

FlexShares Developed Markets ex-US Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLVD)

The Fund is designed to provide exposure to developed market-based (ex US) companies that possess lower overall absolute volatility characteristics while also exhibiting financial strength and stability (i.e., quality*) characteristics.

STEP ONE



Composite Score Ranking

Member of the Northern Trust Global Index and designated as a Large/mid cap** company

Limit universe to developed markets ex-US

Management Efficiency + Profitability + Cash Flow



Quality Score



Quintile



Highest Ranked

Lowest Rank
(Excluded)

STEP TWO



Security Constraints



Maximum single security overweight / underweight



Maximum liquidity** in comparison to the benchmark



Maximum sector overweight / underweight



Maximum industry group overweight / underweight



Maximum country overweight / underweight



Maximum region overweight / underweight



Style exposure minimized except for volatility



Historical beta (0.65%)****



Target a turnover of 12% max

STEP THREE



Optimize



Volatility Reduction



Quality Tilt



Rebalanced on quarterly basis
(Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

To learn more about FlexShares, contact our team at 1-855-FlexETF (1-855-353-9383) or visit our website, www.flexshares.com.

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.

Forside Fund Services, LLC, distributor.

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**The core components of the quality scoring model are based on quantitative ranking of various metrics obtained from company filings. These scores have three components: Management Expertise (e.g. corporate finance activities), Profitability (e.g. assess the reliability and the sustainability of financial performance and Cash flow (e.g. cash flow generation).*

***Companies with a market cap above their respective Developed or Emerging Market Large/Mid Capsize threshold will be designated as Large/Mid-Cap companies in the Northern Trust Global Index. Similarly, companies with a full market capitalization below their category's Large/Mid-Cap Threshold will be designated as a Small Cap company in the Northern Trust Global Index. At reconstitution, newly added securities or constituents previously designated as Small-Cap, which have a full market capitalization above their respective Large/Mid Cap thresholds, but below the upper 33% bound, are considered small-cap. Furthermore, securities previously designated as Large/Mid-Cap or Small-Cap will need to cross the lower 33% bound to drop out of that designation.*

**** Liquidity of an asset measures the extent to which that asset can be bought or sold in the market without impacting the price of the asset.*

***** Beta is a statistical measure of the volatility, or sensitivity, of rates of return on a portfolio or security compared to a market index. The beta for an ETF measures the expected change in return of the ETF relative to the return of a designated index. By definition, the beta of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index is 1.00. Accordingly, a fund with a 1.10 beta is expected to perform 10% better than the S&P 500 Index in rising markets and 10% worse in falling markets.*

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. A full description of risks is in the prospectus.

The FlexShares Developed Markets ex-US Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLVD) is passively managed and uses a representative sampling strategy to track its underlying index. Use of a representative sampling strategy creates tracking risk where the Fund's performance could vary substantially from the performance of the underlying index along with the risk of higher portfolio turnover. Although the fund seeks lower volatility than the broader developed international equity market, there is no guarantee it will be successful as securities or other assets in the Fund's portfolio may be subject to greater price volatility than the market as a whole. Foreign and emerging market securities involve certain risks such as currency volatility, political and social instability and reduced market liquidity. The Fund may also invest in derivative instruments. Changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with the underlying asset, rate or index and the Fund could lose more than the principal amount invested. The Fund is also at increased risk of Industry Concentration, where it may be more than 25% invested in the assets of a single industry.