

# First Trust SMID Cap Rising Dividend Achievers ETF

#### **Fund Facts**

Ticker **SDVY** 33690A103 Cusip Exchange Cboe Canada Inception Date 09/09/24 Management Fee  $0.15\%^{1}$ Management Expense Ratio  $0.77\%^{2}$ **Distribution Frequency** Quarterly Benchmark Nasdaq US Small Mid Cap Rising Dividend Achievers™ Index **Distributions Rate** 1.03%3 Total Net Asset Value \$25,525,427

### Portfolio Characteristics of the Underlying Fund

| Maximum Market Cap. | \$58,517 |
|---------------------|----------|
| Median Market Cap.  | \$8,995  |
| Minimum Market Cap. | \$1,356  |
| Price/Earning       | 15.08    |
| Price/Book          | 2.22     |
| Price/Cash Flow     | 11.75    |
| Price/Sales         | 1.32     |

| Top 10 Holdings of the<br>Underlying Fund | % of NAV |
|---|----------|
| Comfort Systems USA, Inc.                 | 1.41%    |
| Tapestry, Inc.                            | 1.19%    |
| EMCOR Group, Inc.                         | 1.17%    |
| InterDigital, Inc.                        | 1.15%    |
| Woodward, Inc.                            | 1.14%    |
| Ralph Lauren Corporation                  | 1.08%    |
| Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.                     | 1.05%    |
| Northern Trust Corporation                | 1.03%    |
| Watts Water Technologies, Inc.            | 1.01%    |
| Alamo Group Inc.                          | 0.98%    |
|   |          |

| Underlying Fund        | % of NAV** |
|------------------------|------------|
| Industrials            | 32.04%     |
| Financials             | 30.79%     |
| Consumer Discretionary | 15.53%     |
| Technology             | 4.77%      |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.62%      |
| Energy                 | 4.47%      |
| Basic Materials        | 4.06%      |
| Health Care            | 2.32%      |
| Telecommunications     | 1.35%      |
| Cash & Equivalents     | 0.19%      |
|                        |            |

#### **Investment Objective**

The First Trust SMID Cap Rising Dividend Achievers ETF (the "First Trust ETF") will seek to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of an index of U.S. small and mid cap companies, net of expenses, initially the Nasdaq US Small Mid Cap Rising Dividend Achievers™ Index (the "Index"). The investment strategy of the First Trust ETF is to provide exposure to the Index by holding securities of First Trust SMID Cap Rising Dividend Achievers ETF ("SDVY"), a U.S.-listed index ETF which is managed by an affiliate of the Manager which seeks to replicate or substantially replicate the performance of the Index.

#### **Potential Advantages**

**DIVIDEND GROWTH** | Every company must have paid a dividend in the trailing twelve-month (TTM) period greater than the dividend paid in the TTM period three and five years prior. A company's ability to reliably increase its dividend can be an indication of its financial strength and discipline.

**EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)** | Every company must have positive EPS in the most recent fiscal year greater than the earnings per share three fiscal years prior. EPS is very important to dividend growth because without growth in EPS, there cannot be sustainable growth in the dividend.

**CASH TO DEBT RATIO** | Every company must have a cash to debt ratio greater than 25%. Cash to debt ratio compares a company's cash and short term investments to its debt to provide an indication of the company's ability to cover debt with cash on its balance sheet. The higher the percentage ratio, the better the company's ability to carry its debt.

**PAYOUT RATIO** | Every company must have a TTM payout ratio no greater than 65%. Dividend payout ratio is calculated as annual dividend per share divided by earnings per share and provides an idea of how well a company's earnings support its dividend payments.

