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PROSPECTUS

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP 28,400,000 Units

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, is a commodity pool that issues units that may be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca. United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP is referred to as US12NG throughout this document. The investment objective of US12NG is for the daily changes in percentage terms of its units—net asset value to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the spot price of natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub, Louisiana, as measured by the changes in the average of the prices of 12 futures contracts on natural gas traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months, for a total of 12 consecutive months—contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures contracts that are the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven consecutive months, less US12NG—s expenses. When calculating the daily movement of the average price of the 12 contracts each contract month will be equally weighted.

US12NG will continuously offer creation baskets consisting of 100,000 units to authorized purchasers through ALPS Distributors, Inc., which is the marketing agent. A list of US12NG s current authorized purchasers is available from the marketing agent. Authorized purchasers will pay a transaction fee of \$1,000 for each order to create one or more baskets. The units are listed on the NYSE Arca under the symbol UNL.

Authorized purchasers may purchase creation baskets of 100,000 units. The per unit price of units on a particular day will be the total net asset value of US12NG calculated shortly after the close of the core trading session on the NYSE Arca on that day divided by the number of issued and outstanding units.

Authorized purchasers are the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem baskets. An authorized purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an authorized purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create. Authorized purchasers that offer to the public units from the baskets they create will do so at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the NYSE Arca, the net asset value of US12NG at the time the authorized purchaser purchased the creation basket and the net asset value of the units at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the natural gas futures contract market and the market for other natural gas-related investments. The prices of units offered by authorized purchasers are expected to fall between US12NG s net asset value and the trading price of the units on the NYSE Arca at the time of sale. The difference between the price paid by authorized purchasers as underwriters and the price paid to such authorized purchasers by investors will be deemed underwriting compensation. Units initially comprising the same basket but offered by authorized purchasers to the public at different times may have different offering prices. Units trade in the secondary market on the NYSE Arca. Units may trade in the secondary market at prices that are lower or higher relative to their net asset value per unit. The amount of the discount or premium in the trading price relative to the net asset value per unit may be influenced by various factors, including the number of investors who seek to purchase or sell units in the secondary market and the liquidity of the natural gas futures contract market and the market for other natural gas-related investments. Authorized purchasers are not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of units.

US12NG is not a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is not subject to regulation under such Act.

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Some of the risks of investing in US12NG include:

Investing in natural gas interests subjects US12NG to the risks of the natural gas industry which could result in large fluctuations in the price of US12NG s units.

If certain correlations do not exist, then investors may not be able to use US12NG as a cost-effective way to invest indirectly in natural gas or as a hedge against the risk of loss in natural gas-related transactions.

US12NG does not expect to make cash distributions.

US12NG and its general partner may have conflicts of interest, which may permit them to favor their own interests to your detriment.

This is a best efforts offering: the marketing agent is not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of units, but will use its best efforts to sell units. An authorized purchaser is under no obligation to purchase units. This is intended to be a continuous offering and is not expected to terminate until all of the registered units have been sold or three years from the date of the prospectus, whichever is earlier, although the offering may be temporarily suspended if and when no suitable investments for US12NG are available or practicable.

Investing in US12NG involves other significant risks. See What Are the Risk Factors Involved with an Investment in US12NG? beginning on page 12.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE SECURITIES OFFERED IN THIS PROSPECTUS, OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION HAS NOT PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS POOL NOR HAS THE COMMISSION PASSED ON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

This prospectus is in two parts: a disclosure document and a statement of additional information. These parts are bound together, and both contain important information.

Per Unit Per Basket \$34.27 \$3,427,000

Price of the units*

*Based on US12NG s closing net asset value on April 1, 2011. The price may vary based on the net asset value on a particular day.

The date of this prospectus is [], 2011.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION PERMITS YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMODITY POOL. IN SO DOING, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT COMMODITY INTEREST TRADING CAN QUICKLY LEAD TO LARGE LOSSES AS WELL AS GAINS. SUCH TRADING LOSSES CAN SHARPLY REDUCE THE NET ASSET VALUE OF A POOL AND CONSEQUENTLY THE VALUE OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE POOL. IN ADDITION, RESTRICTIONS ON REDEMPTIONS MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO WITHDRAW YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SUCH POOL.

FURTHER, COMMODITY POOLS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES FOR MANAGEMENT, AND ADVISORY AND BROKERAGE FEES. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THOSE POOLS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THESE CHARGES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL TRADING PROFITS TO AVOID DEPLETION OR EXHAUSTION OF THEIR ASSETS. THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF EACH EXPENSE TO BE CHARGED THIS POOL BEGINNING ON PAGE 102 AND A STATEMENT OF THE PERCENTAGE RETURN NECESSARY TO BREAK EVEN, THAT IS, TO RECOVER THE AMOUNT OF YOUR INITIAL INVESTMENT, ON PAGE 7.

