

Evolve Innovation Index ETF

EDGE provides investors with access to global companies that are involved in innovative or disruptive trends across a broad range of industries.

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MACROECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS:

- The highlight of January was the annual Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, comprising of some 4,000 exhibits by established companies, as well as start-ups, which showcased the latest innovations in technology. The focus was primarily on connectivity, autonomy and electrification, based on varying degrees of reality and feasibility.
- For instance, LG, Samsung and Sony displayed giant MicroLED walls and rollable OLED screens; Ford, Toyota, and Lyft demonstrated self-driving cars; various companies showcased an extensive range of wearables; and Google and Amazon featured new versions of their Assistant and Alexa, respectively, focusing on their application in smart homes.
- As well, In the automotive sector, Audi highlighted the use of virtual reality to make a significant breakthrough in in-car entertainment; Bell unveiled a full-scale prototype of a vertical-takeoff-and-landing air taxi; Harley-Davidson revealed its first electric motor; Hyundai unveiled a science fiction-like design of a walking, van-like vehicle developed to help first responders travel over rough terrain; Nissan unveiled an improved version of its electric car, with a longer driving range and more torque; and Qualcomm highlighted its design to make vehicle-to-everything communication a reality, giving automakers the power to add cellular vehicle-to-everything communication to their cars.
- Outside of the CES, the California-based chip-maker, NVIDIA opened its first full-blown robotics research lab and launched its new Jetson AGX Xavier Module that it hopes will become the go-to brain for next-generation robots.
- In the social media space, Google announced that as early as February 4th, users will no longer be able to create new Google+ profiles, pages, communities, or events. Comments generated by Google+ on external websites will be removed from Blogger by February 4th and from other sites by March 7th. All website comments made using Google+ will be deleted starting on April 2nd. This decision followed the discovery of a security flaw which exposed users' profile data last October, followed by a data leak shortly thereafter.

PORTFOLIO ATTRIBUTION:

The ETF tracks a benchmark index designed to expose investors to returns in six sectors: big data and cloud computing, robotics and automaton, cyber security, automotive innovation, social media, and genomics – which are roughly equally weighted.

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