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First Trust NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy ETF (the “First Trust ETF”)

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.

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Investment Objective and Strategy

The fundamental investment objective of **First Trust NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy ETF** (the “First Trust ETF”) is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of an index of U.S. listed companies designed to track the performance of clean energy companies engaged in manufacturing, development, distribution and installation of clean-energy technologies including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaics, wind power, advanced batteries, fuel cells, and electric vehicles, initially the NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy IndexSM.

The NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy IndexSM is a modified market capitalization weighted index designed to track the performance of clean energy companies that are publicly traded in the United States and includes companies engaged in manufacturing, development, distribution and installation of emerging clean-energy technologies including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaics, wind power, advanced batteries, fuel cells, and electric vehicles.

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 NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy 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 net asset value as of December 31, 2022 was \$11,533,926 or \$20.97 per unit. The First Trust ETF's net asset value as of December 31, 2021 was \$17,194,761 or \$28.19 per unit.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the First Trust ETF paid total cash distributions per unit of \$0.0237.

Investment Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the First Trust ETF returned -25.60% compared to the S&P 500® Index (the “benchmark”) return of -12.16%. Unlike the benchmark, the First Trust ETF's return is net of fees and expenses.

The First Trust ETF's only holding, the Underlying Fund, held 61 equity securities as of December 31, 2022. The top ten equity holdings for the Underlying Fund accounted for 55.31% of the portfolio within the Underlying Fund.

The Underlying Fund underperformed the benchmark during the year mostly due to its overweight allocation to the Automobiles industry stemming from its exposure to electric vehicle manufacturers. The Underlying Fund's overweight allocation to the Semiconductors industry also was a significant contributor to the underperformance. However, stock selection within the Semiconductors industry mitigated the underperformance.

The Underlying Fund's top five stocks by contribution to return were Enphase Energy, Inc., First Solar, Inc., Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile S.A., SolarEdge Technologies, Inc., and Daqo New Energy Corp. The bottom five stocks by contribution to return were Tesla, Inc., Rivian Automotive, Inc., XPeng Inc., NIO Inc., and Lucid Group, Inc.

The First Trust's ETF's exposure to the U.S. dollar contributed positively to its absolute performance during the year as the U.S. dollar appreciated 6.96% against the Canadian dollar from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Recent Developments

Clean energy companies suffered from adverse market conditions in 2022 similar to many high technology growth stocks which experienced extreme multiple compression. Due to their nascent technology and large growth prospects, many companies within the clean energy space are higher risk and higher beta which can lead to underperformance in down markets. The solar industry went through a confusing year as government probes into

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components potentially sourced from China put the entire production complex in limbo for a year which negatively affected stock prices. Thankfully the probe receded by the end of the year and solar investment was able to continue. According to Bloomberg BNEF, despite the relatively low EV adoption rate of 6% in the US, 2023 is expected to see slowing growth in EV sales from the 175% growth rate experienced over the past two years. The passing of the Inflation Reduction Act played a major part in positive performance in the third quarter as some jokingly referred to as the "Clean Energy Act" because of the \$370B of incentives packed into it. Despite the massive tailwind from the Inflation Reduction Act, clean energy companies followed the path of their unprofitable growth peers in a selloff that lasted through the end of the year. The P/E multiple on QCLN compressed by nearly 50% from 46 to 25. We think there is a lot to like about clean energy heading into 2023 as some names in the sector appear to have shed many of the unwarranted valuations (Rivian had a market cap above \$100 billion before it had sold a truck to the public). We believe that companies that are truly investing in the clean energy technology of the future should see growth rates increase as many are still sitting at record low valuations.

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

Net Asset Value per Unit

QCLN	2022	2021 ^(a)	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of year ⁽¹⁾	\$28.19	\$31.33	\$31.03	\$26.54	\$28.14
Increase (Decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.07	0.04	0.91	0.95	0.99
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.36)	(0.38)	(0.38)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	(1.36)	3.31	(0.31)	0.84	(2.96)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(5.46)	(4.92)	3.05	4.28	(1.95)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$(6.80)	\$(1.64)	\$3.29	\$5.69	\$(4.30)
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.03)	(0.54)	(0.52)	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.37)	-	-	(1.63)
Return of capital	-	-	-	(0.10)	-
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	\$ -	\$(0.40)	\$(0.54)	\$(0.62)	\$(1.63)
Net asset value, end of year ⁽⁴⁾	\$20.97	\$28.19	\$31.33	\$31.03	\$26.54

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

(1) This information is provided as at December 31 of the 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 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

QCLN	2022	2021 ^(a)	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value (000's)	\$11,534	\$17,195	\$4,700	\$6,206	\$6,636
Number of units outstanding	550,000	610,000	150,000	200,000	250,000
Management expense ratio ⁽¹⁾	0.74%	0.77%	0.79%	0.78%	0.77%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.76%	0.78%	0.81%	0.80%	0.79%
Trading expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.00%	0.02%	0.10%	0.05%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽³⁾	39.96%	81.09%	210.55%	89.65%	398.71%

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(1) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated 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 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. 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 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 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 0.15% 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.

