# PIMCO RAFI Dynamic Multi-Factor International Equity ETF

## **FUND DESCRIPTION**

PIMCO RAFI™ Dynamic Multi-Factor International Equity ETF Ticker: (MFDX) is a smart beta strategy that seeks to track the investment results of the RAFI™ Dynamic Multi-Factor Developed Ex-U.S. Index. The fund is designed to provide investors with the benefits of dynamically-weighted exposure to multiple equity factors, including value, quality, low volatility, momentum and size – a diversified approach that seeks to improve return potential.

#### **INVESTOR BENEFITS**

Incorporating the latest smart beta research from Research Affiliates™. MFDX seeks to provide diversification and structural sources of returns through an in-depth methodology that seeks to introduce a "buy-low, sell-high" discipline to factor investing.

Potential benefits of the fund include:

- Exposure to multiple international equity factors that theory and research have linked to higher returns, a combination that may offer a smoother ride than single-factor approaches.
- Stocks in each factor portfolio are weighted by fundamental measures of company size, breaking the link between price and portfolio weight (except in the momentum factor portfolio). Research Affiliates Fundamental Index (RAFI™) is an investment approach that seeks to systematically rebalances portfolio weights back to fundamental size, allowing mean reversion to drive returns.
- A dynamic weighting process that overweights factors that may be more attractive on a forward-looking basis, reducing the potential risk associated with buying expensive factors.

# THE FUND ADVANTAGE

PIMCO and Research Affiliates™ believe that our differentiated approach to multifactor investing creates the potential for higher returns through both factor portfolio construction and dynamic allocation of the individual factor portfolios. We believe this value conscious approach to factor investing makes MFDX an attractive strategy for smart beta investors, and can serve as a complement to or replacement for traditional equity approaches.

TICKER	MFDX
FUND INCEPTION DATE	31 August 2017
CUSIP	72202L371
TOTAL NET ASSETS (IN MILLIONS)	\$161.8

#### Portfolio Manager

Eden Simmer, Alexander Steiner

#### **Basic facts**

Dividend frequency Quarterly

## Fund expenses

Gross Expense Ratio 0.40% Net Expense Ratio 0.39%

The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reduction, which is in place through 31 October 2023 and renews automatically for a full year unless terminated by PIMCO in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Fund	MSCI EAFE Index*
Number of securities	1,241	795
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	35,692	69,648
Trailing P/E Ratio	10.58	12.95

\*The MSCI EAFE Index is being shown for illustrative purposes to highlight characteristics of the Fund against a conventional broader market reference point. The MSCI EAFE Index is not a benchmark included in the Fund's prospectus.

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GICS sectors (MV%)	Fund	MSCI EAFE Index*	Portfolio Composition (% Risk Allocation)	
Industrials	19.0	15.9	Value	
Consumer Discretionary	14.7	12.0	Low Volatility	
Financials	13.8	19.1	Quality	
Consumer Staples	9.7	9.8	Momentum	
Materials	9.2	7.5	Size	
Communication Services	6.6	4.1		
Health Care	6.0	13.4		
Information Technology	5.8	7.7		
Energy	5.8	4.8		
Utilities	5.8	3.4		
Real Estate	2.5	2.3		

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Performance (average annual returns %)	QTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	SI
PIMCO ETF					
NAV	-2.71	25.25	6.94	3.71	3.96
Share price (market price)	-2.70	25.35	7.03	3.79	3.93
Benchmark 1 (%)	-2.25	24.67	7.10	3.91	4.25
Benchmark 2 (%)	-4.11	25.65	5.75	3.24	3.53

Performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that Fund shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when sold. Performance data current to the most recent month-end is available at www.pimco.com or by calling 888.400.4ETF.

