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Investment Objective and Strategy

The fundamental investment objective of **First Trust AlphaDEX™ U.S. Industrials Sector Index ETF** (the "First Trust ETF") is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the StrataQuant® Industrials Index ("Index"), net of expenses.

The investment strategy of the First Trust ETF is to invest in and hold the constituent securities of the Index in the same proportion as they are reflected in the Index or securities intended to replicate the performance of such Index. The Index results from applying the AlphaDEX[™] methodology to the Russell 1000® Index, a market index representing the large and mid-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity universe, and then selecting the constituent securities for the Index from those qualifying stocks included in the Industrials Sector.

The Manager may use a sampling methodology in selecting investments for the First Trust ETF. As an alternative or in conjunction with investing in and holding constituent securities, the First Trust ETF may also invest in other securities to obtain exposure to the constituent securities of the applicable Index in a manner that is consistent with the investment objective and investment strategy of the First Trust ETF.

In this case, the First Trust ETF may also obtain exposure to the applicable Index by holding securities of a US-listed index ETF, First Trust Industrials/Producer Durables AlphaDEX® Fund (NYSE Arca ticker: FXR), of an affiliate of the Manager, which replicates or substantially replicates the applicable Index.

Risk

The risks associated with an investment in the First Trust ETF remain as discussed in the First Trust ETF's most recent prospectus. There have been no significant changes during the reporting period that affected the overall level of risk associated with the First Trust ETF. The First Trust ETF provides exposure to the industrials sector of the U.S. equity market in either a non-U.S. currency hedged and U.S. currency hedged manner.

Results of Operations

General

The First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of June 30, 2025, was \$41,385,745 or \$53.00 per Unit ("FHG") and \$32.79 per Hedged Unit ("FHG.F"). The First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of December 31, 2024, was \$38,379,007 or \$56.47 per FHG and \$33.47 per FHG.F.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the First Trust ETF paid total cash distributions per unit of \$0.4820 for FHG and \$0.3220 for FHG.F. In addition, the First Trust ETF declared cash distributions per unit of \$0.0600 for FHG and \$0.1230 for FHG.F for record date of June 30, 2025, with payment date of July 8, 2025.

Investment Performance

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, FHG returned -5.94% compared to the Russell 1000® Industrials Index total return of 1.56% while FHG.F returned -1.55% compared to the Russell 1000® Industrials Index (USD) total return of 7.26%. Unlike the indices, the First Trust ETF's returns are net of fees and expenses.

As of June 30, 2025, the Industrials sector accounted for 12.55% of the weight of the Russell 1000® Index. The Russell 1000® Industrials Index outperformed the Russell 1000® Index, which returned 0.68%. The Russell 1000® Industrials Index (USD) outperformed the Russell 1000® Index (USD), which returned 6.12%.

As of June 30, 2025, the portfolio held 137 equity securities. The top ten equity holdings accounted for 14.46% of the total NAV. The AlphaDEX[™] stock selection process is a rules-based process and can result in industry weightings that differ from that of the indices.

The First Trust ETF underperformed the benchmark during the period due to stock selection, mostly within the Industrial Support Services and Construction and Materials sectors. Allocation across sectors also contributed to the underperformance, mostly due to an underweight position in the Aerospace and Defense sector.

The U.S. dollar depreciated 5.31% against the Canadian dollar from December 31, 2024, to June 30, 2025. FHG.F hedges its exposure to the U.S. dollar.

The First Trust ETF's top five stocks by contribution to return were Howmet Aerospace Inc., General Electric Company, Sensata Technologies Holding plc, Axon Enterprise, Inc., and HEICO Corporation. The First Trust ETF's bottom five stocks by contribution to return were BILL Holdings, Inc., XPO, Inc., Global Payments Inc., AAON, Inc., and Dow Inc.

