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FlexShares US Quality Low Volatility Index Fund Analyst Report

The FlexShares US Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLV) is part of Northern Trust's stable of factor ETFs. QLV tracks a proprietary index of U.S. companies that aims for a portfolio bias toward quality and reduced volatility. The index methodology first assesses financial strength and stability based on quality metrics like profitability, management efficiency and cash flow. The lowest-scoring companies are excluded. Top holdings include Johnson & Johnson, MasterCard, Verizon, and Apple.

As with many FlexShares ETFs, investors pay a premium for a factor twist, though it's not unreasonably priced for a multi-factor fund. Investors can compare it to some of the other quality and low-volatility funds on the market, such as the iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol U.S.A. ETF (USMV) or the Invesco S&P 500 Low Volatility ETF (SPLV). There are also straightforward quality-focused funds, like the relatively inexpensive iShares Edge MSCI U.S.A. Quality Factor ETF (QUAL), which shares a lot of the top holdings with QLV.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.65/10

ESG Rate

57.71%

Global Percentile

71.41%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	QLV	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-3.48%	-3.59%	-4.18%
3 Month	-3.32%	-5.13%	-7.82%
YTD Return	-3.02%	-4.39%	-6.22%
1 Year Return	10.03%	5.24%	3.19%
3 Year Return	6.76%	5.17%	2.73%
5 Year Return	13.15%	4.41%	4.94%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
MSFT	Microsoft Corporation	7.33%
AAPL	Apple Inc.	4.41%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	3.97%
V	Visa Inc. Class A	3.74%
PG	Procter & Gamble Company	3.66%

Vitals

Issuer	Northern Trust
Brand	FlexShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.17%
Inception	Jul 15, 2019
Index Tracked	NORTHERN TRUST QUALITY LOW VOLATILITY TR

ETF Database Themes

Category	Volatility Hedged Equity
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Market Cap

