



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

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ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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

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 website 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 Index is a modified equal-dollar weighted index comprised of U.S. exchange-listed securities of companies that pay above-average dividends and have the potential for capital appreciation. Securities are selected for inclusion in the Index by using Value Line's Safety™ Ranking System which ranks a stock's price stability based on standard deviation and its financial condition based on several measures of financial performance.

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, 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.

FT Portfolios Canada Co. (the "Manager") may use a sampling methodology in selecting investments for the First Trust ETF. As an alternative or in conjunction with investing in and holding constituent securities, the First Trust ETF may also invest in other securities to obtain exposure to the constituent securities of the Index in a manner that is consistent with the investment objective and investment strategy of the First Trust ETF. The First Trust ETF may also obtain exposure to the Index by holding securities of a US-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 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-than-average 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.

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, S&P 500® Index (CAD-Hedged) total return and Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index Return (USD), 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, 2023 was \$4,959,249 or \$33.13 per unit. First Trust ETF's total net asset value as of December 31, 2022 was \$8,244,971 or \$33.02 per unit.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the First Trust ETF paid total cash distributions of \$0.6900 per unit. In addition, the First Trust ETF declared cash distributions of \$0.0550 per unit for record date of December 29, 2023 with payment date of January 8, 2024.

Investment Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the First Trust ETF returned 2.51% compared to the primary and secondary benchmarks' total returns of 25.06% and 1.53% respectively. Unlike the benchmarks, the First Trust ETF's returns are net of fees and expenses.

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The First Trust ETF underperformed the primary benchmark during the period. Technology stocks in the portfolio were underweight and led to negative relative returns as the Technology sector was the top performing sector in the first half of 2023. Energy holdings in the portfolio were underweight versus the benchmark. The low weight helped mitigate the negative stock selection. An underweight position in Health Care holdings also helped relative performance against the broad benchmark. Utilities were the most overweight sector versus the S&P 500 during the year. The group was the worst performing sector in the benchmark and caused the fund to lag for the year.

The top five stocks by contribution to return were NewMarket Corporation, Watsco, Inc., SAP SE Sponsored ADR, WD-40 Company, and Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. The bottom five stocks by contribution to return were Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Hormel Foods Corporation, Premier, Inc. Class A, Pfizer Inc., and Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.

The portfolio held 174 equity securities on December 31, 2022, 171 equity securities on June 30, 2023, and 162 equity securities on December 31, 2023. The top ten equity holdings accounted for 6.10% of the total NAV. Utilities, Industrials, and Consumer Staples were the top three sector weightings at the beginning of the year. On December 31, 2023, the top three sector weights were Utilities, Industrials, and Consumer Staples. Relative to the benchmark, the most overweight sectors at the end of the period were Utilities, Consumer Staples, and Industrials. The most underweight sectors versus the benchmark at the end of the year were Information technology, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary. At the beginning of the year, the most overweight sectors were Utilities, Industrials, and Consumer Staples. The most underweight sectors at the beginning of the year were Energy, Health Care, and Information Technology. The First Trust ETF maintains a focus on large-cap dividend-paying equities.

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

Recent Developments

Since the beginning of the year large cap, and specifically mega-cap, stocks have driven the performance of the S&P 500® Index. The five largest names in the index have accounted for more than half of the index's total return for the first half of 2023, with an average return of 75%. The Federal Reserve's ("The Fed") inflation battles in the form of raising rates has seen mixed results as labor numbers have been choppy, but inflation has been declining. After skipping a rate hike in June, The Fed raised rates one more time in July to top out the year at 5.5%. Rising interest rates sent a shockwave through the banking industry in March after a run on the deposits of Silicon Valley Bank caused the bank to fail. The bank was heavily invested in long-dated securities. Rising rates depressed the values of the assets and caused the bank to become insolvent. The second half of the year saw equity prices decline steadily until October. However, the market saw a dramatic turnaround in the final two months, surging over 14%. This rally was largely fueled by The Fed's softened stance, with policymakers hinting at reduced chances of a recession in 2024 and potential interest rate cuts early next year. 2024 promises to be another eventful year for the stock market. The Fed's future actions and the evolving economic landscape will be key factors to watch. Whether mega-caps maintain their dominance and how other sectors fare will be important storylines to follow.

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	2023	2022 ^(a)	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of year ⁽¹⁾	\$33.02	\$36.12	\$29.60	\$30.93	\$25.38
Increase (Decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	1.02	0.04	0.95	0.68	0.88
Total expenses	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.37)	(0.34)	(0.35)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.32	0.58	5.74	(0.59)	2.48
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.69)	(2.53)	1.16	(1.28)	3.41
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$0.25	\$(2.30)	\$7.48	\$(1.53)	\$6.42
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.58)	(0.52)	(0.48)	(0.49)	(0.49)
From dividends	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.15)	(0.09)	(0.06)
From capital gains	-	-	(4.15)	-	-
Return of capital	(0.01)	(0.06)	-	(0.06)	(0.13)
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	\$(0.70)	\$(0.68)	\$(4.78)	\$(0.64)	\$(0.68)
Net asset value, end of year ⁽⁴⁾	\$33.13	\$33.02	\$36.12	\$29.60	\$30.93

(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.

(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	2023	2022 ^(a)	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value (000's)	\$4,959	\$8,245	\$9,107	\$11,904	\$13,985
Number of units outstanding	149,693	249,693	252,160	402,160	452,160
Management expense ratio ⁽¹⁾	0.76%	0.77%	0.78%	0.78%	0.77%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%	0.80%	0.79%
Trading expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.04%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽³⁾	61.81%	59.86%	89.63%	133.59%	114.18%

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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.

