

### OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

FlexShares Ready Access Variable Income Fund (RAVI) seeks maximum current income consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity.

RAVI is comprised of investment grade fixed income instruments, including short-term debt securities, notes and other similar instruments issued by U.S. and non-U.S. public and private entities. The Fund's average effective duration will vary based on Northern Trust Asset Management's rate and portfolio construction decisions and will not normally exceed one year. The Fund allows for a modest degree of transactional price variability.

### Fund Facts

Inception	10/9/2012
CUSIP	33939L886
Gross Expense Ratio	0.27%
Net Expense Ratio	0.25%*
Primary Exchange	NYSE Arca, Inc.
Options Available	No
Marginable	Yes
Securities Lending	No
ETF Ticker	RAVI
NAV	RAVI.NV
IOPV	RAVI.IV
Estimated Cash	RAVI.EU
Total Cash	RAVI.TC

\*NTI has contractually agreed to reimburse the fees and expenses of the Fund's independent trustees and independent legal counsel until March 1, 2014.

### Portfolio Limits and Rating Requirements

Maximums	
Asset-Backed Securities	10.0%
Issuer Exposure**	5.0%
Single Country Exposure	25.0%
Emerging Markets Exposure	20.0%
Ratings Minimums	
Standard & Poor's	BBB
Moody's	Baa
Fitch	BBB
Dominion	BBB

The Fund invests in securities rated, at the time of investment, in the top 4 categories by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization—the minimum ratings are listed above.

\*\*The Fund will be managed to, but not restricted to this limit.

### PERFORMANCE Quarter End Performance (%) as of 06/30/2013

Flexshares Ready Access Variable Income Fund (RAVI)	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
Market Price Returns	-0.18%	0.03%	0.37%	-	0.42%
NAV Returns	-0.33%	-0.16%	0.15%	-	0.18%
Barclay's Capital 1-3 Month US Treasury Bill Index (LD12TRUU)	0.00%	0.01%	0.03%	-	0.05%

One cannot invest directly in an index.

Performance 1-year and less are cumulative; performance over 1-year are average annualized total returns.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit the Fund's website at [www.flexshares.com](http://www.flexshares.com).

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS as of 06/30/2013

	Country of Issue	Sector	Weight
TRI-PARTY RBS SECURITIES INC	United States	Cash	13.62%
MERCK & CO INC	United States	Corporate	3.78%
SVENSKA HANDELSBANKEN/NEW YORK NY	Sweden	Corporate	3.78%
TREASURY NOTE	United States	Government/Agency	3.78%
PETROBRAS GLOBAL FINANCE BV	Brazil	Corporate	3.77%
GLENCORE FUNDING LLC	United States	Corporate	3.69%
FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO LLC	United States	Corporate	3.15%
IBM CORP	United States	Corporate	3.03%
VODAFONE GROUP PLC	United Kingdom	Corporate	3.03%
MORGAN STANLEY	United States	Corporate	3.02%

### FUND CHARACTERISTICS as of 06/30/2013

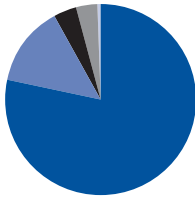
Total # of Holdings	54
Total Net Assets	\$ 26,234,632
Shares Outstanding	350,001
30-Day SEC Yield	0.54%
Weighted Average Price	99.98
Weighted Average Years to Stated Legal Maturity	2.01 Years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	0.74 Years
Weighted Average Spread Duration	1.93 Years

Holdings data and fund characteristics are subject to change.



