

QLVE

FlexShares Emerging Markets Quality Low Volatility Index Fund Analyst Report

FlexShares Emerging Markets Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLVE) is part of Northern Trust's stable of factor ETFs. QLVE tracks a proprietary index of emerging markets companies which 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 Alibaba, Tencent and Samsung.

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 international factor ETFs, such as the Goldman Sachs ActiveBeta Emerging Markets Equity ETF (GEM) or the JPMorgan Diversified Return Emerging Markets Equity ETF (JPEM). Lastly, investors might want to compare returns with a plain-vanilla ex-U.S. fund that charges a fraction of QLVE's management fee, like the iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (IEMG).

ESG Themes and Scores

5.86/10	33.79%	23.01%
ESG Rate	Global Percentile	Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	QLVE	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	1.34%	1.78%	1.63%
3 Month	-2.22%	2.79%	-2.25%
YTD Return	1.89%	2.31%	2.31%
1 Year Return	10.56%	13.25%	7.07%
3 Year Return	1.39%	7.18%	0.31%
5 Year Return	2.53%	3.16%	1.66%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
2330	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10.39%
700	Tencent Holdings Ltd.	4.39%
BABA	Alibaba Group Holding Limited Sponsored ADR	2.86%
532540	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	2.50%
IHC	International Holdings Company PJSC	2.26%

Vitals

Issuer	Northern Trust
Brand	FlexShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.40%
Inception	Jul 15, 2019
Index Tracked	NORTHERN TRUST EMERGING MARKETS QUALITY LOW VOLATILITY NTR

ETF Database Themes

Category	Volatility Hedged Equity
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Broad Asia
Region (Specific)	Pacific ex-Japan

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Emerging Markets - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Market Cap

