

Objective and Strategy

The Fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the Morningstar® Emerging Markets Factor Tilt IndexSM (Underlying Index).

Different, by Design

- "Tilt" the portfolio to the small cap and value segments of emerging markets equity universe
- Exposure to 97% of the investable market in 23 countries outside the US while minimizing turnover

**Capital
Appreciation**

Risk Management

**Income
Generation**

**Liquidity
Management**

Fund Facts

TICKER	TLTE
INCEPTION	09/25/2012
CUSIP	33939L308
EXCHANGE	NYSE
UNDERLYING INDEX	Morningstar® Emerging Markets Factor Tilt Index SM
INDEX TICKER	MEMMFTN
IOPV TICKER	TLTE.IV
ESTIMATED CASH TICKER	TLTE.EU
NET ASSETS	\$616,481,084
SHARES OUTSTANDING	10,400,001
NO. OF HOLDINGS	2,324

Quarter End Performance (%) As of 12/31/2017

	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
TLTE NAV RETURN	6.87	32.37	32.37	8.88	4.25	5.16
TLTE MARKET RETURN (BID-ASK MIDPOINT)	6.70	32.69	32.69	9.34	3.94	5.26
MORNINGSTAR® EMERGING MARKETS FACTOR TILT INDEX SM RETURN	6.83	33.43	33.43	9.35	4.83	5.86
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INVESTABLE MARKET INDEX RETURN	7.67	36.83	36.83	9.00	4.46	5.33

One cannot invest directly in an index.

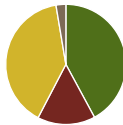
Performance 1-year and less are cumulative; performance over 1-year are average annualized total returns.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the original cost. The fund has a net (gross) expense ratio of 0.59% (0.60%). NTI has contractually agreed to reimburse the fees and expenses of the Fund's independent trustees and independent legal counsel until March 1, 2018.

For the most recent month-end performance, please visit the Fund's website at www.flexshares.com.

Market Cap Breakdown (%)

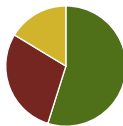
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Large Cap	42.11	Small Cap	39.70
Mid Cap	15.55	Micro Cap	2.64

Style Breakdown (%)

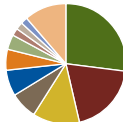
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Value	54.85	Growth	16.34
Core	28.81		

Country Breakdown (%)

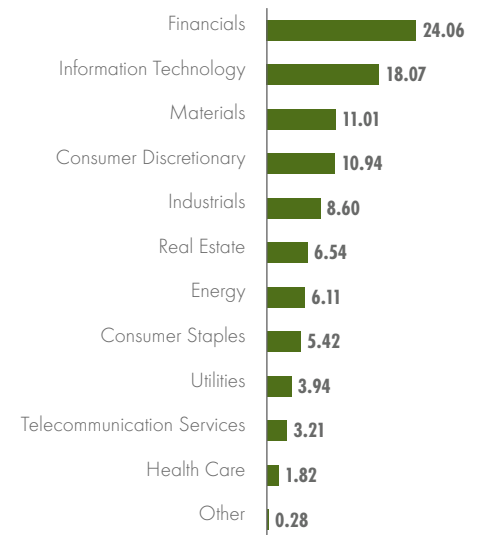
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China	27.00	Russian Federation	3.99
South Korea	19.37	Mexico	1.98
Taiwan	12.61	Thailand	1.96
India	7.28	Indonesia	1.86
South Africa	7.00	Other	11.32
Brazil	5.63		

Sector Breakdown (%)

as of 12/31/2017



Top Fund Holdings As of 12/31/2017

NAME	WEIGHT (%)
1. SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS	4.21
2. TENCENT HOLDINGS	2.39
3. CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	1.77
4. TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	1.20
5. INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA	1.12
6. NASPERS	1.02
7. HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY	0.89
8. SBERBANK OF RUSSIA PJSC RUB	0.75
9. SK HYNIX	0.74
10. ITAU UNIBANCO	0.74
Total	14.84

Fund Characteristics As of 12/31/2017

Average Market Cap (\$)	44,930,320,677
Price to Earnings	17.27
Price to Book	2.48
Price to Sales	3.02
Price to Cash	11.85

Expense Ratio (%) As of 12/31/2017

Management Fee	0.59
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.00
Other Expenses	0.01
Gross Expense Ratio	0.60
Expense Reimbursement	-0.01
Net Expense Ratio	0.59

Disclosures

Before investing, carefully consider the FlexShares investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other information is in the prospectus and a summary prospectus, copies of which may be obtained by visiting www.flexshares.com. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest. Foreside Fund Services, LLC, distributor.

An investment in FlexShares is subject to numerous risks, including possible loss of principal. Fund returns may not match the return of the respective indexes. The Funds are subject to the following principal risks: asset class; commodity; concentration; counterparty; currency; derivatives; dividend; emerging markets; equity securities; fluctuation of yield; foreign securities; geographic; income; industry concentration; inflation-protected securities; infrastructure-related companies; interest rate / maturity risk; issuer; large cap; management; market; market trading; mid cap stock; MLP; momentum; natural resources; new funds; non-diversification; passive investment; privatization; small cap stock; tracking error; value investing; and volatility risk. A full description of risks is in the prospectus.

Performance would have been lower without fee waivers and reimbursements in effect.

Price to earnings is calculated as a company's current stock price divided by its earnings per share. Price to book is calculated as the market value of all common stock shares of a company divided by the book value of the company. Price to cash flow is calculated as a company's current price per share divided by cash flow per share. Price to sales is calculated as a company's current stock price by its revenue per share.

The Morningstar[®] Emerging Markets Factor Tilt IndexSM measures the performance of emerging market equities with increased exposure toward small-capitalization and value stocks. Stocks that are deemed to be small-capitalization or value will have an overweighting compared to their weight in a corresponding market capitalization-weighted index. Likewise, stocks designated as "large" or "growth" stocks will have an underweighting compared to a standard market-capitalization weighting. The Morningstar index methodology defines "Emerging Markets" as those stocks that form the top 97% of the market capitalization of the stocks eligible to be included in Morningstar's investable universe and currently includes 23 countries. All stocks are then designated as "core", "growth" or "value" based on factors such as price-to-book ratios and price-to-earnings ratios, and are modified free float market-capitalization weighted. The Morningstar[®] Emerging Markets Factor Tilt IndexSM was created and is maintained by Morningstar, Inc. Morningstar, Inc. does not sponsor, endorse, issue, sell, or promote the FlexShares Morningstar Emerging Markets Factor Tilt Index Fund and bears no liability with respect to that ETF or any security. Morningstar is a registered trademark of Morningstar, Inc. Morningstar Emerging Markets Factor Tilt Index is a service mark of Morningstar, Inc. The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Investable Market Index captures large, mid and small cap representation across 21 emerging markets countries. The Morningstar[®] Emerging Markets Factor Tilt Index is the intellectual property (including registered trademarks) of Morningstar[®] and/or its licensors ("Licensors"), which is used under license. The securities based on the Index are in no way sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Morningstar[®] and its Licensors and neither of the Licensors shall have any liability with respect thereto.

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Shares are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Market performance is determined using the bid/ask midpoint at 4:00pm Eastern time. NAV return is determined using the daily calculated Net Asset Value (NAV).

All data provided by: Northern Trust, J.P. Morgan, Thomson Reuters and Morningstar.