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## First Trust Dow Jones Internet ETF • FDN, FDN.F

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# **INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

## **June 30, 2022**

### **First Trust Dow Jones Internet ETF (the “First Trust ETF”)**

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete unaudited interim financial statements of the First Trust ETF. All references to dollars contained herein are to Canadian dollars.

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### **Forward-looking Statements**

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#### **Investment Objective and Strategy**

The fundamental investment objective of **First Trust Dow Jones Internet ETF** (the “First Trust ETF”) is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of an index of U.S. companies involved in the internet industry, initially the Dow Jones Internet Composite Index<sup>SM</sup>.

The Dow Jones Internet Composite Index<sup>SM</sup>, is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to represent the largest and most actively traded stocks of U.S. companies in the Internet industry.

#### **Risk**

The First Trust ETF provides exposure to its new index by investing all or substantially all of its assets in an underlying U.S. index fund known as First Trust Dow Jones Internet Index Fund (the “Underlying Fund”), which is managed by the First Trust ETF's portfolio advisor.

The risks associated with an investment in the First Trust ETF is discussed in the First Trust ETF's most recent prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

##### ***General***

The First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of June 30, 2022 was \$4,695,582 or \$13.33 per Unit (“FDN”) and \$9.91 per Hedged Unit (“FDN.F”). The First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of December 31, 2021 was \$4,035,693 or \$23.33 per FDN and \$17.87 per FDN.F.

There were no cash distributions paid nor declared for the six-month period ended June 30, 2022.

##### ***Investment Performance***

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2022, FDN returned -42.87% compared to the S&P 500® Index (the “benchmark”) return of -18.26% while FDN.F returned -44.56% compared to the S&P 500® Index (CAD-Hedged) (the “hedged benchmark”) total return of -20.01%. Unlike the benchmark and the hedged benchmark, the First Trust ETF's returns are net of fees and expenses.

The First Trust ETF's only holding, the Underlying Fund, held 42 equity securities as of June 30, 2022. The top ten equity holdings for the Underlying Fund accounted for 49.01% of the portfolio within the Underlying Fund.

The Underlying Fund underperformed the benchmark and the hedged benchmark during the reporting period primarily due to stock selection within Information Technology and Communication Services. These sectors typically have a large concentration of growth names, which struggled during the period due to rising interest rates, inflationary pressures, and a decline in investor enthusiasm for so-called “work from home” stocks as economies continue to reopen from the COVID-19 pandemic. The main drivers of underperformance within these sectors included overweight positions in names like Netflix Inc., Meta Platforms Inc., and PayPal Holdings.

The Underlying Fund's top five stocks by contribution to return were Citrix Systems, Inc., Box, Inc., Vonage Holdings Corp., Zillow Group, Inc., and Dropbox, Inc. The bottom five stocks by contribution to return were Meta Platforms, Inc., Netflix, Inc., Amazon.com, Inc., PayPal Holdings, Inc., and Snap Inc.

The U.S. dollar appreciated 1.87% against the Canadian dollar from December 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022. FDN.F hedges its exposure to the U.S. dollar.

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#### **Recent Developments**

Internet companies are in the midst of one of their worst drawdowns since the Dot Com Crisis as the S&P 500 Information Technology Index suffered its fourth worst first half of the year since 2000. Internet stocks which typically have high multiples and long durations were crushed by a rising discount rate proxied by the 10-year U.S. treasury bill, which approximately doubled from 150bps to 298bps during the first half of the year. Several of the most notable pandemic beneficiaries receded back to normal as Netflix, Etsy, Teledoc, and DocuSign all shed over 60% of their value and now face challenging growth prospects after their dramatic demand pull-forward due to the pandemic. Mega cap FAANG stocks were no safe haven during the painful first half of the year as each of the darlings of the 2010s is in a bear market, averaging more than a 40% drawdown from all-time highs. Mega caps will seek to regain their market leading position as multiples are compressed back to pre-pandemic levels and earnings growth expectations remain high for the Communication Services, Consumer Discretionary, and Information Technology sectors.

