

HEFA

iShares Currency Hedged MSCI EAFE ETF

Fund Description

HEFA tracks a market cap-weighted, USD-hedged index of large- and mid-cap stocks from developed countries outside the US and Canada.

FactSet Analyst Report

HEFA offers a plain vanilla exposure to international stocks with a 100% currency hedge to the US dollar. The fund neutralizes the currency exposure of its underlying securities by shorting currency forward contracts. This allows shareholders a purer equity exposure to Europe, the Far East and Australia. The fund also holds iShares EFA for its equity exposure. In essence, HEFA is a currency-hedged version of EFA. Aside from utilizing 1-month forward contracts, the fund may also use non-deliverable forward (NDF) contracts to execute its hedging transactions.