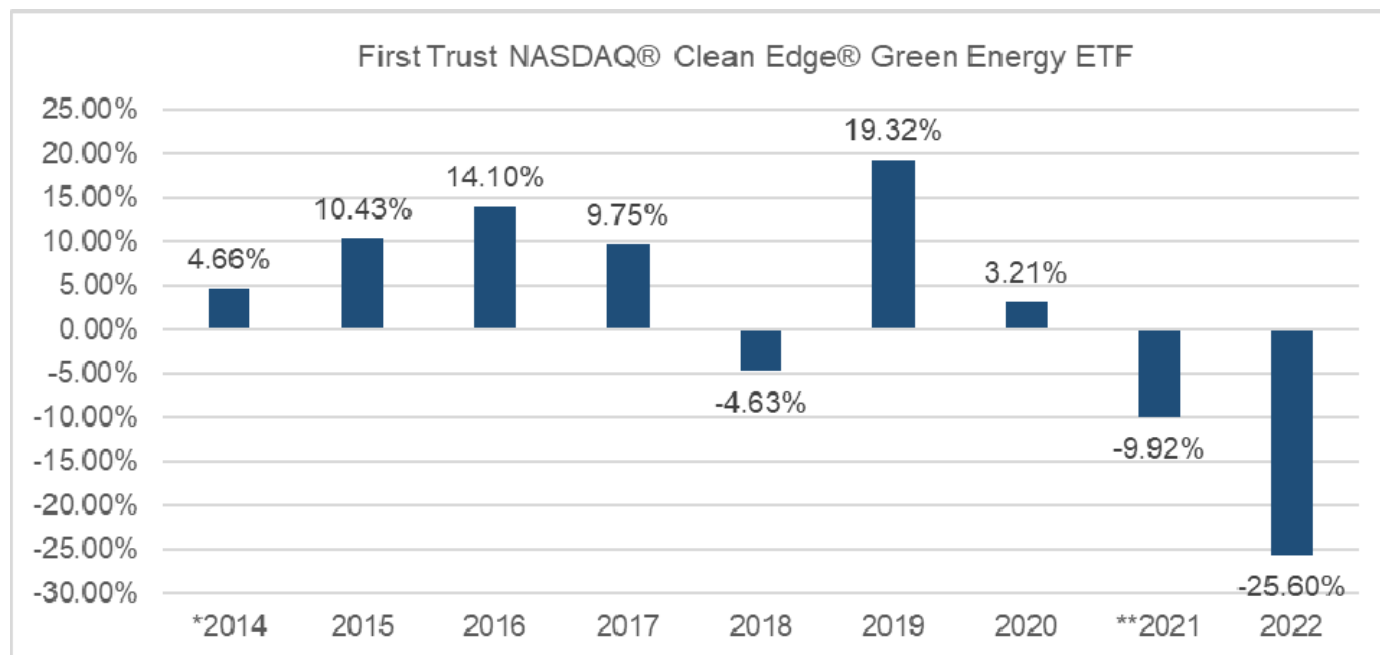
Past Performance

General

The past performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the First Trust ETF in the period/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 for the period from commencement of operations to December 31, 2014 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.



*First Trust ETF Commencement: October 30, 2014

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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, 2022. The annual compound return is compared to the returns of the relevant benchmark; 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.

Returns	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception
First Trust NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy ETF	-25.60%	-11.56%	-4.67%	-	1.61%
S&P 500® Index	-12.16%	9.25%	11.15%	-	13.19%

S&P 500® Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities and serves as the foundation for a wide range of investment products. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization.

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 December 31, 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.

Holdings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
First Trust NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index Fund	99.80%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.21%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.01%
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 December 31, 2022.

Breakdown	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Exchange-Traded Fund	99.80%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.21%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.01%
Total	100.00%

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