

## FlexShares ETFs with NAIC Designations (as of March 2019)

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TICKER	FUND NAME	DESIGNATION	AS OF DATE	EXPENSE RATIO*
TDTF	FlexShares iBoxx <sup>®</sup> 5-Year Target Duration TIPS Index Fund	Preliminary NAIC 1	March 20, 2019	0.18%
TDTT	FlexShares iBoxx <sup>®</sup> 3-Year Target Duration TIPS Index Fund	Preliminary NAIC 1	March 20, 2019	0.18%
RAVI	FlexShares Ready Access Variable Income Fund	Preliminary NAIC 2	March 20, 2019	0.25%
HYGV	FlexShares High Yield Value-Scored Bond Index Fund	Preliminary NAIC 4-	March 14, 2019	0.37%

\* Northern Trust Investments, Inc. ("NTI" or "Investment Adviser") has contractually agreed to reimburse certain expenses of the Trust's independent trustees until March 1, 2020.

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