

FlexShares Global Quality Real Estate Index Fund

Objective and Strategy

FlexShares Global Quality Real Estate Index Fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the Northern Trust Global Quality Real Estate IndexSM (Underlying Index).

Different, by Design

1. Assess the current financial state of global real estate companies based on a quality factor
2. Maximize exposure to the quality, value and momentum factors
3. Utilize constraints in an effort to minimize the overall risk of the strategy

Capital
Appreciation

Risk
Management

Income
Generation

Liquidity
Management

FUND FACTS

Ticker	GQRE
Inception	11/05/2013
CUSIP	33939L787
Exchange	NYSE
Underlying Index	Northern Trust Global Quality Real Estate Index SM
Index Ticker	NTGQRENTR
IOPV Ticker	GQRE.IV
Estimated Cash Ticker	GQRE.EU
Net Assets	\$368,026,141
Shares Outstanding	5,650,001
No. of Holdings	152

EXPENSE RATIO (%)

As of September 30, 2019

Management Fee	0.45
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00
Gross Expense Ratio	0.45
Expense Reimbursement	0.00
Net Expense Ratio	0.45

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

As of September 30, 2019

Average Market Cap (\$)	14,901,450,167
Price to Earnings	25.40
Price to Book	2.32
SEC Subsidized Yield	3.13%
SEC Unsubsidized Yield	3.13%

QUARTER END PERFORMANCE (%)

As of September 30, 2019

	QTD	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	Since Inception
GQRE NAV Return	3.47	19.70	9.25	5.76	7.72	7.49
GQRE Market Return (Bid-Ask Midpoint)	3.37	19.31	9.40	5.61	7.63	7.49
Northern Trust Global Quality Real Estate Index SM Return	3.51	19.76	9.40	5.78	7.65	7.46
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index Return	4.63	19.82	13.00	5.62	6.81	6.41

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 0.45% (0.45%). Northern Trust Investments, Inc. ("NTI" or "Investment Adviser") has contractually agreed to reimburse certain expenses (amount is less than 0.005%) of the Trust's independent trustees until March 1, 2020.

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

TOP FUND HOLDINGS

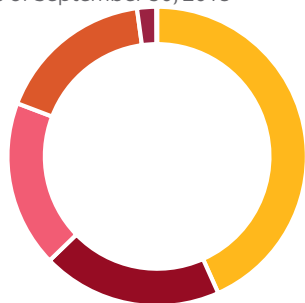
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Name	Weight (%)
1. PROLOGIS	5.53
2. EQUITY RESIDENTIAL	4.44
3. AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES	4.16
4. PUBLIC STORAGE	3.78
5. LINK REIT	3.25
6. ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST	2.98
7. HCP	2.43
8. WP CAREY	2.09
9. HOST HOTELS & RESORTS	1.78
10. SUMITOMO REALTY & DEVELOPMENT	1.77
Total	32.19

The **30-Day SEC Subsidized Yield** is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It is a "subsidized" yield, which means it includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. It may also include an inflation adjustment that can cause the yield to vary substantially from one month to the next. The **30-Day SEC Unsubsidized Yield** calculation is also computed under the same SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days, but excludes contractual expense reimbursements, resulting in a lower yield. It may also include an inflation adjustment that can cause the yield to vary substantially from one month to the next.

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

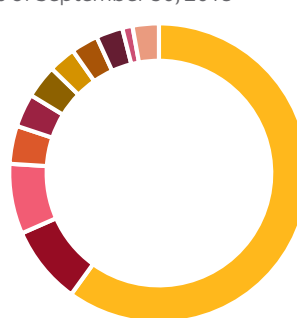
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Commercial REITs	43.31
Residential REITs	19.45
Real Estate Development & Operations	18.02
Specialized REITs	17.06
Diversified REITs	2.08
Real Estate Services	0.08

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (%)

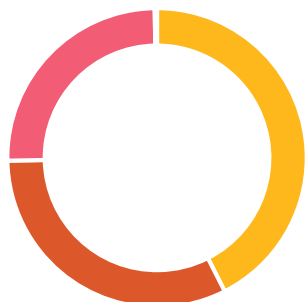
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United States	59.97
Japan	8.44
Hong Kong	7.58
Australia	4.11
United Kingdom	3.60
Canada	3.59
Singapore	2.95
Germany	2.93
Sweden	2.88
Spain	1.11
Other	2.84

MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN (%)

As of September 30, 2019



Large Cap	42.53
Mid Cap	32.17
Small Cap	25.05
Micro Cap	0.25

DISCLOSURES

Before investing, carefully consider the FlexShares investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other information is in the prospectus, a copy 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; authorized participant concentration; concentration; counterparty; currency; derivatives; emerging markets; equity securities; foreign securities; interest rate; issuer; management; market; market segment; market trading; mid cap stock; momentum; non-diversification; passive investment; real estate securities; REIT; small cap stock; tracking error; U.S. Issuer; valuation; and value investing. A full description of risks is in the prospectus.

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

FlexShares Global Quality Real Estate Index Fund is subject to the risks associated with investment in the real estate sector in addition to the general risk of the stock market. Real estate companies may have lower trading volumes and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than the overall securities markets. To the extent that the Fund concentrates its investments in the real estate sector, it may be subject to greater risk of loss than if it were diversified across different industry sectors. REITs whose underlying properties are concentrated in a particular industry or geographic region are also subject to risks affecting such industries and regions. By investing in REITs through the Fund, a shareholder will bear expenses of the REITs in addition to expenses of the Fund. Value traps are securities that appear cheap but their prices never improve to what the investor believes is the appropriate valuation.

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).

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 Northern Trust Global Quality Real Estate Index is designed to maximize exposure to quality, value and momentum factors, within a universe of companies operating in the real estate sector. The proprietary Northern Trust quality factor (henceforth referenced as the Northern Trust Quality Score or NTQS) is used to identify companies that exhibit strength in profitability, management expertise and cash flow, while value and momentum factors are included to help provide long term capital appreciation and also mitigate risk. The FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index is designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITs worldwide.

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