

# SPDR® MSCI EAFE StrategicFactors<sup>SM</sup> ETF

- QEFA is a multi-factor smart beta strategy that may enhance core international exposure by targeting lower volatility than market-cap weighted exposures while providing more upside than single-factor low volatility exposures**
- QEFA seeks to track an index that blends low volatility, quality and value exposures, resulting in a low volatility strategy with a focus on high quality firms at inexpensive valuations**
- Since its inception, QEFA has outperformed 81% of its actively and passively managed peers with a significantly lower expense ratio<sup>1</sup>**

## Fund Information

Gross Expense Ratio	0.30%
Net Expense Ratio	0.30%
AUM	\$947.85 Million
Average Bid/Ask Spread	0.15%
Average Dollar Volume	\$5.36 Million
Index Rebalance	Semi-Annually
Strategy Type	Smart Beta (Multi-factor)

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of December 29, 2023. Average 30-day bid/ask spread and average 30-day notional dollar trading volume. The gross expense ratio is the fund's total annual operating expenses ratio. It is gross of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements. It can be found in the fund's most recent prospectus.

1 For each fund, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating™ metric each month by subtracting the return on a 90-day U.S. Treasury bill from the fund's load-adjusted return for the same period, and then adjusting this excess return for risk. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. Although gathered from reliable sources, data completeness and accuracy cannot be guaranteed by Morningstar. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. QEFA was rated against 254 US Foreign Large Blend funds and received 4 stars for the overall rating.

# QEFA



Morningstar Rating™

Overall rating of 254 Foreign Large Blend funds as of 12/31/2023

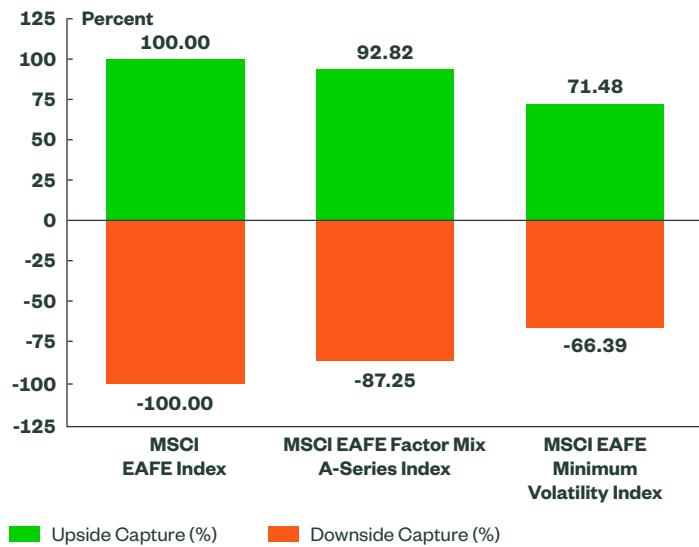
Highlights  
Smart Beta

Q4 2023

## Enhance a Core International Exposure with the Power of Combining Quality, Value and Low Volatility

QEFA provides a broad exposure to developed international stocks, but targets a lower volatility with tilts towards high quality companies at a reasonable price. The combination of one risk-based factor aimed at reducing absolute risk levels (low volatility) with two return-based factors (value, which is cyclical, and quality, which is defensive) creates a balanced, diversified exposure that may enhance the core of a portfolio by mitigating downside risk while still providing upside capture, as shown in the chart below.

