SPDR GOLD TRUST
Form 8-K
October 07, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

SPDR® GOLD TRUST

SPONSORED BY WORLD GOLD TRUST SERVICES, LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York	001-32356	81-6124035
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(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):

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

* 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.