






FlexShares Strategic Models

4Q2018

Allocation	Ticker					
		Maximum Growth	Growth with Moderate Income	Growth with Income	Income with Moderate Growth	Income
Growth		82.00%	66.00%	48.00%	30.00%	11.00%
US Equity						
FlexShares US Quality Large Cap Index Fund	QLC	20.00%	19.20%	17.25%	9.00%	2.50%
FlexShares Morningstar US Market Factor Tilt Index Fund	TILT	20.00%	12.80%	5.75%		
FlexShares Quality Dividend Index Fund	QDF				6.00%	2.50%
Developed ex-US Equity						
FlexShares Morningstar Developed Markets ex-US Factor Tilt Index Fund	TLTD	27.00%	22.00%	16.00%	10.00%	4.00%
Emerging Market Equity						
FlexShares Morningstar Emerging Markets Factor Tilt Index Fund	TLTE	15.00%	12.00%	9.00%	5.00%	2.00%
Inflation Sensitive		12.00%	9.00%	8.00%	5.00%	2.00%
Global Natural Resources						
FlexShares Morningstar Global Upstream Natural Resources Index Fund	GUNR	8.00%	6.00%	5.00%	3.00%	1.00%
Global Real Estate						
FlexShares Global Quality Real Estate Index Fund	GQRE	2.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.00%	0.50%
Global Infrastructure						
FlexShares STOXX Global Infrastructure Index Fund	NFRA	2.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.00%	0.50%
Income		6.00%	24.00%	42.00%	62.00%	83.00%
US Investment Grade Fixed Income						
FlexShares Core Select Bond Fund	BNDC		17.00%	34.00%	52.00%	72.00%
US High Yield Fixed Income						
FlexShares High Yield Value-Scored Bond Index Fund	HYGV	6.00%	5.00%	3.00%	2.00%	1.00%
Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities						
FlexShares iBoxx 3-Year Target Duration TIPS Index Fund	TDTT		2.00%	5.00%	8.00%	10.00%
Cash & Short-Term		0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	3.00%	4.00%
FlexShares Ready Access Variable Index Fund	RAVI		1.00%	2.00%	3.00%	4.00%

MODEL DESCRIPTIONS:

Maximum Growth: Designed for investors who want larger returns over a longer-term investing horizon and are willing to accept more risk

Growth with Moderate Income: Designed for investors who are seeking growth of capital with income

Growth with Income: Designed for investors who are interested in focusing on long-term wealth but at the same time need to be more cautious on the risk front while having a balance of assets that provide current income

Income with Moderate Growth: Designed for investors who wish to preserve a large portion of the portfolio's total value, but are willing to take on a higher amount of risk to get some inflation protection while also generating income

Income: Designed for investors who want to focus on generating income while also preserving capital

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The FlexShares approach to index-based investing is, first and foremost, investor-centric and goal oriented. We pride ourselves on our commitment to developing products that are designed to meet real-world objectives for both institutional and individual investors. If you would like to discuss the attributes of any of the ETFs discussed in this report in greater depth or find out more about the index methodology behind them please don't hesitate to call us at 1-855-FlexETF (1-855-353-9383) or visit **www.FlexShares.com**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

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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, calculation methodology; commodity; concentration; counterparty; currency; derivatives; dividend; emerging markets; equity securities; financial sector, fluctuation of yield; foreign securities; geographic; high portfolio turnover; income; industry concentration; inflation; infrastructure-related companies; interest rate; issuer; liquidity; large cap; management; market; market trading; mid cap stock; MLP; momentum; natural resources; new funds; non-diversification; passive investment; privatization; securities lending; small cap stock; tracking error; value investing; and volatility risk. A full description of risks is in the prospectus.

In addition FlexShares Fixed Income ETFs are generally subject to corporate bond; credit, debt extension, maturity, mortgage backed pass through securities, non us issuer, and valuation risks. A full description of risks is in the prospectus. Additionally, High Yield securities are considered highly speculative, and are subject to greater credit risk, price volatility and risk of loss than if it invested primarily in investment grade securities. There is a higher risk that an issuer will be unable to meet principal and interest rate payments on an obligation and may also be subject to more substantial price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of credit worthiness of and general market liquidity than if the fund invested in investment grade securities. A full description of risks is in the prospectus.

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