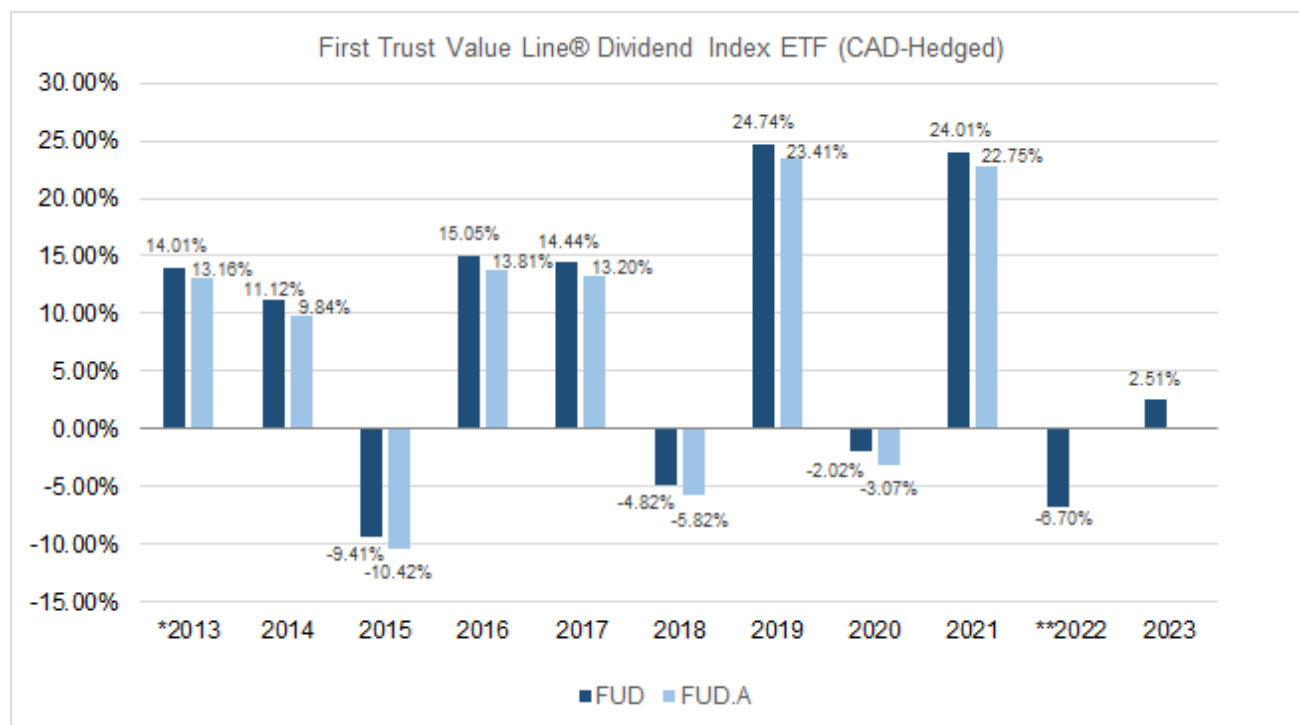
Past Performance

General

The past performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the First Trust ETF in the 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, 2013 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: May 15, 2013

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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 year ended December 31, 2023. 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)	2.51%	5.85%	7.71%	6.22%	7.21%
S&P 500® Index (CAD-Hedged)	25.06%	9.27%	14.73%	11.34%	12.00%
Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index USD	1.53%	11.16%	10.05%	9.26%	9.71%

S&P 500® Currency Hedged Indices are designed to represent the returns of index strategies that involve hedging currency risk while accepting underlying equity market risk. By employing such a strategy, the index seeks to reduce the risk of downward currency fluctuations while also sacrificing potential currency gains.

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, 2023. 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
T-Mobile US Inc.	0.61%
Toyota Motor Corp., ADR	0.61%
Novartis AG, ADR	0.61%
Travelers Cos. Inc. (The)	0.61%
Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc., ADR	0.61%
Chubb Ltd.	0.61%
Lancaster Colony Corp.	0.61%
Tractor Supply Co.	0.61%
Erie Indemnity Co., Class 'A'	0.61%
Goldman Sachs Group Inc. (The)	0.61%
Amgen Inc.	0.61%
Assurant Inc.	0.61%
Hershey Co. (The)	0.61%
Sun Life Financial Inc.	0.61%
AstraZeneca PLC, ADR	0.61%
Pfizer Inc.	0.61%
Gilead Sciences Inc.	0.61%
Allstate Corp. (The)	0.61%
Sanofi SA, ADR	0.61%
Lockheed Martin Corp.	0.61%
Honeywell International Inc.	0.61%
Kroger Co. (The)	0.61%
J.M. Smucker Co. (The)	0.61%
Exelon Corp.	0.61%
Hormel Foods Corp.	0.61%
Total	15.25%

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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, 2023.

Sector Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
Utilities	20.30%
Industrials	14.97%
Consumer Staples	14.43%
Financials	12.63%
Information Technology	11.35%
Health Care	10.25%
Consumer Discretionary	5.41%
Materials	5.34%
Communication Services	1.81%
Energy	0.60%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.35%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	2.56%
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, 2023.

Country Weightings	% of ETF Total Net Asset Value
United States	82.69%
Canada	5.38%
Switzerland	2.41%
United Kingdom	1.81%
Ireland	1.19%
Japan	0.61%
France	0.61%
Germany	0.60%
Bermuda	0.60%
India	0.60%
Taiwan	0.59%
Total	97.09%

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