Recent Developments

U.S. stocks finished the period at all-time highs following a volatile first half amid optimism the U.S. will reach trade deals with its largest trading partners and the U.S. Federal Reserve will cut interest rates in the year's second half. The Russell 1000® Index returned 6.12% during the period, including dividends. However, the U.S. dollar depreciated sharply relative to the Canadian dollar, meaning the index gained just 0.68% over the same period measured in Canadian dollars. The market sold off sharply in April after U.S. President Donald Trump announced wide-ranging tariffs, igniting a global trade war. The selloff nearly sent U.S. large-cap stocks into a bear market. However, the market reversed as tariff tensions eased and inflation trended lower, helping to sustain expectations for rate cuts in the year's second half. So far, the U.S. Federal Reserve has held off on cutting interest rates this year on concerns that tariffs will rekindle inflation. A recovery in the artificial-intelligence trade also propelled the rebound in large-cap stocks. Overall, the Russell 1000® Index finished the period trading at a 24.3 P/E multiple with a 1.23% dividend yield, similar to where it stood at the end of 2024. Corporate earnings growth also held up well during the period, helping to fuel the gains despite a lack of multiple expansion.

Related Party Transactions

FT Portfolios Canada Co. is the Manager of the First Trust ETF and is a Canadian affiliate of First Trust Advisors L.P., the investment advisor (the "Advisor") of the First Trust ETF.

Pursuant to terms of the declaration of trust of the First Trust ETF, the Manager provides or arranges for all management, administrative and other services required by the First Trust ETF. The Manager receives a management fee from the First Trust ETF. For further details, please see "Management Fees".

The Manager has retained the Advisor to provide certain services to the First Trust ETF pursuant to an investment advisory agreement. The Advisor receives advisory fees from the Manager out of the management fee.

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the First Trust ETF and are intended to help you understand the First Trust ETF's financial performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, and for the five years ended December 31. This information is derived from the First Trust ETF's unaudited interim and audited annual financial statements.

Net Asset Value per Unit

FHG	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net asset value, beginning of period/year ⁽¹⁾	\$56.47	\$45.43	\$37.06	\$42.29	\$34.22	\$31.55
Increase (Decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.40	1.19	0.76	0.71	0.57	0.65
Total expenses	(0.26)	(0.51)	(0.42)	(0.38)	(0.38)	(0.33)
Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	0.67	4.78	3.54	(1.70)	3.28	7.55
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	(5.20)	5.47	5.50	(4.48)	3.88	1.99
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$(4.39)	\$10.93	\$9.38	\$(5.85)	\$7.35	\$9.86
Distributions:						_
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.12)	(0.62)	(0.35)	(0.50)	(0.15)	(0.38)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.93)	-	-	(1.94)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	\$(0.12)	\$(1.55)	\$(0.35)	\$(0.50)	\$(2.09)	\$(0.38)
Net asset value, end of period/year ⁽⁴⁾	\$53.00	\$56.47	\$45.43	\$37.06	\$42.29	\$34.22
FHG.F	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net asset value, beginning of period/year (1)	\$33.47	\$29.56	\$23.85	\$29.42	\$23.87	\$22.28
Increase (Decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.25	0.73	0.47	0.48	0.43	0.34
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.31)	(0.26)	(0.25)	(0.26)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	0.68	1.15	2.15	(3.63)	2.39	4.03
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	(7.04)	2.77	5.49	(2.67)	2.52	(2.20)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$(6.27)	\$4.34	\$7.85	\$(6.07)	\$5.08	\$1.96
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.16)	(0.44)	(0.27)	(0.26)	(0.16)	(0.37)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	(2.38)	-
Return of capital	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	-	-		-
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	\$(0.16)	\$(0.44)	\$(0.27)	\$(0.26)	\$(2.54)	\$(0.37)
Net asset value, end of period/year (4)	\$32.79	\$33.47	\$29.56	\$23.85	\$29.42	\$23.87

⁽¹⁾ This information is provided as at June 30, 2025 and December 31 of the years shown and is prepared under IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

⁽²⁾ Net asset value and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period/year.