#### **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.

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#### 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 past five years for FDN and past four years for FDN.F. This information is derived from the First Trust ETF's current unaudited interim and audited annual financial statements.

#### Net Asset Value per Unit

FDN	Jun. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017
Net asset value, beginning of period/year <sup>(1)</sup>	\$23.33	\$24.76	\$25.71	\$22.80	\$24.21	\$24.62
Increase (Decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	-	0.07	0.49	0.56	0.66	0.40
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.08)	(0.28)	(0.28)	(0.36)	(0.28)
Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	(0.82)	1.86	1.05	0.73	0.91	(0.59)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	(8.21)	(2.47)	0.19	3.02	(2.30)	0.76
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$(9.04)	\$(0.62)	\$1.45	\$4.03	\$(1.10)	\$0.29
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.36)	(1.95)	(0.38)	(0.17)	(0.44)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.31)	-	(0.41)	-
Return of capital	-	(0.04)	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ -	\$(0.40)	\$(2.26)	\$(0.38)	\$(0.58)	\$(0.44)
Net asset value, end of period/year <sup>(4)</sup>	\$13.33	\$23.33	\$24.76	\$25.71	\$22.80	\$24.21

FDN.F	Jun. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>(b)</sup>
Net asset value, beginning of period/year <sup>(1)</sup>	\$17.87	\$19.34	\$20.24	\$17.31	\$20.03	\$20.00 <sup>(c)</sup>
Increase (Decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	-	0.08	0.39	0.43	0.49	0.10
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.07)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.27)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	(1.01)	1.84	0.80	0.10	(0.67)	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	(7.45)	(1.99)	(0.38)	2.37	(3.00)	(0.05)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$(8.47)	\$(0.14)	\$0.59	\$2.68	\$(3.45)	\$0.03
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.72)	(2.00)	(0.29)	(0.13)	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ -	\$(0.72)	\$(2.00)	\$(0.29)	\$(0.13)	\$ -
Net asset value, end of period/year <sup>(4)</sup>	\$9.91	\$17.87	\$19.34	\$20.24	\$17.31	\$20.03

(a) Effective February 17, 2021, the First Trust ETF is fully invested in the Underlying Fund.

(b) FDN.F: December 31, 2017 does not relate to the full year as FDN.F commenced operations on December 8, 2017.

(c) Seed capital

(1) This information is provided as at June 30, 2022 and December 31 of the period/years shown and is prepared under IFRS.

(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 ETF, 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.

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**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

FDN	Jun. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017
Net asset value (000's)	\$4,398	\$3,500	\$3,713	\$1,285	\$2,280	\$2,421
Number of units outstanding	330,000	150,000	150,000	50,000	100,000	100,000
Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	0.67%	0.68%	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.82%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.69%	0.70%	0.79%	0.79%	0.79%	0.84%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.04%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.11%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	25.29%	281.48%	113.57%	122.70%	116.28%	498.88%

FDN.F	Jun. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017
Net asset value (000's)	\$297	\$536	\$967	\$1,012	\$4,328	\$1,001
Number of units outstanding	30,000	30,000	50,000	50,000	250,000	50,000
Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	0.67%	0.71%	0.79%	0.79%	0.79%	0.74%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.69%	0.72%	0.81%	0.81%	0.80%	0.97%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.04%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.11%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	25.29%	281.48%	113.57%	122.70%	116.28%	498.88%

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(1) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period/year, including the First Trust ETF's proportionate share of the MER of the Underlying Fund in which the First Trust ETF has invested, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period/year.

(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. This includes the First Trust ETF's proportionate share of the commissions of Underlying Fund in which the First Trust ETF has invested.

(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.

**Management Fees**

The First Trust ETF will pay the Manager a management fee of 0.15% 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.

