

FLGE

Credit Suisse FI Large Cap Growth

Enhanced ETN Analyst Report

The Credit Suisse FI Large Cap Growth Enhanced ETN (FLGE) aims to double the daily return of the Russell 1000 Growth Index, an index of U.S. large-cap equities such as Microsoft, Apple, and Amazon.

The notes are intended to be used as short-term trading tools by sophisticated investors. FLGE, like most leveraged products, rebalances at the end of every trading day. In practice, this means FLGE's performance will diverge significantly from the underlying stocks. The daily reset means that FLGE could lose money over time even if the underlying equities have posted a gain, which can come as a rude surprise to buy-and-hold investors.

Investors looking for long-term exposure to the Russell 1000 Growth Index would do better with un-leveraged funds like the Vanguard Russell 1000 Growth ETF (VONG) or iShares Russell 1000 Growth ETF (IWF). There are plenty of other low-cost growth stock ETFs out there too, like the Schwab U.S. Large-Cap Growth ETF (SCHG), which follows a Dow Jones index, or the Vanguard Growth ETF (VUG), which follows a CRSP index.

FLGE's management fee of 85 basis points might seem like a high price to pay for a passive investment, but that shouldn't be a major concern for short-term trading. Similar products include the UBS AG FI Enhanced Large Cap Growth ETN (FBGX) and the GS Finance Large Cap Growth Index-Linked ETN (FRLG), which is the cheapest of the bunch.

ESG Themes and Scores

N/A

ESG Rate

N/A

Global Percentile

N/A

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FLGE	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-7.80%	-2.54%	-1.98%
3 Month	9.54%	0.07%	13.30%
YTD Return	47.87%	10.58%	40.32%
1 Year Return	49.76%	11.81%	42.32%
3 Year Return	355.76	82.57%	280.51%
5 Year Return	473.04	70.16%	246.76%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
AAPL	Apple Inc	11.23%
MSFT	Microsoft Corp	9.47%
AMZN	Amazon.com Inc	8.14%
FB	Facebook Inc	3.84%
GOOGL	Alphabet Inc	2.08%

Vitals

Issuer	Credit Suisse Group AG
Brand	Credit Suisse
Structure	ETN
Expense Ratio	1.52%
Inception	Jun 11, 2014
Index Tracked	Russell 1000 Growth Index (200%)

ETF Database Themes

Category	Leveraged Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Growth
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Leveraged Equity: U.S. - Large Cap Growth
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Large Cap
Niche	Growth
Strategy	Growth
Weighting Scheme	Multi-Factor