THIS BRIEF STATEMENT CANNOT DISCLOSE ALL THE RISKS AND OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO EVALUATE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMMODITY POOL. THEREFORE, BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMODITY POOL, YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY STUDY THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL RISK FACTORS OF THIS INVESTMENT, BEGINNING ON PAGE 12.

YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THIS COMMODITY POOL MAY TRADE FOREIGN FUTURES OR OPTIONS CONTRACTS. TRANSACTIONS ON MARKETS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MARKETS FORMALLY LINKED TO A UNITED STATES MARKET, MAY BE SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS WHICH OFFER DIFFERENT OR DIMINISHED PROTECTION TO THE POOL AND ITS PARTICIPANTS. FURTHER, UNITED STATES REGULATORY AUTHORITIES MAY BE UNABLE TO COMPEL THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES OR MARKETS IN NON-UNITED STATES JURISDICTIONS WHERE TRANSACTIONS FOR THE POOL MAY BE EFFECTED.

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Until [], 2011 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in the offered units, whether or not participating in this distribution, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This requirement is in addition to the obligations of dealers to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This is only a summary of the prospectus and, while it contains material information about US12NG and its units, it does not contain or summarize all of the information about US12NG and the units contained in this prospectus that is material and/or which may be important to you. You should read this entire prospectus, including What Are the Risk Factors Involved with an Investment in US12NG? beginning on page 12, before making an investment decision about the units.

Overview of US12NG

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (US12NG or Us or We), is a commodity pool that issues units that may be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca. US12NG was organized as a limited partnership under Delaware law on June 27, 2007. US12NG is operated pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership dated October 30, 2009 (LP Agreement), which is included as Appendix B. It is managed and controlled by its general partner, United States Commodity Funds LLC (formerly known as Victoria Bay Asset Management, LLC) (General Partner). The General Partner is a single member limited liability company formed in Delaware on May 10, 2005, that is registered as a commodity pool operator (CPO) with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and is a member of the National Futures Association (NFA). Prior to June 13, 2008, the General Partner s name was Victoria Bay Asset Management, LLC. US12NG pays the General Partner a management fee of 0.75% of NAV on its average net assets.

US12NG continuously offers baskets consisting of 100,000 units (Creation Baskets) to Authorized Purchasers through ALPS Distributors, Inc., which is the Marketing Agent for US12NG. An Authorized Purchaser, in turn, may offer to the public Units of any baskets it creates. The units trade on the NYSE Arca at prices that may be lower or higher than the net asset value (NAV) per unit. US12NG commenced operations on November 18, 2009 and its units trade on the NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol UNL .

The net assets of US12NG consist primarily of investments in futures contracts for natural gas, crude oil, heating oil, gasoline and other petroleum-based fuels that are traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), ICE Futures, or other U.S. and foreign exchanges (such futures contracts, collectively, Futures Contracts) and, to a lesser extent, in order to comply with regulatory requirements or in view of market conditions, other natural gas-related investments such as cash-settled options on Futures Contracts, forward contracts for natural gas, cleared swap contracts, and non-exchange traded (over-the-counter or OTC) transactions that are based on the price of natural gas, crude oil and other petroleum-based fuels, Futures Contracts and indices based on the foregoing (collectively, Other Natural Gas-Related Investments). Market conditions that the General Partner currently anticipates could cause US12NG to invest in Other Natural Gas-Related Investments include those allowing US12NG to obtain greater liquidity or to execute transactions with more favorable pricing. For convenience and unless otherwise specified, Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments collectively are referred to as Natural Gas Interests in this prospectus. The General Partner is authorized by US12NG in its sole judgment to employ, establish the terms of employment for, and terminate commodity trading advisors or futures commission merchants.

US12NG invests in Natural Gas Interests to the fullest extent possible without being leveraged or unable to satisfy its current or potential margin or collateral obligations with respect to its investments in Natural Gas Interests. In pursuing this objective, the primary focus of the General Partner is US12NG s investment. After fulfilling the margin and collateral requirements with respect to US12NG s Natural Gas Interests, the General Partner invests the remainder of US12NG s proceeds from the sale of Creation Baskets in short-term obligations of the United States of two years or

less (Treasuries), or cash equivalents for margining purposes, and/or merely holds such assets in cash (generally in interest bearing accounts).