*The First Trust ETF will bear the Underlying Fund's management fee of 0.40% per annum on average daily net assets on the First Trust ETF's portfolio assets invested in the Underlying Fund. Accordingly, the management fee cost to unitholders of their investment will be 0.55% per annum of NAV of the First Trust ETF plus applicable taxes.*

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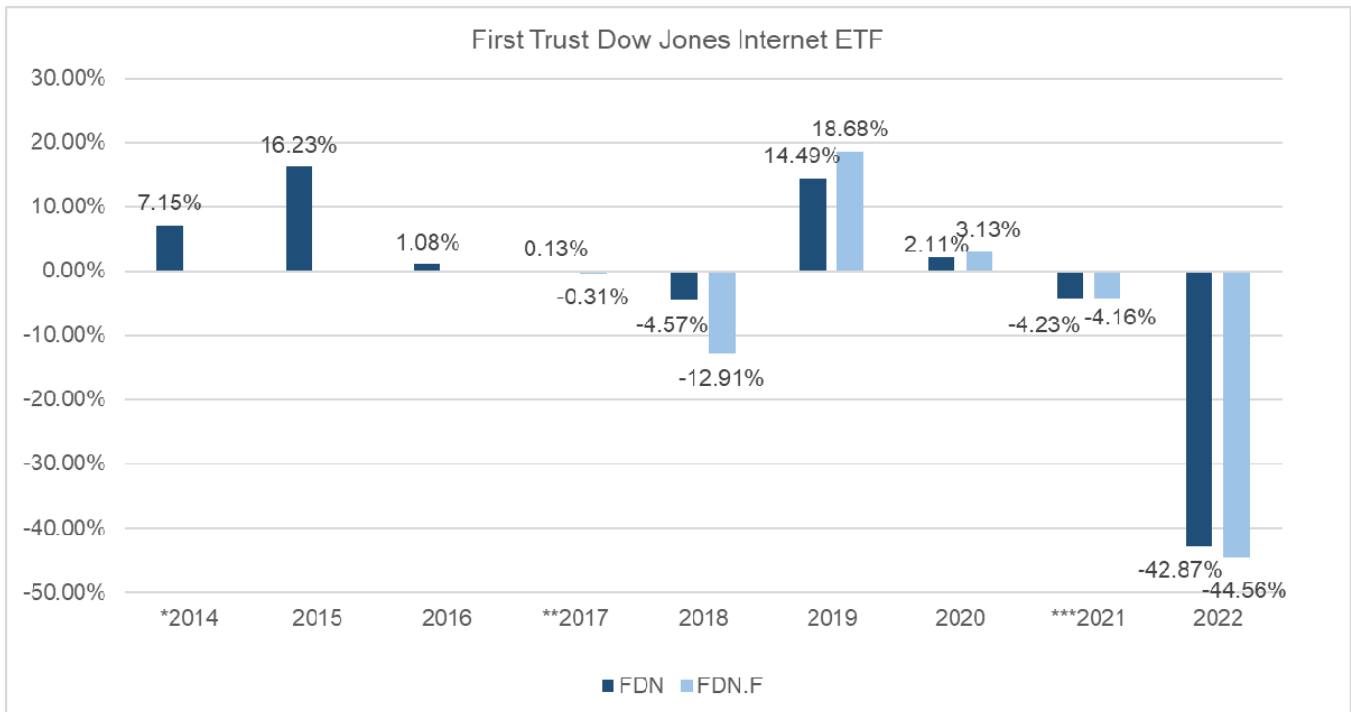
## Past Performance

### 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, 2022, for the years ended December 31, for the period from commencement of operations to December 31, 2014 for FDN, and for the period from commencement of operations to December 31, 2017 for FDN.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.



\*FDN Commencement: October 30, 2014

\*\*FDN.F Commencement: December 8, 2017

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**Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's holdings as at June 30, 2022. 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](http://www.firsttrust.ca).

Holdings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
First Trust Dow Jones Internet Index Fund	100.03%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.01%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.04%
Total	100.00%

**Portfolio Breakdown**

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's portfolio as at June 30, 2022.

Sector Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Exchange-Traded Fund	100.03%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.01%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.04%
Total	100.00%

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