⁽³⁾ Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the First Trust ÉTF, or both. Non-cash distributions are reinvested in additional units of the First Trust ETF and subsequently consolidated. Neither the number of units held by the unitholder, nor the net asset per unit of the First Trust ETF change as a result of any non-cash distributions.

⁽⁴⁾ This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net asset value per unit.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

FHG	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net asset value (000's)	\$39,746	\$36,706	\$22,717	\$20,386	\$46,520	\$13,687
Number of units outstanding	750,000	650,000	500,000	550,000	1,100,000	400,000
Management expense ratio (1)	0.78%	0.77%	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%	0.76%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.79%	0.79%	0.80%	0.80%	0.79%	0.78%
Trading expense ratio(2)	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽³⁾	79.00%	83.75%	175.30%	121.71%	121.92%	262.37%

FHG.F	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net asset value (000's)	\$1,639	\$1,673	\$1,478	\$3,577	\$4,414	\$2,387
Number of units outstanding	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000	150,000	100,000
Management expense ratio (1)	0.76%	0.76%	0.75%	0.77%	0.76%	0.79%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.77%	0.77%	0.76%	0.79%	0.77%	0.81%
Trading expense ratio(2)	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽³⁾	79.00%	83.75%	175.30%	121.71%	121.92%	262.37%

⁽¹⁾ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period/year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period/year.

Management Fees

The First Trust ETF will pay the Manager a management fee of 0.70% based on the average daily NAV of the First Trust ETF. The management fee, plus applicable taxes including HST, will be accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears. The Manager may, from time to time in its discretion, waive all or a portion of the management fee charged at any given time.

⁽²⁾ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period/year.

⁽³⁾ The First Trust ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the First Trust ETF's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the First Trust ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period/year. The higher a First Trust ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a period/year, the greater the trading cost payable by the First Trust ETF in the period/year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period/year. There is not necessarily a relationship between high turnover rate and the performance of a First Trust ETF.

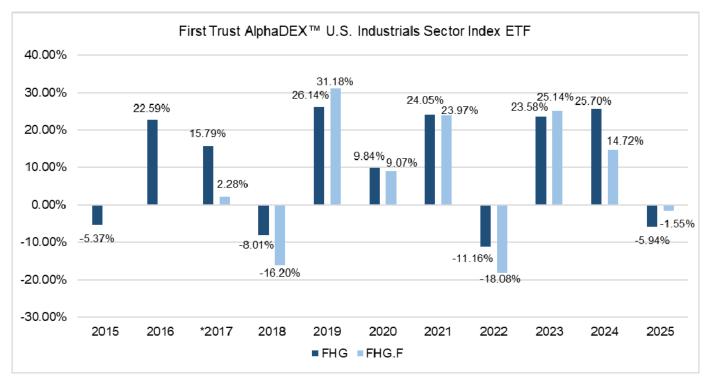
Past Performance

General

The past performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the First Trust ETF in the periods/years shown were reinvested in additional securities of the First Trust ETF. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the First Trust ETF has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Year by Year Returns

The bar chart below shows the First Trust ETF's performance, per class, for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, for the years ended December 31 and for the period from commencement of operations to December 31, 2017 for FHG.F and illustrates how the investment fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart also shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.



*FHG.F Commencement: December 8, 2017

Summary of Investment Portfolio

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's top 25 holdings as at June 30, 2025. This summary of portfolio holdings may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the First Trust ETF. Daily and quarterly updates are available at www.firsttrust.ca.

