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Reflecting the growing interest for Indian equity among South Korean investors, Mirae Asset Global Investments has launched Korea's first ever ETF that tracks the leverage index of the Nifty50.

This new exchange traded fund (ETF), which tracks the Nifty50 2X Leverage Index, will be traded on the Korean Stock Exchange.

A leveraged index is designed to generate multiple time returns of the underlying index in situations where the investor borrows to take index exposure beyond his/her cash exposure.

The Nifty50 2X Leverage Index seeks twice the index return on a daily basis. This index is designed to provide magnified exposure to the Nifty50 index.

Jooyoung Yun, Head of ETF Management Division, Mirae Asset Global Investments, said: "We continue to provide a variety of investment vehicles to investors so that we can meet the various demands for the local market. In that sense, this initiative helps pave the way to achieve our vision," Yun said.

The NIFTY50 2X Leverage Index is created and maintained by India Index Services and Products Ltd (IISL), a National Stock Exchange of India Group company.

Mukesh Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer of IISL, pointed out that India was the world's fastest growing economy. "By the listing of the second Nifty-based ETF in Korea, it is evident that the investors are optimistic to take part in the India growth story through new and innovative instruments," he said.

As on date, there are 10 international ETFs and 34 domestic ETFs based on NIF-TY50 indices. This shows the widespread acceptability of Nifty indices for India access products, Agarwal said. South Korea had in 2014 launched its first ETF tracking the Nifty50 index.