

# First Trust Senior Loan ETF (CAD-Hedged)

ETF FACTS

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This document contains key information you should know about the First Trust Senior Loan ETF (CAD-Hedged). You can find more details about this exchange-traded fund (ETF) in its prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact FT Portfolios Canada Co. at 1.877.622.5552 or visit www.firsttrust.ca.

Before you invest, consider how the ETF would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.

First Trust Senior Loan ETF (CAD-Hedged) invests primarily in senior loans, which are generally rated below investment grade debt. Settlement periods for senior secured loans may be longer than for other types of debt securities, such as corporate bonds. First Trust Senior Loan ETF (CAD-Hedged) is not a substitute for holding cash or money market securities.

#### **Quick Facts**

Date ETF started	April 28, 2013
Total Value on February 28, 2025	\$55,668,831
Management Expense	755,008,851
Ratio (MER)	1.05%
Fund Manager	FT Portfolios
	Canada Co.
Portfolio Manager	First Trust
	Advisors L.P.
Distributions	Monthly

## **Trading Information**

(12 months ending February 28, 2025)

Ticker Symbol	FSL
Exchange	TSX
Currency	CAD
Average Daily Volume	11,262
Number of	
days traded	251/251
<b>Pricing Information</b>	
(12 months ending February 28,	2025)
Market Price	\$16.77 - \$17.14
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$16.78 - \$17.09
Average Bid-Ask	
Spread	1.33%

## What does the ETF invest in?

The ETF seeks to provide unitholders with a high level of current income by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of senior floating rate loans and debt securities, with capital appreciation as a secondary objective.

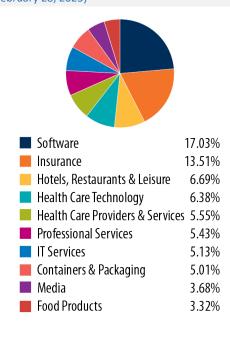
The ETF will obtain exposure to a portfolio of senior floating rate loans which are generally rated at or below BB+ by Standard & Poor's, or Ba1 or less by Moody's Investor Services, Inc., or a similar rating by a designated rating organization (as defined in National Instrument 81-102 - Investment Funds) and debt securities by holding securities of First Trust Senior Loan Fund (the "Underlying Fund"), a U.S. listed exchange-traded fund. The ETF will generally seek to hedge substantially all of its U.S. dollar currency exposure back to the Canadian dollar.

The charts below give you a snapshot of the ETF's investments on February 28, 2025. The ETF's investments will change.

# Top 10 Investments of the Underlying **Fund** (February 28, 2025)

1.37% 1.28% 1.27% 1.24%
1.28%
1.28%
1.28%
1.37%
1 37%
1.42%
1.42%
1.49%
1.32/0
1.52%
1.35%
1.53%
1.66%
9.28%

# **Investment Mix of the Underlying Fund** (February 28, 2025)1



<sup>1</sup> Percentage may not total 100% due to exclusion of other assets and liabilities.

## How risky is it?

The value of the ETF can go down as well as up. You could lose money.

One way to gauge risk is to look at how much an ETF's returns change over time. This is called "volatility." In general, ETFs with higher volatility

Total number of investments

will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. ETFs with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.



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#### **Risk rating**

FT Portfolios Canada Co. has rated the volatility of this ETF as low. 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 Factors section of the ETF's prospectus.

No Guarantees - ETFs do not have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

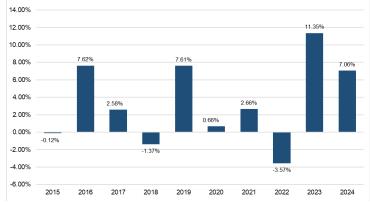
# How has the ETF performed?

This section tells you how units of the ETF have performed over the past 10 years.

Returns<sup>2</sup> are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the ETF's returns.

# **Year-by-year Returns**

This chart shows how units of the ETF performed in each of the past 10 years. The ETF dropped in value in 3 of the past 10 years. The range of returns and change from year to year can help you assess how risky the ETF has been in the past. It does not tell you how the ETF will perform in the future.



