



The Global X FTSE Nordic Region ETF seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the FTSE Nordic 30 Index.

#### THE NORDIC REGION

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The Nordic region, comprising of Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, makes up 7.83% of the population of the Euro zone's population and 13% of its economy (Source: IMF 2015). While Europe continues to grapple with slow growth, high unemployment, and unsustainable sovereign debt, the Nordic region has proven to be resilient to many of these issues. The region has maintained fiscal discipline and stability by closely governing its public finances, while still managing to provide high levels of social welfare to its citizens. The Global X FTSE Nordic ETF seeks to provide investors with broad exposure to these countries that have historically been models of robustness and stability.

#### SOUND ECONOMY, CONSTANT INNOVATION

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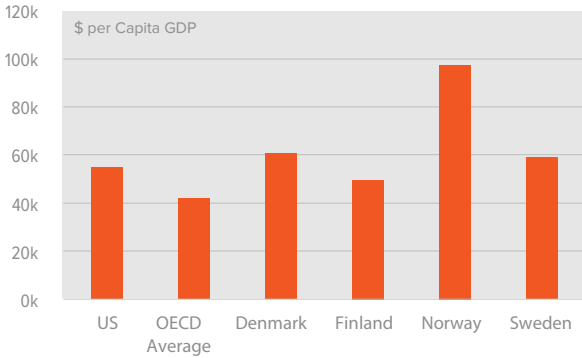
- **High Living Standards:** The Nordic region is among the wealthiest in the world. With an average per capita GDP of \$66,391 in 2014, it ranked higher than the US (\$54,597). In a report by the World Economic Forum, the Nordic countries were ranked among the top countries based on parameters like education and training, labor market efficiency, technological readiness, etc. (Source: IMF 2015, World Economic Forum 2014)
- **Strong Credit:** The Nordic countries have a considerably low level of public debt. In the Nordic region, average government debt as



# THE CASE

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**Gdp Per Capita** Source: World Bank 2015

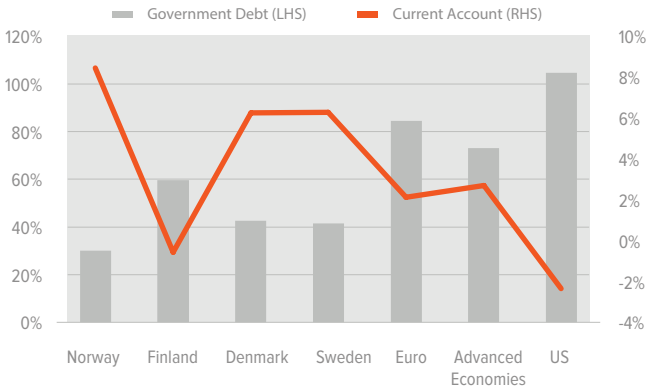


**Credit Rating**

Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden
Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa

Source: Moody's 2015. Ratings assigned on Moody's global long-term and short-term rating scales are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations issued by non-financial corporate, financial institutions, structured finance vehicles, project finance vehicles, and public sector entities. Obligations rated 'Aaa' are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

**Public Finances** Source: IMF 2015



a percentage of GDP was 43% in 2014, as compared to 105% for the US and 73% for the developed world in general. The region also achieved a current account surplus of 5.1% of GDP. All the four countries have been accorded the highest credit rating of Aaa by Moody's. (Source: IMF 2015, Moody's 2015)

- Innovative Culture:** Nordic economies have a strong culture of innovation. They introduced the world to mobile networks in the 1980s, and the GSM cell data standard in 1990s. Now, they are leading the way in employing green technology to provide sustainable energy. For instance, the Swedish Government is expected to allocate \$545 million in 2016, towards implementing a green-energy infrastructure that will make Sweden the first fossil-fuel free country in the world. (Source: Dispatch Review 2015)
- M&A Activity:** Backed by an innovative culture, high standards of living and a stable investment environment, the Nordic region witnessed M&A deals amounting to \$74.7 bn in 2014, a 40.7% increase from 2013, and the highest yearly deal value since 2006. Among the Nordic countries, Norway witnessed the highest M&A activity. (Source: Merger Market 2015)



## ECONOMIC DATA

	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Nordic
Population (million) <sup>1</sup>	5.63	5.48	5.16	9.75	26.01
GDP (Current Price in US\$ billion)	\$342	\$271	\$500	\$571	\$1,683
GDP Purchasing Power Parity (US\$ billion )	\$253	\$217	\$333	\$437	\$1,241
Inflation <sup>1</sup>	0.6%	1.2%	2.0%	-0.2%	0.9%
Unemployment <sup>1</sup>	6.5%	8.6%	3.5%	7.9%	6.7%
Industrial Production Growth Rate <sup>2</sup>	-1.0%	0.3%	0.8%	2.7%	0.7%

Sources: World Bank 2015, <sup>1</sup>IMF 2015, <sup>2</sup>CIA World Factbook 2015

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