



First Trust Value Line® Dividend Index ETF
(CAD-Hedged) • FUD

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ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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

Securityholders may also contact us to request a copy of the First Trust ETF's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosures relating to the First Trust ETF by calling 1-877-622-5552, by writing to us at FT Portfolios Canada Co., 40 King Street West, Suite 5102, Scotia Plaza, Box 312, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3Y2 or by visiting our web site at www.firsttrust.ca or SEDAR at www.sedarplus.ca.

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Investment Objective and Strategy

The fundamental investment objective of **First Trust Value Line® Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)** (the “First Trust ETF”) is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the Value Line® Dividend Index (the “Index”) on a currency hedged basis, net of expenses.

The investment strategy of the First Trust ETF is to invest in and hold a proportionate share of the constituent securities of the Index, or other securities, including ETFs, mutual funds or other public investment funds or derivative instruments, to seek to replicate the performance of such Index. The First Trust ETF may also hold cash and cash equivalents or other money market instruments to fund current liabilities.

The First Trust ETF may also obtain exposure to the Index by holding securities of a U.S.-listed index ETF of an affiliate of the Manager, First Trust Value Line® Dividend Index Fund, which replicates or substantially replicates the performance of the Index.

The Index is a modified equal-dollar weighted index comprised of U.S. exchange-listed securities of companies that pay above-average dividends and have potential for capital appreciation. The Index begins with the universe of U.S. stocks, excluding all registered investment companies, limited partnerships and foreign securities not listed in the U.S., that Value Line® gives a Safety™ Ranking of #1 or #2 using the Value Line® Safety™ Ranking System. The Safety™ ranking measures the total risk of a stock relative to the other stocks in the Value Line® universe. From those stocks, Value Line® selects those companies with a higher dividend yield as compared to the indicated dividend yield of the Standard & Poor’s 500 Composite Stock Price Index. Value Line® then eliminates those companies with an equity market capitalization of less than US\$1 billion. The Index is equally weighted and rebalanced on a monthly basis. The Index’s monthly rebalance and reconstitution schedule may cause the First Trust ETF to experience a higher rate of portfolio turnover.

Risk

The Index the First Trust ETF tracks utilizes a rules-based stock selection process and can result in sector weightings that differ from the primary and secondary benchmarks, Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index Return (USD) and S&P 500® Index (CAD-Hedged) total return respectively. The ability of the underlying securities to pay a dividend in the future is dependent on factors that are not controlled by fund management. A security held in the First Trust ETF may, at any time, decide to cut or eliminate its dividend payment. Given the First Trust ETF employs a currency hedging strategy to minimize the impact of changes in the USD-CAD exchange rate and considering that the portfolio remains consistent in its application of the Value Line® stock selection methodology to pick stocks for the portfolio, we conclude there was no material change to the risk profile of the First Trust ETF. Investors should refer to the most recent prospectus as it contains detailed discussion of risk relating to the investment of the First Trust ETF.

Results of Operations

General

First Trust ETF’s total net asset value as of December 31, 2025, was \$5,459,982 or \$36.47 per unit. First Trust ETF’s total net asset value as of December 31, 2024, was \$5,278,628 or \$35.26 per unit.

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the First Trust ETF paid total cash distributions of \$0.8375 per unit. In addition, the First Trust ETF declared cash distributions of \$0.0700 per unit for record date of December 31, 2025, with payment date of January 8, 2026. Lastly, the First Trust ETF also made a notional distribution per unit of \$1.4400 for the year ended December 31, 2025. This amount was reinvested in the First Trust ETF and not paid in cash to unitholders.

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Investment Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the First Trust ETF returned 5.87% compared to the primary and secondary benchmarks' total returns of 12.12% and 15.92% respectively. Unlike the benchmarks, the First Trust ETF's returns are net of fees and expenses.

The First Trust ETF underperformed the primary benchmark during the year. Materials and Consumer Discretionary added to relative performance due to security selection and allocation, respectively. Materials were overweight, but selection within the group added to relative outperformance. Consumer Staples names in the portfolio lagged the benchmark. The group was overweight during the year and stock selection within the sector was negative. Technology names in the portfolio could not keep up with the outsized returns versus benchmark. The group was the best performing sector in the primary benchmark. Real estate names were also a drag on relative performance as the group was one of the worst performing sectors in the fund and not represented in the primary benchmark.

The top five stocks by contribution to return were The Toronto-Dominion Bank, Caterpillar Inc., British American Tobacco p.l.c., Sensient Technologies Corporation, and TE Connectivity plc. The bottom five stocks by contribution to return were Robert Half Inc., Flowers Foods, Inc., J&J Snack Foods Corp., UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, and Conagra Brands, Inc..

