

## First Trust Canadian Capital Strength ETF

### Fund Facts

Ticker	FST.A
Cusip	337331201
Exchange	TSX
Inception Date	30/11/2001
Management Fee	1.60% <sup>1</sup>
Management Expense Ratio	2.41% <sup>2</sup>
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly
Reference Index	S&P/TSX Composite Index
Total Net Asset Value	\$35,734,686

<sup>1</sup>Management Fee includes 1.00% trailer fee

### Portfolio Characteristics

Return on Equity	20.38
Number Of Holdings	26
Distribution Rate	0.28% <sup>3</sup>

### Market Capitalization Breakdown % of NAV

Market Cap Giant %	37%
Market Cap Large %	32%
Market Cap Mid %	31%
Market Cap Small %	0%
Market Cap Micro %	0%

### Top 10 Holdings

	% of NAV
EnCana Corporation	4.55%
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	4.29%
Canadian Pacific Railway Limited	4.29%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	4.24%
Enerplus Corporation	4.19%
CAE, Inc.	4.16%
Open Text Corporation	4.12%
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc	4.10%
Gildan Activewear Inc.	4.07%
Saputo Inc.	4.05%

### Investment Objective

**First Trust Canadian Capital Strength ETF** ("FST") seeks to provide Unitholders with long term capital appreciation by investing primarily in securities traded on a Canadian exchange or market.

### Key Features

FST provides a simplified way to gain exposure to well-capitalized companies that have strong balance sheets. One important advantage that well-capitalized companies enjoy over others is that they have the potential to provide their shareholders with a greater degree of stability and performance over time. The companies that are selected for the portfolio are screened for the following qualities:

- Well-capitalized with strong balance sheets
- Ability to generate earnings growth
- High degree of liquidity
- Record of financial strength and profit growth

### Risk rating

First Trust Portfolios Canada 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 section of the ETF's prospectus.

Annualized Performance	1-month	3-month	6-month	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception
NAV (Advisor)	0.67%	4.32%	6.23%	14.36%	14.36%	5.52%	9.74%	1.92%	6.11%

<sup>2</sup>As of December 31, 2016 audited annual financial statements and MRFP.

<sup>3</sup>Distribution rate is calculated by dividing the most recent annualized distribution paid or declared by the Net Asset Value. Distribution rates may vary. The distributed amount may include return of capital (ROC) from time to time.

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### Portfolio Construction Process

The First Trust Canadian Capital Strength ETF follows the following portfolio construction process.

#### PORTFOLIO SELECTION PROCESS

First Trust's "Capital Strength Strategy" uses a multi-step, bottom-up quantitative selection process to identify an investible universe of securities. The selection process is designed to identify companies that have certain characteristics and easily determinable attributes that, in the portfolio advisor's opinion, make them capital strength companies, meaning they meet our minimum requirements for cash on hand, return on equity, and do not exceed our threshold for long-term debt-to-market value or equity.

#### IDENTIFY THE UNIVERSE

The first step in the investment selection process is to identify a universe of securities from which the portfolio advisor will select a portfolio. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing in securities of issuers that are based in Canada or have significant business operations in the Canadian market. Companies without adequate liquidity for investment purposes are eliminated from further consideration.

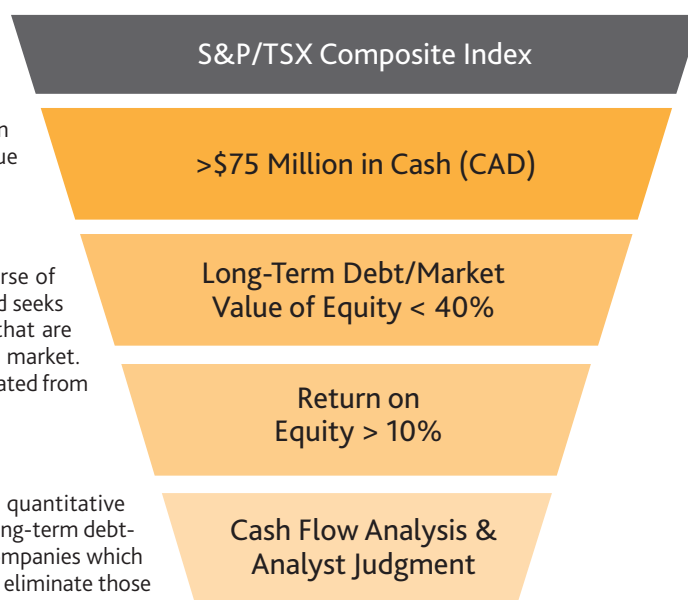
#### SCREEN FOR FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Next, the portfolio advisor evaluates companies based on multiple quantitative metrics including, but not limited to cash on hand, return on equity and long-term debt-to-market value of equity. These factors are designed to identify those companies which exhibit strong fundamental characteristics at the time of purchase and to eliminate those that do not meet the investment criteria. After the investible universe is established, the portfolio advisor examines other factors, including valuations and future growth prospects, to determine securities it may purchase for the Fund.

#### SELECT COMPANIES WITH ATTRACTIVE VALUATIONS FOR THE PORTFOLIO

The final step in the process is to select companies based on the fundamental analysis performed by the portfolio advisor's team of research analysts. The securities selected for the portfolio are those that meet specified characteristics, trade at attractive valuations and, in the opinion of the portfolio advisor, are likely to exceed market expectations for future cash flows.

### The Canadian Capital Strength Filter



## About First Trust

The First Trust companies are a well-respected global enterprise with a history in the U.S. market since 1991 and in Canada since 1996. As at December 31, 2017, First Trust Advisors L.P., the portfolio advisor for the First Trust Canadian Capital Strength ETF, has US \$118.95 billion total assets under supervision or management.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compound total returns including changes in the unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by the unitholder that would have reduced returns. ETFs are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.