June 30, 2027.

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Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the net value of an entity and is calculated as the total value of the entity's assets minus the total value of its liabilities.

Subsidized yields reflect any fee waivers or reimbursements that may be in effect during a period, while unsubsidized yields do not.



#### Interesting News

- South Korea has announced that from 2027 onwards, it will require all international flights departing from its airports to use a mix of 1% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport announced the "SAF Expansion Strategy" on August 30th, which includes a target for South Korea to capture 30% of the global blended SAF export market. Demand for SAF is expected to grow to 18.35 million tonnes in 2030, up from 240,000 tonnes in 2022. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), SAF can cut carbon emissions from air travel by up to 80%.
- August saw a pickup in Autonomous Vehicle activity in the month in both the US and China with reports that China-based WeRide is seeking a valuation of \$5 billion in its upcoming US IPO. The company develops autonomous driving technologies and is conducting pilots in 30 cities across 7 countries. China has moved aggressively to green-light self-driving technology trials, with at least 19 cities running tests. In the US, Waymo has announced that it is expanding its autonomous ride-hailing service areas in San Francisco and Los Angeles to cater to growing demand from customers.
- After a period of heightened competition following low-cost capital raises in 2020 and 2021, the EV and battery industry in China is starting to consolidate. New regulations are coming into effect to tackle excess capacity in the industry which should help to alleviate pricing pressure. At the same time, electric vehicle penetration continues to hit record highs, with plug-ins taking over 50% share in China in July 2024. As smaller Chinese EV and battery manufacturers enter bankruptcy proceedings or otherwise exited the market, we continue to favor the larger incumbent EV OEMs such as Tesla and BYD as well as more established battery manufacturers such as LG Chem and Samsung SDI, seeing them as well positioned to take share as the market matures.
- In August, Rho Motion reported that year-to-date EV sales reached 8.4 million, up +21% year-on-year as of the end of July. In China, 887,000 EV sales were registered in the month, 33% higher than in 2023, with plug-ins making up the majority of vehicles sold for the first time in the country, reaching 51% share. Europe saw EV sales of 220,000 units, down 6% since last year, driven by the introduction of tariffs on Chinese EV imports and the removal of subsidies in Germany.
- Following its second quarter results, leading Transportation-as-a-Service (TaaS) company, Uber commented that the "consumer has never been stronger", reporting earnings that comfortably beat analyst expectations. The results shed light on the strength of the TaaS industry, with the company seeing order growth in the US and commenting on the resilience and value proposition of its ride-hailing business as an increasing number of drivers register to use its platform.

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