## Upside and Downside Capture versus the Broader Market

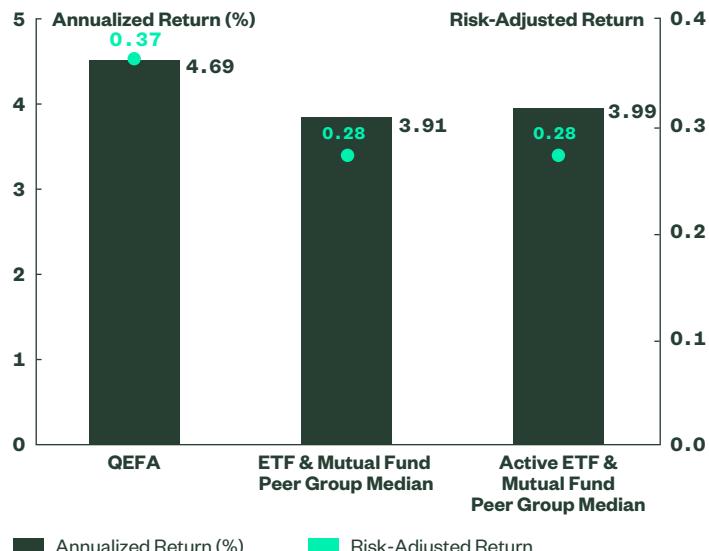


Source: Morningstar, as of December 31, 2023. Upside and downside capture are measured versus the MSCI EAFE Index for the period April 1, 2014–December 31, 2023. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index performance does not reflect charges and expenses associated with the fund or brokerage commissions associated with buying and selling a fund. Index performance is not meant to represent that of any particular fund.

Since its inception, QEFA has outperformed 81% of actively and passively managed foreign large blend peers by an average of 0.78% (annualized) with an expense ratio nearly three times lower than its peer group median.<sup>2</sup> When adjusting for risk, QEFA also looks attractive as it ranks in the top 12% of its active and passive peers based on Sharpe Ratio as seen in the figure.<sup>3</sup> For investors seeking to lower the volatility of their core international exposure, but retain some upside potential without the cyclical nature of a sole low volatility factor strategy, QEFA may be worth consideration.

- 2 Source: Morningstar, July 1, 2014–December 31, 2023. The percentile was prepared by State Street Global Advisors and based on the Morningstar US Fund Foreign Large Blend category (including both actively and passively managed funds, oldest share class of multi-class funds). Rankings are based on annualized return of the funds in the category following the first full calendar month after QEFA's inception. Total universe was 152 funds. Median net expense ratio for the universe is 0.80. QEFA's expense ratio is 0.30.
- 3 Source: Morningstar, July 1, 2014–December 31, 2023. The percentile was prepared by State Street Global Advisors and based on the Morningstar US Fund Foreign Large Blend category (includes both actively and passively managed funds, oldest share class of multi-class funds). Rankings are based on Sharpe Ratio of the funds in the category following the first full calendar month after QEFA's inception. Total universe was 152 funds. Median Sharpe Ratio for the universe is 0.28. QEFA's Sharpe Ratio is 0.37.

## QEFA Performance & Risk-Adjusted Return versus Peers Since Inception



## QEFA Risk-Adjusted Return Percentile Rankings versus Peers

	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	Since Inception (%)
QEFA vs. ETF & Mutual Fund Peer Group	21	21	12
QEFA vs. Active ETF & Mutual Fund Peer Group	24	25	12

Source: Morningstar, July 1, 2014–December 31, 2023. QEFA was inceptioned on June 4, 2014. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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The percentile shown above was prepared by State Street Global Advisors and based on the Morningstar US Fund Foreign Large Blend category (including both actively and passively managed funds, oldest share class of multi-class funds). Percentiles are ranked assuming 1 as the most favorable and 100 as the least favorable. Rankings are based on Sharpe Ratio of the funds in the category. Total universe for QEFA versus ETF & Mutual Fund Peers is 255 funds for three years, 227 funds for five years, and 152 funds since QEFA's inception. Active ETF & Mutual Fund Peers is 173 funds for three years, 156 funds for five years, and 118 since QEFA's inception.

## Standard Performance

Ticker	Name	YTD (%)	Annualized					Inception Date	Gross Expense Ratio (%)	Net Expense Ratio (%)
			1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years (%)	Since Inception (%)			
QEFA (NAV)	SPDR® MSCI EAFE USA StrategicFactors ETF	17.27	17.27	4.28	8.12	—	4.75	06/04/2014	0.30	0.30
QEFA (MKT)	SPDR® MSCI EAFE StrategicFactors ETF	17.37	17.37	4.28	8.08	—	4.74	—	—	—

Source: [ssga.com](#), as of December 31, 2023. Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. All results are historical and assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Visit [ssga.com](#) for most recent month-end performance. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

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