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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 7, 2016**

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**SPDR<sup>®</sup> GOLD TRUST  
SPONSORED BY WORLD GOLD TRUST  
SERVICES, LLC**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-32356**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**81-6124035**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**c/o World Gold Trust Services, LLC  
685 Third Avenue, Suite 2702  
New York, New York 10017**  
(Address of principal executive offices; zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 317-3800**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report):**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 7, 2016, Aram Shishmanian resigned as the Chief Executive Officer of World Gold Trust Services, LLC, or WGTS, the Sponsor of the SPDR® Gold Trust, with immediate effect. His resignation did not arise from any disagreement on any matter relating to the operations, policies or practices of the SPDR® Gold Trust.

On October 7, 2016, WGTS appointed Joseph Cavatoni as the Principal Executive Officer of WGTS, with immediate effect.

Mr. Cavatoni, age 48, joined the World Gold Council as Managing Director USA and ETFs in September 2016. Prior to that, from April 2009 to December 2015 he served with BlackRock, first as the head of iShares Capital Markets in Asia Pacific (2009) and as Head of iShares Capital Markets and Product Development in the same region (2009-2011). From November 2011 to December 2015, Mr. Cavatoni served as a BlackRock Managing Director and Head of iShares Capital Markets, Americas.

From August 2003 to April 2009, Mr. Cavatoni served with UBS Securities Asia Limited, first as Executive Director, Head of Swaps, Asia (2003-2006) and then as Managing Director, Head of Equity Finance APAC (2006-2009).

Prior to that, he served with Merrill Lynch & Company, Inc. from June 1994 to May 2003 as Senior Credit Analyst, Credit and Risk Management Team in New York (1994-1995), Vice President, Credit and Risk Management Team, Hong Kong (1995-2000) and Director, Head of Prime Brokerage Asia, Japan and Australia (2000-2003).

Mr. Cavatoni received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from The George Washington University and his Master of Business Administration degree from Northwestern University and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated October 7, 2016.

## SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 7, 2016

SPDR® GOLD TRUST  
(Registrant)\*

By: World Gold Trust Services, LLC  
as the Sponsor of the Registrant

By: /s/ Samantha McDonald  
Name: Samantha McDonald  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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\* As the Registrant is a trust, this report is being filed on behalf of the Registrant by World Gold Trust Services, LLC, only in its capacity as the sponsor of the Registrant. The identified person signing this report is signing in her capacity as an authorized officer of World Gold Trust Services, LLC.



## Press release

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Location and date    New York, 7 October 2016

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### **World Gold Council Appoints Joseph Cavatoni as Managing Director, USA and ETFs**

**Oct. 7, 2016** – The World Gold Council, the market development organization for the gold industry, today announced that it has appointed Joseph Cavatoni, Managing Director USA and ETFs, who joins from Blackrock.

In this role, Mr. Cavatoni will lead the development of new gold-backed financial solutions that complement investors' core portfolio holdings as well as bring equity research to market. He will also be responsible for all market facing activities for SPDR® Gold Trust (NYSE Arca: GLD), working in close collaboration with State Street Global Markets, the marketing agent for SPDR Gold Trust ("GLD"). Mr. Cavatoni becomes a member of the World Gold Council's Executive Committee and reports to the CEO, Aram Shishmanian.

World Gold Trust Services (WGTS) is the sponsor of SPDR Gold Trust, the Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) whose shares are traded as SPDR Gold Shares ("GLD") on the New York Stock Exchange Arca, in addition to exchanges in Singapore, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Mexico. GLD is the leading gold ETF worldwide and currently has assets in excess of \$40 billion. Mr. Cavatoni will serve as the Principal Executive Officer of WGTS.

Mr. Cavatoni joined the World Gold Council from BlackRock, where he was the Managing Director responsible for iShares Capital Markets – Americas, and was a member of the firm's Executive Committee. At BlackRock, Mr. Cavatoni managed relationships with broker-dealers, market makers, exchanges, index providers, clients and managed the iShares plans for the top 15 investment banks. Prior to BlackRock, Mr. Cavatoni worked for UBS Securities and Merrill Lynch.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Shishmanian said, "In an environment where gold is increasingly relevant in protecting investors against unprecedented market uncertainty and negative interest rate policies, Joe's deep knowledge of ETFs and asset management will enable us to develop a new generation of investment solutions, building on the foundation of GLD and significantly expand the investor base."

"We look forward to working with Joe and his team to continue promoting the potential benefits that gold investing brings to investor portfolios," said Nick Good, co-head of the Global SPDR Business at State Street Global Advisors. "Joe brings tremendous ETF and capital markets insight to our marketing and distribution efforts around GLD."

Mr. Cavatoni said, "I am very excited to be building on the strong foundation and track record established by GLD and I'm looking forward to expanding the range of gold-backed solutions we provide to investors."

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**World Gold Council**

The World Gold Council is the market development organisation for the gold industry. Our purpose is to stimulate and sustain demand for gold, provide industry leadership and be the global authority on the gold market. We focus on policy-related issues, market infrastructure, central banks and investment markets.

We develop gold-backed solutions, together with industry partners, that create structural shifts in demand across key market sectors. We provide insights into the international gold markets, helping people to understand the wealth preservation qualities of gold.

The membership of the World Gold Council includes the world's leading and most forward thinking gold mining companies.