



## ETF FACTS

Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc.  
 Accelerate Absolute Return Fund (formerly, Accelerate Absolute Return Hedge Fund)  
**HDGE and HDGE.U**  
 March 19, 2024



This document contains key information you should know about Accelerate Absolute Return Fund (formerly, Accelerate Absolute Return Hedge Fund). You can find more details about this exchange-traded fund (ETF) in its prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc. at 1-855-892-0740 or visit [www.AccelerateShares.com](http://www.AccelerateShares.com).

**Before you invest, consider how the ETF would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.**

**This ETF is an alternative mutual fund. It has the ability to invest in asset classes or use investment strategies that are not permitted for other types of mutual funds. The specific features that differentiate this ETF from other types of mutual funds include selling securities short and using the cash proceeds to purchase additional equity securities, which creates leverage in the portfolio. While these strategies will be used in accordance with the ETF's objectives and strategies, during certain market conditions they may accelerate the pace at which your investment decreases in value.**

### Quick Facts

<b>Date ETF Started</b>	May 3, 2019	<b>Fund manager</b>	Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc.
<b>Total value on January 31, 2024</b>	\$24.7 Million	<b>Portfolio manager</b>	Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc.
<b>Management expense ratio (MER)</b>	2.32%	<b>Distributions</b>	Quarterly in March, June, September and December

### Trading Information (12 months ending January 31, 2024)

<b>Ticker Symbol</b>	HDGE and HDGE.U	<b>Average daily volume</b>	3 883
<b>Exchange</b>	Toronto Stock Exchange	<b>Number of days traded</b>	252
<b>Currency</b>	Canadian dollars (HDGE) and U.S. dollars (HDGE.U)		

### Pricing Information (12 months ending January 31, 2024)

<b>Market price</b>	\$20.858 - \$24.300
<b>Net asset value (NAV)</b>	\$20.858 - \$24.300
<b>Average bid-ask spread</b>	0.53%

### What does the ETF invest in?

Accelerate Absolute Return Fund (formerly, Accelerate Absolute Return Hedge Fund) seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation and a superior risk-adjusted return relative to the broader Canadian equity market. HDGE seeks to outperform the Canadian equity market over the long term with lower volatility by investing primarily in Canadian and U.S. listed equity securities that are expected to outperform this market, while selling short certain Canadian and U.S. listed equity securities that are expected to underperform this market. The aggregate market value of securities sold short by HDGE will not exceed 50% of HDGE's net asset value (NAV) and the maximum aggregate exposure of HDGE to cash borrowing, short selling and specified derivatives will not exceed 50% of HDGE's NAV.



The charts below give you a snapshot of the ETF's investments on January 31, 2024. The ETF's investments will change.

**Top 10 investments (January 31, 2024)**

Constellation Software Inc/Can	2.41%
Qualys Inc	2.41%
Insight Enterprises Inc	2.41%
Builders FirstSource Inc	2.41%
Bancorp Inc/The	2.40%
ARC Resources Ltd	2.40%
Booking Holdings Inc	2.40%
McKesson Corp	2.39%
OraSure Technologies Inc	2.39%
Expedia Group Inc	2.39%
<b>Total percentage of top 10 investments:</b>	<b>24.01%</b>
<b>Total number of investments:</b>	<b>88</b>

**Investment Mix (January 31, 2024)**

	Long	Short	Total
Communication Services	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Consumer Discretionary	21.17%	-1.10%	20.07%
Consumer Staples	4.70%	0.00%	4.70%
Energy	18.44%	-3.19%	15.25%
Financials	13.98%	-4.52%	9.46%
Health Care	9.34%	-12.62%	-3.28%
Industrials	16.33%	-8.64%	7.69%
Information Technology	14.26%	-12.29%	1.97%
Materials	11.71%	-3.27%	8.44%
Real Estate	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Utilities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Equity Exposure</b>	<b>109.93%</b>	<b>-45.63%</b>	

**How risky is it?**

The value of the ETF can go down as well as up. You could lose money.

One way to gauge risk is to look at how much an ETF's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".

In general, ETFs with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. ETFs with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

**Risk rating**

Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc. has rated the volatility of this ETF as **medium**.

This rating is based on how much the ETF's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the ETF will be in the future. The rating can change over time. An ETF with a low risk rating can still lose money.



For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the ETF's returns, see the "Risk Factors" section of the ETF's prospectus.

