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### FIRST TRUST LAUNCHES AN ETF FOR A NEW ERA IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

**TORONTO – April 20, 2026** – FT Portfolios Canada Co. (“First Trust Canada”), announced today that it has launched units of First Trust Nasdaq® Clean Edge® Smart Grid Infrastructure ETF (the “Fund” and “SGRD”). Units of the Fund will commence trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange today. The ticker symbol for the units is SGRD.

The Fund seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of an index of companies that are primarily engaged and involved in electric grid electric meters and devices, networks, energy storage and management, connected mobile and enabling software used by the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector, net of expenses, initially the Nasdaq Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure™ Index.

“Electric grids around the world were built when our electricity needs were simpler and our demand for power was significantly lower. We all know that has changed dramatically and the demand for power will reach unprecedented levels. The smart grid is a renovation of the electricity supply chain, which is designed to modernize how we produce, transport, use and store energy. It may transform the current electric power grid just as the internet revolutionized communications. SGRD invests in companies that derive revenue from smart grid, electric infrastructure and/or other grid-related activities.” said Nilesh Patel, Head of Distribution at First Trust Canada.

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#### **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., a FINRA registered broker-dealer, are privately held companies that provide a variety of investment services. FTA has collective assets under management or supervision of approximately U.S.\$330 billion as of February 28, 2026 through exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, mutual funds and separate managed accounts. For more information, visit [www.firsttrust.ca](http://www.firsttrust.ca).