## **Best and Worst 3-month returns**

This table shows the best and worst returns for units of the ETF in a 3-month period over the past 10 years. The best and worst 3-month returns could be higher or lower in the future.

Consider how much of a loss you could afford to take in a short period of time.

	Return	3-months ending	If you invested \$1,000 at the beginning of the period
Best Return	6.05%	06/30/2020	Your investment would rise to \$1,060.45
Worst return	-10.60%	03/31/2020	Your investment would drop to \$894.01

# Average return

A person who invested \$1,000 in units of the ETF since inception would have \$1,459.40 as at February 28, 2025. This works out to an annual compound rate of return of 3.34%.

# **Trading ETFs**

ETFs hold a basket of investments, like mutual funds, but trade on exchanges like stocks. Here are a few things to keep in mind when trading ETFs:

## **Pricing**

ETFs have two sets of prices: market price and net asset value (NAV). *Market price* 

- ETFs are bought and sold on exchanges at the market price. The market price can change throughout the trading day. Factors like supply, demand, and changes in the value of an ETF's investments can affect the market price.
- You can get price quotes any time during the trading day. Quotes have two parts: bid and ask.
- The **bid** is the highest price a buyer is willing to pay if you want to sell your ETF units. The **ask** is the lowest price a seller is willing to accept if you want to buy ETF units. The difference between the two is called the "bid-ask spread".
- In general, a smaller bid-ask spread means the ETF is more liquid.
  That means you are more likely to get the price you expect.

#### <sup>2</sup>Returns are calculated using the ETF's net asset value (NAV).

#### Net asset value (NAV)

Like mutual funds, ETFs have a NAV. It is calculated after the close of each trading day and reflects the value of the ETF's investments at that point in time.

NAV is used to calculate financial information for reporting purposes — like the returns shown in this document.

#### **Orders**

There are two main options for placing trades: market orders and limit orders. A market order lets you buy or sell units at the current market price. A limit order lets you set the price at which you are willing to buy or sell units.

## **Timing**

In general, market prices of ETFs can be more volatile around the start and end of the trading day. Consider using a limit order or placing a trade at another time during the trading day.



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#### Who is this ETF for?

Investors who:

- are looking for a high level of current income
- want to invest in primarily senior loans, which are generally rated below investment grade debt
- can handle the ups and downs of the stock market
- are not looking for a substitute for holding cash or money market securities

#### How much does it cost?

This section shows the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell units of the ETF. Fees and expenses - including any trailing commissions - can vary among ETFs.

one investment over another. Ask about other ETFs and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

#### 1. Brokerage commissions

You may have to pay a commission when you buy and sell units of the ETF. Commissions may vary by brokerage firm. Some brokerage firms may offer commission-free ETF's or require a minimum purchase amount.

#### 2. ETF expenses

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the ETFs returns.

As of December 31, 2024, the ETF's expenses were 1.05% (annualized) of its value. This equals \$10.50 for every \$1,000 invested.

**Annual rate** 

1.05%

(as a % of the ETF's value)

### Management expense ratio (MER)

This is the total of the ETF's management fee and operating expenses. The manager of the ETF waived some of the ETF's expenses. If it had not done so, the MER would have been higher.

**Trading expense ratio (TER)** 

These are the ETF's trading costs.	0.00%
ETF expenses	1.05%

## A word about tax

In general, you'll have to pay income tax on any money you make on an ETF. How much you pay depends on the tax laws where you live and whether or not you hold the ETF in a registered plan, such as a Registered Retirement Savings Plan or a Tax-Free Savings Account.

Keep in mind that if you hold your ETF in a non-registered account, distributions from the ETF are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

## What if I change my mind?

Under securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend In some provinces and territories, you also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the prospectus, ETF Facts or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

> For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

### For more information

Contact FT Portfolios Canada Co. or your investment representative for a copy of the ETF's prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the ETF Facts make up the ETF's legal documents.

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