

FLAU

Franklin FTSE Australia ETF

Analyst Report

The Franklin FTSE Australia ETF (FLAU) tracks an index of small and mid-size companies in Australia, and for a very reasonable price. As of June 2020, FLCH's management fee is a fraction of the price of the iShares MSCI Australia ETF (EWA), though the Franklin fund continues to trail its iShares rival in size and liquidity. FLAU has a deeper portfolio than EWA, and a larger allocation to small- and mid-cap stocks. The funds have broadly similar sector exposure, with some variations.

The fund is part of a series of single-country ETFs that Franklin Templeton began rolling out in 2017. The funds debuted with significantly lower management fees than rival iShares funds, which have long dominated the single-country ETF space. Many of the stocks in the fund's portfolio are likely to be found in regional ETFs as well as emerging- and developed-market funds, and investors should be careful not to take on an unintentional overweight. Single-country funds are typically not appropriate for investors seeking a diversified portfolio and are more appealing to short-term traders placing tactical bets on specific markets.

ESG Themes and Scores

7.72/10

ESG Rate

92.95%

Global Percentile

56.99%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FLAU	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.87%	-0.15%	0.88%
3 Month	2.92%	3.14%	2.80%
YTD Return	2.72%	4.50%	2.57%
1 Year Return	14.25%	10.04%	14.36%
3 Year Return	2.45%	-0.88%	2.37%
5 Year Return	6.60%	3.27%	6.25%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
BHP	BHP Group Ltd	10.41%
CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	10.13%
CSL	CSL Limited	6.78%
NAB	National Australia Bank Limited	5.37%
WBC	Westpac Banking Corporation	4.52%

Vitals

Issuer	Franklin Templeton
Brand	Franklin
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.09%
Inception	Nov 02, 2017
Index Tracked	FTSE Australia RIC Capped Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Asia Pacific Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Asia Pacific
Region (Specific)	Australia

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Australia - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Cap

