

# First Trust Canadian Capital Strength ETF

#### **Fund Facts**

Ticker	FST
Cusip	337331102
Exchange	TSX
Inception Date	30/11/2001
Management Fee	0.60%
Management Expense	Ratio 0.65% <sup>1</sup>
Distribution Frequency	y Quarterly
Reference Index	S&P/TSX Composite Index
Total Net Asset Value	\$157,379,163

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

Maximum Market Cap.	\$250,788
Median Market Cap.	\$56,481
Minimum Market Cap.	\$8,018
Price/Earnings	20.65
Price/Book	2.92
Price/Cash Flow	13.29
Price/Sales	2.29
Distribution Rate	1.13%²

Top 10 Holdings	% of NAV
Kinross Gold Corporation	4.11%
Dollarama Inc.	4.07%
Pembina Pipeline Corporation	4.05%
Loblaw Companies Limited	4.02%
Stantec Inc.	4.02%
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	4.01%
Manulife Financial Corporation	4.01%
WSP Global Inc.	4.01%
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	4.00%
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	4.00%

### **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**

FT Portfolios Canada Co. has rated the volatility of this ETF as **medium**. 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.



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	2.25%	13.52%	10.52%	14.44%	22.45%	18.67%	16.44%	10.02%	8.34%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of December 31, 2024 audited annual financial statements and MRFP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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.



The Canadian Capital Strength Filter

S&P/TSX Composite Index

>\$75 Million in Cash (CAD)



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Sector Weightings	% of NAV*
Financials	23.98%
Industrials	19.86%
Information Technology	15.84%
Materials	12.10%
Energy	12.04%
Consumer Staples	8.02%
Consumer Discretionary	7.98%
Cash & Equivalents	0.16%

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

#### **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 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.

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.

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

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.

## **IDENTIFY THE UNIVERSE** The first step in the investment selection process is to identify a universe of securities Long-Term Debt/Market Value of Equity < 40% **SCREEN FOR FINANCIAL STRENGTH** Return on Equity > 10% Cash Flow Analysis & securities it may purchase for the Fund. Analyst Judgment SELECT COMPANIES WITH ATTRACTIVE VALUATIONS FOR THE PORTFOLIO

## About First Trust

First Trust Canada is the trustee, manager and promoter of the fund. First Trust Canada and its affiliates First Trust Advisors L.P. ("FTA"), portfolio advisor to the fund, an Ontario Securities Commission registered portfolio manager and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission registered investment advisor, and First Trust Portfolios L.P. ("FTP"), a FINRA registered broker-dealer, are privately held companies that provide a variety of investment services. FTA has approximately US \$281.72 billion in total assets under supervision or management.

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