## Sector Breakdown as of 06/30/2013

■ Corporate	78.44%
■ Cash	13.76%
■ Government/ Agency	3.72%
■ Commercial Paper	3.71%
■ MBS/ABS	0.37%

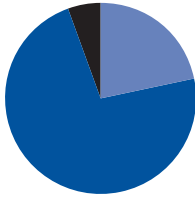


## Effective Duration as of 06/30/2013

Cash	0.01 Years
Commercial Paper	0.36 Years
Corporate	2.43 Years
Government/Agency	1.09 Years
MBS/ABS	2.28 Years

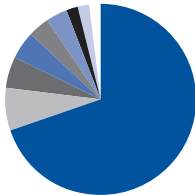
## Maturity Breakdown as of 06/30/2013

■ 0-1 Years	21.88%
■ 1-3 Years	72.77%
■ 3+ Years	5.35%



## Country Allocations as of 06/30/2013

■ United States	69.80%
■ Canada	7.29%
■ United Kingdom	5.21%
■ Netherlands	4.66%
■ Sweden	3.72%
■ Brazil	3.71%
■ France	1.89%
■ Germany	1.87%
■ Italy	1.85%



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## INVESTMENT MANAGER

Northern Trust is one of the world's largest investment managers with U.S. \$803 billion in assets under management (as of June 30, 2013). Northern Trust serves individuals and institutional investors in more than 40 countries.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Consult with your financial professional concerning how the FlexShares Ready Access Variable Income can help you pursue your investment objectives. Or contact FlexShares at 1-855-FlexETF (1-855-353-9383).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Before investing, carefully consider the FlexShares investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other information is in the prospectus, a copy of which may be obtained by visiting [www.flexshares.com](http://www.flexshares.com). Read the prospectus carefully before you invest.*

Foreside Fund Services, LLC, distributor.

An investment in FlexShares is subject to numerous risks, including possible loss of principal. Fund returns may not match the return of the respective indexes. The Funds are subject to the following principal risks: asset class; commodity; concentration; counterparty; currency; derivatives; dividend; emerging markets; equity securities; fluctuation of yield; foreign securities; geographic; income; industry concentration; inflation-protected securities; interest rate / maturity risk; issuer; management; market; market trading; mid cap stock; natural resources; new funds; non-diversification; passive investment; privatization; small cap stock; tracking error; value investing; and volatility risk. A full description of risks is in the prospectus.

The FlexShares Ready Access Variable Income Fund is actively managed and does not seek to replicate a specified index. Additionally, the Fund may invest without limitation in the fixed-income and debt securities of foreign issuers in both developed and emerging markets. The fund is at increased credit and default risk, where there is an inability or unwillingness by the issuer of a fixed-income security to meet its financial obligations, debt extension risk, where an issuer may exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation later than expected, as well as interest rate/maturity risk, where the value of the Fund's fixed-income assets will decline because of rising interest rates. The fund may also be subject to increased concentration risk as it may invest more than 25% of its assets into the securities of a single developed market. Additionally, the fund may invest without limitation in mortgage or asset-backed securities which puts it at increased risk for interest rate/maturity risk, debt extension risk, and prepayment (or Call) risk. Also, the Fund is "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and may invest more of its assets in fewer issuers than diversified funds.

Credit Quality, also referred to as a "bond rating," is one of the principal criteria for judging the investment quality of a fixed income security. Credit quality informs investors of a security's creditworthiness or risk of default.

Different agencies employ different rating scales for credit quality. Standard & Poors (S&P), Fitch and Dominion all use scales from AAA (highest) through AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C to D (lowest). Moody's uses a scale from Aaa (highest) through Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca to C (lowest).

Liquidity is the degree to which an asset or security can be bought or sold in the market without affecting the asset's price. Assets that can be easily bought or sold are known as liquid assets.

Performance reflects reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. During the period, some of the Fund's fees were waived and/or reimbursed; otherwise the Fund's performance would have been lower. The Fund inception date is generally several days prior to when the Fund begins trading. NAV prices are used to calculate market price performance prior to 10/11/12, when the Fund first traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Shares are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Market performance is determined using the bid/ask midpoint at 4:00pm Eastern time, when the NAV is typically calculated. They do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. NAV is a fund's price per share, which is calculated by dividing the total value of all the securities in the fund's portfolio plus cash, interest and receivables less any liabilities by the number of fund shares outstanding.