The portfolio held 221 equity securities on December 31, 2024, and 237 equity securities on December 31, 2025. The top ten equity holdings accounted for 4.32% of the total NAV. Industrials, Utilities, and Consumer Staples were the top three sector weightings at the beginning of the year. Utilities, Financials, and Industrials were the top three sector weightings on December 31, 2025. Relative to the benchmark, Industrials, Real Estate, and Health Care were the most overweight sectors on December 31, 2025. The most underweight sectors versus the benchmark at the end of the year were Financials, Utilities, and Consumer Discretionary. At the beginning of the year, Industrials, Health Care, and Consumer Staples were the most overweight sectors relative to the benchmark. The most underweight sectors at the beginning of the year were Financials, Utilities, and Energy.

During the year, the currency hedge was beneficial to the First Trust ETF as the U.S. dollar depreciated versus the Canadian Dollar.

Recent Developments

Large cap stocks, measured by the S&P 500®, outperformed dividend stocks, measured by the Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index, for the year. Notable tariff changes both proposed and implemented since inauguration of Donald Trump in January 2025 have moved pockets of the market most exposed to imports and exports. The Federal Reserve ("Fed") has continued to monitor inflation and made three 25 basis point cuts in 2025. The Fed is currently forecasted to implement one or two interest rate cuts by the end of 2026. Technology companies tied to the AI boom contributed the most to return in the benchmark last year. The top five contributors to benchmark total return accounted for over 40% of the total performance of the benchmark last year. None of the top contributing names in the benchmark were held in the portfolio last year.

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 five years ended December 31. This information is derived from the First Trust ETF's audited annual financial statements.

Net Asset Value per Unit

FUD	2025	2024	2023	2022 ^(a)	2021
Net asset value, beginning of year ⁽¹⁾	\$35.26	\$33.13	\$33.02	\$36.12	\$29.60
Increase (Decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	1.13	1.01	1.02	0.04	0.95
Total expenses	(0.42)	(0.41)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.37)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	1.73	1.36	0.32	0.58	5.74
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.39)	0.82	(0.69)	(2.53)	1.16
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$2.05	\$2.78	\$0.25	\$(2.30)	\$7.48
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.67)	(0.53)	(0.58)	(0.52)	(0.48)
From dividends	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.15)
From capital gains	(1.44)	(0.13)	-	-	(4.15)
Return of capital	(0.06)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.06)	-
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	\$(2.28)	\$(0.79)	\$(0.70)	\$(0.68)	\$(4.78)
Net asset value, end of year ⁽⁴⁾	\$36.47	\$35.26	\$33.13	\$33.02	\$36.12

(a) As of February 28, 2022, the First Trust ETF no longer offered FUD.A and the Manager successfully redesignated FUD.A to FUD of the First Trust ETF.

(1) This information is provided as at 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 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.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

FUD	2025	2024	2023	2022 ^(a)	2021
Net asset value (000's)	\$5,460	\$5,279	\$4,959	\$8,245	\$9,107
Number of units outstanding	149,693	149,693	149,693	249,693	252,160
Management expense ratio ⁽¹⁾	0.76%	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%	0.78%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.77%	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%
Trading expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽³⁾	70.09%	81.56%	61.81%	59.86%	89.63%

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(1) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the 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 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 year. The higher a First Trust ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading cost payable by the First Trust ETF in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between high turnover rate and the performance of a First Trust ETF.

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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.