The investment objective of US12NG is for the daily changes in percentage terms of its units NAV to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the spot price of natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub, Louisiana, as measured by the changes in the average of the prices of 12 futures contracts on natural gas traded on the NYMEX (the Benchmark Futures Contracts), consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months, for a total of 12 consecutive months contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures contracts that are the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven consecutive months, less US12NG s expenses. When calculating the daily movement of the average price of

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the 12 contracts, each contract month will be equally weighted. It is not the intent of US12NG to be operated in a fashion such that its NAV will equal, in dollar terms, the spot price of natural gas or any particular futures contract based on natural gas.

The General Partner believes that holding futures contracts whose expiration dates are spread out over a 12 month period of time will cause the total return of such a portfolio to vary compared to a portfolio that holds only a single month s contract (such as the near month contract). In particular, the General Partner believes that the total return of a portfolio holding contracts with a range of expiration months will be impacted differently by the price relationship between different contract months of the same commodity future compared to the total return of a portfolio consisting of the near month contract. For example, in cases in which the near month contract s price is higher than the price of contracts that expire later in time (a situation known as backwardation in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in natural gas prices the value of the near month contract would tend to rise as it approaches expiration. Conversely, in cases in which the near month contract s price is lower than the price of contracts that expire later in time (a situation known as contango in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in natural gas prices the value of the near month contract would tend to decline as it approaches expiration. The total return of a portfolio that owned the near month contract and rolled forward each month by selling the near month contract as it approached expiration and purchasing the next month to expire would be positively impacted by a backwardation market, and negatively impacted by a contango market. Depending on the exact price relationship of the different month s prices, portfolio expenses, and the overall movement of natural gas prices, the impact of backwardation and contango could have a major impact on the total return of such a portfolio over time. The General Partner believes that based on historical evidence a portfolio that held futures contracts with a range of expiration dates spread out over a 12 month period of time would typically be impacted less by the positive effect of backwardation and the negative effect of contango compared to a portfolio that held contracts of a single near month. As a result, absent the impact of any other factors, a portfolio of 12 different monthly contracts would tend to have a lower total return than a near month only portfolio in a backwardation market and a higher total return in a contango market. However there can be no assurance that such historical relationships would provide the same or similar results in the future.

It is not the intent of US12NG to be operated in a fashion such that its NAV will equal, in dollar terms, the spot price of natural gas or any particular futures contract or contracts based on natural gas. US12NG will invest in interests other than the Benchmark Futures Contract to comply with accountability levels and position limits. For a detailed discussion of accountability levels and position limits, see What are Futures Contracts?

The General Partner endeavors to place US12NG $\,$ s trades in Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments and otherwise manage US12NG $\,$ s investments so that $\,$ A $\,$ will be within plus/minus 10 percent of $\,$ B $\,$, where:

A is the average daily percentage change in US12NG s NAV for any period of 30 successive valuation days, i.e., any NYSE Arca trading day as of which US12NG calculates its NAV, and

B is the average daily percentage change in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts over the same period.

An investment in the units is intended to allow both retail and institutional investors to easily gain exposure to the natural gas market in a cost-effective manner. The units are also expected to provide additional means for diversifying an investor s investments or hedging exposure to changes in natural gas prices.

The composition of the Benchmark Futures Contracts is changed or rolled by selling the near month contract during one day and buying the contract which at that time is the thirteenth month contract. For example, the Benchmark Futures Contracts on June 1 of any given year would include the near month contract that would expire in July, and the next eleven contract months, which would be August of the current year through June of the following year, for a

total of 12 months. When the July contract is within two weeks of expiration, the Benchmark would no longer make use of the July contract of the current year and would

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instead add the July contract of the next year. The Benchmark Futures Contracts would remain 12 consecutive contract months but they would now consist of the August contract of the current year through the July contract of the next year.

The General Partner believes that market arbitrage opportunities cause daily changes in US12NG s unit price on the NYSE Arca to closely track daily changes in US12NG s NAV per unit. The General Partner further believes that the daily changes in the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts have historically closely tracked the daily changes in the spot prices of natural gas. The General Partner believes that the net effect of these two expected relationships and the expected relationship described above between US12NG s NAV and the Benchmark Futures Contracts, will be that changes in the price of US12NG s units on the NYSE Arca will continue to closely track, in percentage terms, the daily changes in the spot price of natural gas, less US12NG s expenses.