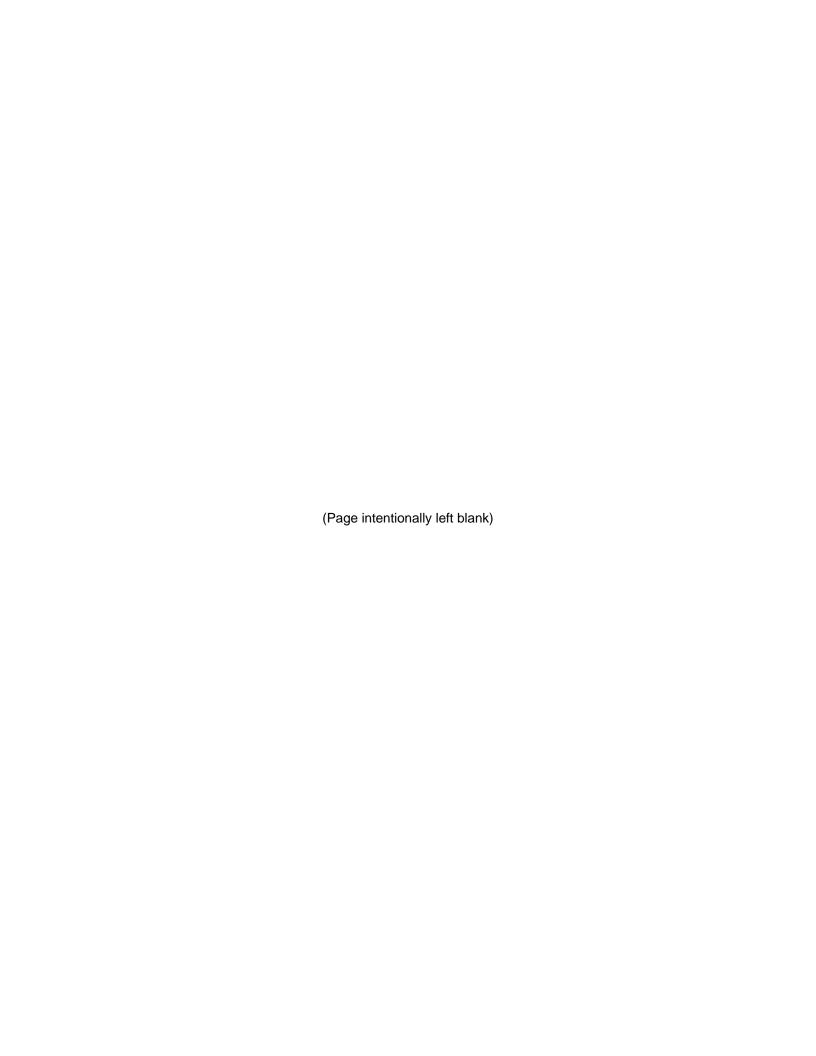
Top 25 Holdings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Howmet Aerospace Inc.	1.65%
General Electric Co.	1.47%
Synchrony Financial	1.46%
Block Inc., Class 'A'	1.43%
Axon Enterprise Inc.	1.43%
HEICO Corp.	1.42%
Oshkosh Corp.	1.41%
Air Lease Corp.	1.41%
Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc.	1.39%
United Rentals Inc.	1.39%
WESCO International Inc.	1.38%
Trimble Inc.	1.36%
Martin Marietta Materials Inc.	1.32%
Ryder System Inc.	1.27%
Schneider National Inc.	1.23%
Cummins Inc.	1.21%
ADT Inc.	1.21%
Visa Inc., Class 'A'	1.20%
Sensata Technologies Holding PLC	1.16%
Gates Industrial Corp. PLC	1.16%
GXO Logistics Inc.	1.15%
Allison Transmission Holdings Inc.	1.14%
PACCAR Inc.	1.13%
Louisiana Pacific Corp.	1.10%
FedEx Corp.	1.10%
Total	32.58%

Portfolio Breakdown

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's portfolio, by industry, as at June 30, 2025.

Industry Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Industrial Support Services	24.69%
Industrial Transportation	17.90%
Construction and Materials	15.94%
Aerospace and Defense	11.44%
Electronic and Electrical Equipment	11.12%
General Industrials	10.68%
Industrial Engineering	8.03%
Other	0.05%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.24%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.09%
Total	100.00%





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