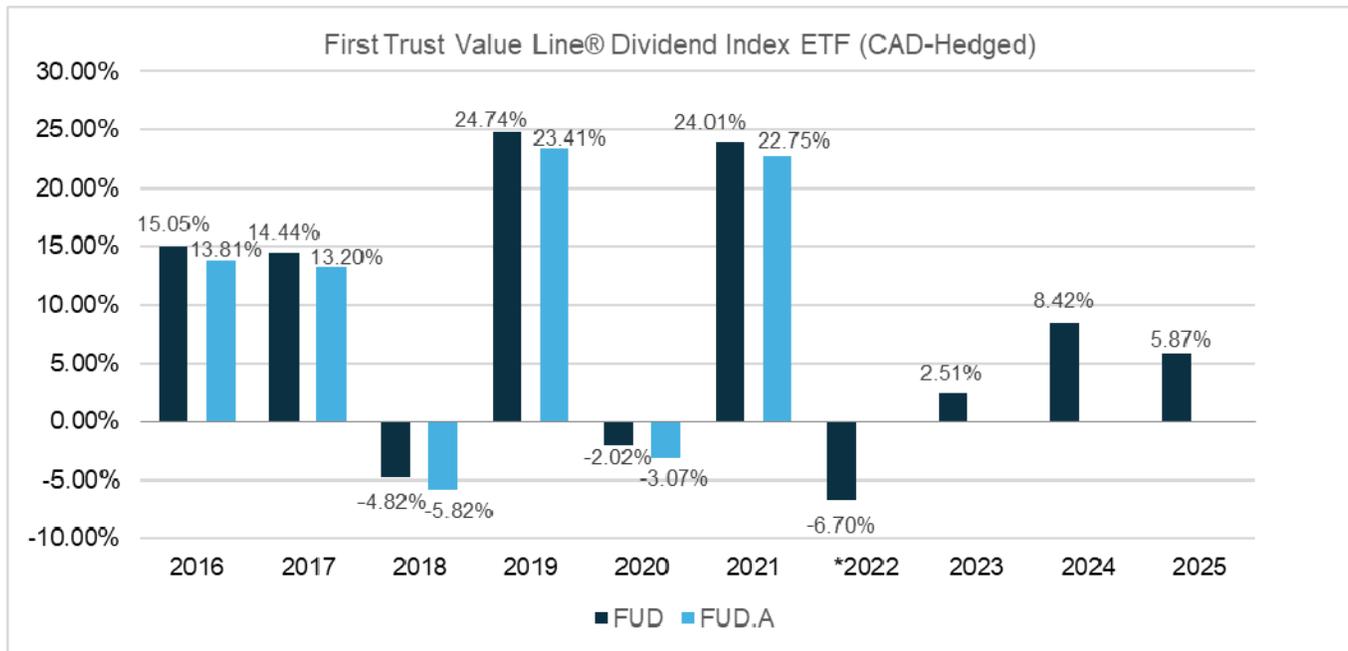
Past Performance

General

The past performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the First Trust ETF in the 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 for the years ended December 31 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.



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Annual Compound Returns

The table below shows the First Trust ETF's annual compound total return since inception and for the years ended December 31, 2025. The annual compound return is compared to the returns of the relevant benchmarks; however, the First Trust ETF's return is net of fees and expenses. See Results of Operations section of this report for further information regarding the current year performance of the First Trust ETF relative to the benchmark/index.

Returns	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception
First Trust Value Line® Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	5.87%	5.57%	6.36%	7.63%	7.20%
S&P 500® CAD-Hedged Index	15.92%	21.52%	13.36%	13.80%	13.20%
Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index USD	12.12%	9.91%	12.43%	10.83%	10.43%

S&P 500® Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization. The S&P 500® CAD-Hedged Index uses a currency-hedged strategy to reduce the risk of currency fluctuations, although potential currency gains may be sacrificed. The amount hedged is adjusted on a monthly basis.

Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index consists of 100 widely-traded, dividend-paying stocks derived from the Dow Jones U.S. Total Market IndexSM. An official CAD version of the index does not exist.

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 December 31, 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
BCE Inc.	0.44%
TELUS Corp.	0.44%
Rogers Communications Inc., Class 'B'	0.43%
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	0.43%
Bank of Nova Scotia (The)	0.43%
Enbridge Inc.	0.43%
Emera Inc.	0.43%
AT&T Inc.	0.43%
Comcast Corp., Class 'A'	0.43%
T-Mobile US Inc.	0.43%
Verizon Communications Inc.	0.43%
Kenvue Inc.	0.43%
Kimberly-Clark Corp.	0.43%
Chevron Corp.	0.43%
Williams Cos. Inc. (The)	0.43%
American Homes 4 Rent, Class 'A'	0.43%
Camden Property Trust	0.43%
Invitation Homes Inc.	0.43%
Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc.	0.43%
UDR Inc.	0.43%
Zoetis Inc.	0.43%
Lockheed Martin Corp.	0.43%
Motorola Solutions Inc.	0.43%
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	0.43%
Consolidated Edison Inc.	0.43%
Total	10.77%

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Portfolio Breakdown

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's portfolio, by sector, as at December 31, 2025.

Sector Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Financials	22.98%
Utilities	18.54%
Industrials	14.91%
Consumer Staples	12.10%
Health Care	7.98%
Materials	6.25%
Information Technology	5.76%
Communication Services	3.87%
Consumer Discretionary	3.70%
Energy	2.98%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.68%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.25%
Total	100.00%

The table below sets out the percentage (based on total net asset value) of the First Trust ETF's portfolio excluding cash, by country, as at December 31, 2025.

Country Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
United States	80.16%
Canada	7.23%
United Kingdom	4.62%
Ireland	1.66%
Switzerland	1.27%
Japan	1.25%
France	0.84%
India	0.79%
Belgium	0.42%
Mexico	0.42%
Bermuda	0.41%
Total	99.07%

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