### **Risk rating**

FT Portfolios Canada Co. has rated the volatility of this ETF as **high**. Because this is a new ETF, the risk rating is only an estimate by FT Portfolios Canada Co. Generally, the 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.

| Low | Low<br>to Medium | Medium | Medium<br>to High | High |
|-----|------------------|--------|-------------------|------|
|     |                  |        |                   |      |

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.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Percentage of net asset value may not equal 100%

| <b>Annualized Performance</b> | 1-month | 3-month | 6-month | YTD | 1-year | 3-year | 5-year | 10-year | Since Inception |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| NAV (Units) <sup>4</sup>      | n/a     | n/a     | n/a     | n/a | n/a    | n/a    | n/a    | n/a     | n/a             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The First Trust ETF will invest in the underlying U.S. ETF First Trust SMID Cap Rising Dividend Achievers ETF and accordingly the First Trust ETF will also bear the management fee (being 0.60% per annum on the net asset value of the applicable underlying Fund) which is payable on the portion of its portfolio assets invested in the underlying fund. Accordingly, the total management fee borne by Unitholders in connection with their Units will be 0.75% per annum of the NAV of the Units.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Inception date of SDVY is September 9, 2024 and Canadian securities law does not allow for the display of fund performance data less than one year old.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>As of December 31, 2024 audited annual financial statements and MRFP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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**

The Nasdaq US Small Mid Cap Rising Dividend Achievers<sup>M</sup> Index is a modified equal-weighted index comprised of a selection of small and mid-cap companies that have a history of raising their dividends and that exhibit the characteristics to potentially continue doing so in the future. The index construction process considers a company's earnings growth, levels of cash compared to debt and the amount of earnings that are paid out as dividends. The index is comprised of four sub portfolios and each sub-portfolio is reconstituted and rebalanced on a staggered schedule so that one sub-portfolio is rebalanced and reconstituted each quarter and equally weighted.

Starting Universe at Reconstitution | The selection process for each sub-portfolio begins with the stocks in the Nasdaq US Mid Cap™ Index and the Nasdaq US Small Cap™ Index and eliminates those companies classified as a Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trust or Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) by the Industry Classification Benchmark. Companies must meet the size and liquidity requirements to be eligible and certain companies over 1.2% at the index level will be ineligible for inclusion.

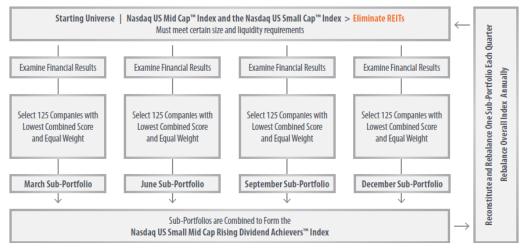
Examine Historical Financial Results | According to the index provider, every security must meet stringent eligibility criteria. The following factors are screened:

- **Dividend Growth**: Every company must have paid a dividend in the trailing twelve-month (TTM) period greater than the dividend paid in the TTM period three and five years prior.
- Positive and Growing Earnings Per Share: Every company must have positive EPS in the TTM period greater than the earnings per share in the TTM period three years prior.
- Cash to Debt Ratio: Every company must have a cash to debt ratio greater than 25%.
- Payout Ratio: Every company must have a TTM payout ratio no greater than 65%.

Select Companies with the Lowest Combined Score | Eligible securities are ranked by five-year dollar dividend increase in descending order, current dividend yield in descending order and payout ratio in ascending order. Up to 125 securities with the lowest (most favorable) combined ranks are selected for inclusion in the sub-portfolio. There is a limit of 37 securities from any one industry, and a limit of 93 securities from either the Nasdaq US Mid Cap™ Index and the Nasdaq US Small Cap™ Index.

Quarterly Sub-Portfolio Reconstitution and Rebalance | One sub-portfolio is reconstituted and rebalanced in March, June, September and December. The reconstituted sub-portfolio is then combined with the sub-portfolios not undergoing a reconstitution to form the Index.

Annual Index Rebalance | The Index is rebalanced annually so that each of the four Sub-Portfolios is equally weighted among each other, each representing 25% of the total Index weight.



## **About First Trust**

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