Differences in the Fund's performance versus the index and related attribution information with respect to particular categories of securities or individual positions may be attributable, in part, to differences in the pricing methodologies used by the Fund and the index. There is no assurance that any fund, including any fund that has experienced **high or unusual performance** for one or more periods, will experience similar levels of performance in the future. High performance is defined as a significant increase in either 1) a fund's total return in excess of that of the fund's benchmark between reporting periods or 2) a fund's total return in excess of the fund's historical returns between reporting periods. Unusual performance is defined as a significant change in a fund's performance as compared to one or more previous reporting periods.

The performance figures presented reflect the total return performance, unless otherwise noted, and reflect changes in share price and reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions. All periods longer than one year are annualized. Periods less than one year are cumulative.

# **Trading information**

Fund

31.4 15.8 18.0 14.8 20.0

Ticker symbol	MFDX
CUSIP	72202L371
iNav (indicative NAV) ticker	MFDX.IV
Lead Market Maker	Jane Street
Exchange	NYSE Arca

## About the benchmark

#### RAFI Dynamic Multi-Factor Developed Ex-U.S. Index

The RAFI Dynamic Multi-Factor Dev. ex-US index takes time-varying exposures to five return factors; value, low volatility, quality, momentum and size. The index uses recent and historical metrics to tilt toward factor portfolios which are particularly attractive on a forward looking basis. It is not possible to invest directly in the index.

# **MSCI EAFE Index**

MSCI EAFE Index is an unmanaged index designed to represent the performance of large and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets, including countries in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada. It is not possible to invest directly in the index.

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A word about risk: Equities may decline in value due to both real and perceived general market, economic and industry conditions. Investing in foreign-denominated and/or-domiciled securities may involve heightened risk due to currency fluctuations, and economic and political risks, which may be enhanced in emerging markets. Model Risk is the risk that the investment models used in constructing the Underlying Index may not adequately take into account certain factors and may result in a decline in the value of the Underlying Index and, therefore, the Fund. Management and Tracking Error Risk is the risk that the portfolio manager's investment decisions may not produce the desired results or that the Fund's portfolio may not closely track the Underlying Index for a number of reasons. Derivatives may involve certain costs and risks, such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous. Investing in derivatives could lose more than the amount invested.

In order to provide additional information regarding the intra-day value of shares of the Fund, the NYSE Arca, Inc. or a market data vendor disseminates every 15 seconds through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association or other widely disseminated means an updated Indicative NAV ("iNAV") for the Fund as calculated by an information provider or market data vendor. The Fund is not involved in or responsible for any aspect of the calculation or dissemination of the iNAV and makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the iNAV. Net Asset Value (NAV) represents an ETF's per-share value. The per-share value of an ETF is calculated by dividing the total value of the securities in its portfolio, less any liabilities, by the number of ETF shares outstanding. ETF shares are valued as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time) (The "NYSE Close") on each business day. The Fund's Net Asset Value, shares outstanding and total net assets are calculated as of the close of regular trading on each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open, and do not reflect security transactions or Fund shares created or redeemed on the date stated. Such transactions are recorded on the next business day and reported on the website the following business day. Returns are average annualized total returns, except for those periods of less than one year, which are cumulative. Market returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00 pm Eastern time (when NAV is normally determined for most ETFs), and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

The Fund uses an indexing approach and may be affected by a general decline in market segments or asset classes relating to its Underlying Index. The Fund invests in securities and instruments included in, or representative of, its Underlying Index regardless of the investment merits of the Underlying Index. Current holdings are subject to risk. Holdings are subject to cha

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A "factor" is a generic label for company and stock price characteristics that provide the common sources of return across a broad universe of equity securities. Low Volatility: Emphasizes companies with low risk measure. Momentum: Using price trends to forecast returns or buying stocks with strong recent performance and selling stocks with weak recent performance based on trends. Quality: Companies exhibiting "high quality" metrics such as high profitability combined with conservative investment tend to outperform lower quality stocks over time. Size: Factors such as value, quality, low volatility, and momentum may tend to be stronger among the stocks of smaller companies. Value: Tendency of cheaper stocks to outperform more expensive stocks over time. Portfolio structure is subject to change without notice and may not be representative of current or future allocations.

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