**No guarantees**

ETFs do not have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

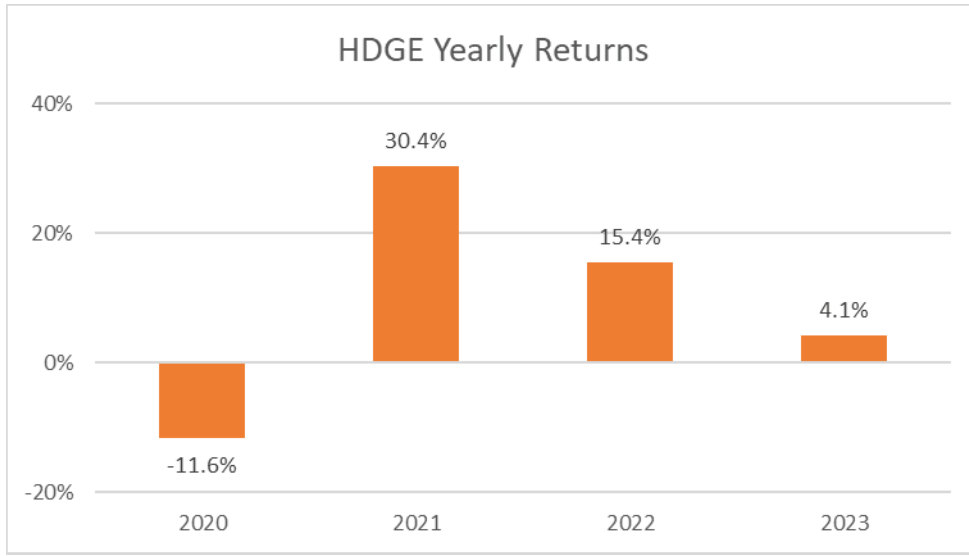
**Past Performance**

**How has the ETF performed?**

This section tells you how units of the ETF have performed over the past 4 calendar years, with returns calculated using the ETF's net asset value ("NAV"). Returns after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the ETF's returns.

**Year-by-year returns**

This chart shows how units of the ETF performed over the past 4 calendar years. The ETF dropped in value in one out of the past 4 calendar years. The range of returns and change from year to year can help you assess how risky the ETF has been in the past. It does not tell you how the ETF will perform in the future.



### Best and worst 3-month returns

This table shows the best and worst returns for units of the ETF in a 3-month period over the past 4 calendar years. The best and worst 3-month returns could be higher or lower in the future. Consider how much of a loss you could afford to take in a short period of time

	Return	3 months ending	If you invested \$1,000 at the beginning of the period
<b>Best return</b>	20.3%	2022-01-31	Your investment would rise to \$1,202.58
<b>Worst return</b>	-10.4%	2020-11-30	Your investment would drop to \$895.52

### Average return

As of January 31, 2024, a person who invested \$1,000 in units of the ETF on its inception would now have \$1,293.88 This works out to an annual compound return of 5.6%.

### Trading ETFs

ETFs hold a basket of investments, like mutual funds, but trade on exchanges like stocks. Here are a few things to keep in mind when trading ETFs:

#### Pricing

ETFs have two sets of prices: market price and net asset value (NAV).

##### Market Price

ETFs are bought and sold on exchanges at the market price. The market price can change throughout the trading day. Factors like supply, demand, and changes in the value of an ETF's investments can affect the market price.

You can get price quotes any time during the trading day. Quotes have two parts: bid and ask.

The bid is the highest price a buyer is willing to pay if you want to sell your ETF units. The ask is the lowest price a seller is willing to accept if you want to buy ETF units. The difference between the two is called the "bid-ask spread".

In general, a smaller bid-ask spread means the ETF is more liquid. That means you are more likely to get the price you expect.

##### Net asset value (NAV)

Like mutual funds, ETFs have a NAV. It is calculated after the close of each trading day and reflects the value of an ETF's investments at that point in time.

NAV is used to calculate financial information for reporting purposes – like the returns shown in this document.

##### Orders

There are two main options for placing trades: market orders and limit orders. A market order lets you buy or sell units at the current market price. A limit order lets you set the price at which you are willing to buy or sell units.

##### Timing

In general, market prices of ETFs can be more volatile around the start and end of the trading day. Consider using a limit order or placing a trade at another time during the trading day.



### Who is the ETF for?

Investors who:

- want exposure to a systematic, quantitative alternative investment strategy;
- want to diversify their investment portfolio with a low correlation investment;
- want to invest in a strategy that hedges some downside risk;
- want to invest for the long term (at least five years); and
- can tolerate a medium level of investment risk.

### A word about tax

In general, you'll have to pay income tax on any money you make on an ETF. How much you pay depends on the tax laws where you live and whether or not you hold the ETF in a registered plan, such as a Registered Retirement Savings Plan or a Tax-Free Savings Account.

Keep in mind that if you hold your ETF in a non-registered account, distributions from the ETF are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

### How much does it cost?

This section shows the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell units of the ETF. Fees and expenses – including trailing commissions – can vary among ETFs. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other ETFs and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

1. **Brokerage commissions** – You may have to pay a commission every time you buy and sell units of the ETF. Commissions may vary by brokerage firm. Some brokerage firms may offer commission-free ETFs or require a minimum purchase amount.
2. **ETF expenses** – You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the ETF's returns.

As of December 31, 2023, the ETF's expenses were 3.53% of its value. This equals \$35.30 for every \$1,000 invested.

#### Annual Rate (as a % of the ETF's value)

##### Management expense ratio (MER)

This is the total of the ETF's performance incentive fee and operating expenses.

2.32%

##### Trading expense ratio (TER)

These are the ETF's trading costs.

1.21%

##### ETF Expenses

3.53%

Instead of a management fee, the ETF pays a performance incentive fee, plus applicable taxes, to Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc. equal to 20% of the amount, if any, by which the NAV as of the last valuation date at the end of a calendar quarter exceeds the NAV as of the first valuation date at the beginning of that calendar quarter (or, in the case of the first performance period, the NAV on the first day that the units of HDGE are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange).

3. **Trailing commission** – The trailing commission is an ongoing commission. It is paid for as long as you own the ETF. It is for the services and/or advice that your representative and/or their firm provide to you. This ETF doesn't have a trailing commission.

### What if I change my mind?

Under securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the prospectus, ETF Facts or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory. For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

### For more information

Contact Accelerate Financial Technologies Inc. or your representative for a copy of the ETF's prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the ETF Facts make up the ETF's legal documents.

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