The General Partner employs a neutral investment strategy intended to track the changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts regardless of whether these prices go up or go down. US12NG s neutral investment strategy is designed to permit investors generally to purchase and sell US12NG s units for the purpose of investing indirectly in natural gas in a cost-effective manner, and/or to permit participants in the natural gas markets or other industries to hedge the risk of losses in their natural gas-related transactions. Accordingly, depending on the investment objective of an individual investor, the risks generally associated with investing in natural gas and/or the risks involved in hedging may exist. In addition, an investment in US12NG involves the risk that the changes in the price of US12NG s units will not accurately track the changes in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. For example, US12NG also invests in Treasuries and holds cash to be used to meet its current or potential margin or collateral requirements with respect to its investments in Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments. US12NG invests cash not required to be used as margin or collateral. US12NG does not expect there to be any meaningful correlation between the performance of its investments in Treasuries, cash or cash equivalents and the changes in the price of natural gas. While the level of interest earned on or the market price of these investments may in some respect correlate to changes in the price of natural gas, this correlation is not anticipated as part of US12NG s efforts to meet its objectives. This and certain risk factors discussed in this prospectus may cause a lack of correlation between the changes in US12NG s NAV and the changes in the price of natural gas. The General Partner does not intend to operate US12NG in a fashion such that its per unit NAV will equal, in dollar terms, the spot price of natural gas or any particular futures contract based on natural gas.

US12NG creates units only in Creation Baskets and redeems units only in blocks of 100,000 units called Redemption Baskets. Only Authorized Purchasers may purchase or redeem Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets, respectively. An Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create. Baskets are generally created when there is a demand for units including, but not limited to, when the market price per unit is at a premium to the NAV per unit. Authorized Purchasers will then sell such units, which will be listed on the NYSE Arca, to the public at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the NYSE Arca, the NAV of US12NG at the time the Authorized Purchaser purchased the Creation Baskets and the NAV at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the Futures Contracts market and the market for Other Natural Gas-Related Investments. The prices of units offered by Authorized Purchasers are expected to fall between US12NG s NAV and the trading price of the units on the NYSE Arca at the time of sale. Similarly, baskets are generally redeemed when the market price per unit is at a discount to the NAV per unit. Retail investors seeking to purchase or sell units on any day will effect such transactions in the secondary market, on the NYSE Arca, at the market price per unit, rather than in connection with the creation or redemption of baskets.

All proceeds from the sale of Creation Baskets are invested as quickly as practicable in the investments described in this prospectus. Investments and related margin or collateral are held through US12NG s custodian, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. (the Custodian), in accounts with US12NG s commodity futures brokers, or in some instances when agreed to by US12NG, in collateral accounts held by third parties with respect to its non-exchange traded or cleared over-the-counter Other Natural Gas-Related Investments.

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There is no stated maximum time period for US12NG s operations and the fund will continue until all units are redeemed or the fund is liquidated pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement.

There is no specified limit on the maximum amount of Creation Baskets that can be sold. At some point, accountability levels and position limits on certain of the Futures Contracts in which US12NG intends to invest may practically limit the number of Creation Baskets that will be sold if the General Partner determines that the other investment alternatives available to US12NG at that time will not enable it to meet its stated investment objectives. In this regard, the General Partner also manages the United States Natural Gas Fund, LP (USNG) that currently invests in near-month and next month to expire futures contracts for natural gas primarily traded on the NYMEX. Any futures contracts held by USNG will be aggregated with the ones held by US12NG in determining NYMEX accountability levels and position limits.

Units may also be purchased and sold by individuals and entities that are not Authorized Purchasers in smaller increments than Creation Baskets on the NYSE Arca. However, these transactions are effected at bid and ask prices established by specialist firm(s). Like any listed security, units of US12NG can be purchased and sold at any time a secondary market is open.

In managing US12NG s assets, the General Partner does not use a technical trading system that automatically issues buy and sell orders. The General Partner instead employs quantitative methodologies whereby each time one or more baskets are purchased or redeemed, the General Partner will purchase or sell Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments with an aggregate market value that approximates the amount of Treasuries and/or cash received or paid upon the purchase or redemption of the basket(s).

Note to Secondary Market Investors: The units can be directly purchased from or redeemed by US12NG only in Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets, respectively, and only by Authorized Purchasers. Each Creation Basket and Redemption Basket consists of 100,000 units and is expected to be worth millions of dollars. Individual investors, therefore, will not be able to directly purchase units from or redeem units with US12NG. Some of the information contained in this prospectus, including information about buying and redeeming units directly from and to US12NG is only relevant to Authorized Purchasers. Units are listed and traded on the NYSE Arca and may be purchased and sold as individual units. Individuals interested in purchasing units in the secondary market should contact their broker.

Units purchased or sold through a broker may be subject to commissions.

Except when aggregated in Redemption Baskets, units are not redeemable securities. There is no guarantee that units will trade at or near the per-unit NAV.

The Units

The units are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (1933 Act) and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) and do not provide dividend rights or conversion rights and there are not sinking funds. The units may only be redeemed when aggregated in Redemption Baskets as discussed under Creation and Redemption of Units and limited partners have limited voting rights as discussed under Who is the General Partner? Cumulative voting is neither permitted nor required and there are no preemptive rights. As discussed in the LP