# HFX IQ FTSE International Equity Currency Neutral ETF

### A truly passive approach to international investing

4Q23



Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> based on risk-adjusted returns from among 698 Foreign Large Blend funds as of 12/31/23.

In contrast to U.S. equities, when seeking the appreciation of international markets, an investor is also exposed to currency volatility, which is impacted by foreign policy, tariffs, central bank policy, correlation to equities, and economic growth. HFXI offers investors a simpler, cheaper, and more tax efficient way to implement a true passive international position.

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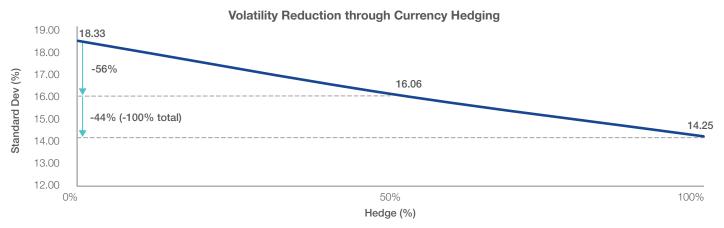
### **Broad international market exposure**

HFXI provides broad international exposure to the FTSE Developed ex North America Index that gives investors access to almost 1,500 stocks, across 23 countries, with 14 different currencies.



### A 50% currency hedge has lowered volatility

A 50% hedged index has consistently provided over a 50% reduction in volatility associated with investing in foreign currencies, and when looking at standard deviation as a measure of risk, over the last 5 years, a 50% currency hedge provided a 56% reduction in volatility.



Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23. 0% Hedge represented by FTSE Developed ex North America NR USD Index. 50% Hedge represented by FTSE Developed ex North America 50% TR Hedge USD Index; 100% Hedge represented by the FTSE Developed ex North America TR Hedge USD Index. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

In addition, currency movements are very unpredictable and impossible to time. As shown below, when looking at hedged and unhedged currency returns over the short-term or long-term, currencies moved from negative to positive without any pattern or predictability. An exposure with a 50% currency hedge like HFXI provided a middle-ground.



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No Bank Guarantee	Not Insured by Any	Government Agency

### HFXI vs hedged and unhedged guarterly currency returns (%)

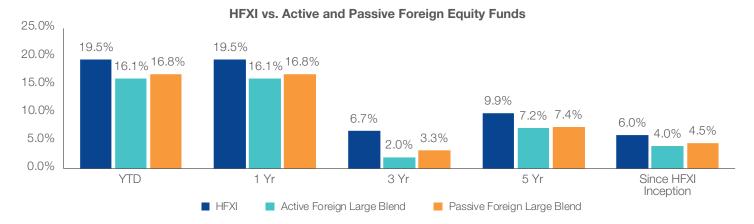
(09/30/18 - 12/31/23)

Date	9/18	12/18	3/19	6/19	9/19	12/19	3/20	6/20	9/20	12/20	3/21	6/21	9/21	12/21	3/22	6/22	9/22	12/22	3/23	6/23	9/23	12/23
Hedged		-11.84	11.07	3.28	2.27	6.14	-19.88	13.61	2.05	12.88	7.61	4.98		3.71	-3.59	-7.53		9.26	8.24	5.45	-0.34	6.17
HFXI		-12.28								15.05						-11.19		13.12				8.33
Unhedged	1.08	-13.04	9.72	3.20	-1.25	8.95	-23.38	15.89	5.90	17.33	3.52	5.26	-0.93	2.11	-6.32	-15.15	-9.84	17.34	7.93	2.96	-3.97	10.82

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23. Unhedged returns are represented by FTSE Developed ex-North America (US RIC) Index. Hedged returns are represented by the FTSE Developed ex-North America Hedged (US RIC) Index. Past performance is not a quarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

### 3 HFXI consistently outperformed both active and passive international funds over time

HFXI is a five-star solution that has outperformed active mutual fund and passive ETF category averages for all periods, at a low cost of 20 basis points.<sup>1</sup>



Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23. US Active Fund Foreign Large Blend represented by the Morningstar US Active Fund Foreign Large Blend Category. US Passive Fund Foreign Large Blend ETF Category.

### IQ FTSE International Equity Currency Neutral ETF (HFXI) Standardized Performance (%) as of 12/31/23

Date	QTD	YTD 1 Year		3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (7/22/15)		
HFXI - NAV	8.35	19.45	19.45	6.73	9.89	5.99		
HFXI - Share	8.65	19.88	19.88	6.82	10.09	6.01		

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As stated in the Fund's prospectus, the management fee of 0.19% is expressed as a unitary fee to cover expenses incurred in connection with managing the portfolio.



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