

FIRST TRUST EXCHANGE-TRADED ALPHADEX® FUND II  
(the “Trust”)

FIRST TRUST ASIA PACIFIC EX-JAPAN ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST AUSTRALIA ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST BRAZIL ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST CANADA ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST CHINA ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST DEVELOPED MARKETS EX-US ALPHADEX® FUND  
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FIRST TRUST SOUTH KOREA ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST SWITZERLAND ALPHADEX® FUND  
FIRST TRUST UNITED KINGDOM ALPHADEX® FUND  
(each a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”)

SUPPLEMENT TO THE FUNDS’ PROSPECTUS AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
DATED MAY 1, 2018

DATED JUNE 15, 2018

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Funds’ Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, each Fund operates as a diversified investment company and all references to a Fund operating as a non-diversified investment company are hereby deleted or revised as set forth below.

1. *Prospectus – Principal Risks.* “Non-Diversification Risk” is hereby deleted from the section entitled “Principal Risks” for each Fund.
2. *Statement of Additional Information – General Description of the Trust and the Funds.* The table in the section of the Statement of Additional Information entitled “General Description of the Trust and the Funds” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>
First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Europe AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF	Diversified

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>
First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified
First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund	Diversified

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## PROSPECTUS

<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>TICKER SYMBOL</b>	<b>EXCHANGE</b>
First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FPA	Nasdaq
First Trust Australia AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FAUS	NYSE Arca
First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FBZ	Nasdaq
First Trust Canada AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FCAN	Nasdaq
First Trust China AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FCA	Nasdaq
First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FDT	Nasdaq
First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FDTs	Nasdaq
First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FEM	Nasdaq
First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FEMS	Nasdaq
First Trust Europe AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FEP	Nasdaq
First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> ETF	FEUZ	Nasdaq
First Trust Germany AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FGM	Nasdaq
First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FHK	Nasdaq
First Trust Japan AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FJP	Nasdaq
First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FLN	Nasdaq
First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FKO	Nasdaq
First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FSZ	Nasdaq
First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Fund	FKU	Nasdaq

Each of the funds listed above (each a “Fund,” and collectively, the “Funds”) lists and principally trades its shares on either The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) or the NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) (each an “Exchange,” and collectively, the “Exchanges”). Market prices may differ to some degree from the net asset value of the shares. Unlike mutual funds, each Fund issues and redeems shares at net asset value, only in large specified blocks each consisting of 50,000 shares (each such block of shares called a “Creation Unit,” and collectively, the “Creation Units”). Each Fund’s Creation Units are issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and/or cash, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements.

Each Fund is a series of First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II (the “Trust”) and an exchange-traded index fund organized as a separate series of a registered management investment company.

**Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the shares are not redeemable securities of the Funds.**

**The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**NOT FDIC INSURED MAY LOSE VALUE NO BANK GUARANTEE**

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FPA)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

*(1) Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.*

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 94% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

## First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FPA)

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index (the "*Base Index*") that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider's liquidity screens; stocks of companies in emerging markets and stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
4. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
5. The top 100 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 4 comprise the "selected stocks." The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
6. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was December 15, 2014. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 100 securities. See "Index Information" for additional information. The Fund's strategy may involve frequently buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors which could result in a high rate of portfolio turnover.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in Australia, Hong Kong and South Korea. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in real estate companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

**ASIA PACIFIC RISK.** The Fund is more susceptible to the economic, market, regulatory, political, natural disasters and local risks of the Asia Pacific region than a fund that is more geographically diversified. The region has historically been highly dependent on global trade, with nations taking strong roles in both the importing and exporting of goods; such a relationship creates a risk with this dependency on global growth. The respective stock markets tend to have a larger prevalence of smaller companies that are inherently more volatile and less liquid than larger companies. Varying levels of accounting and disclosure standards, restrictions on foreign ownership, minority ownership rights, and corporate governance standards are also common for the region.

**AUSTRALIA RISK.** Investing in securities of Australian companies may involve additional risks. The Australian economy is heavily dependent on the Asian, European and U.S. markets. Reduced spending by any of these economies on Australian products

may adversely affect the Australian market. Additionally, Australia is located in a geographic region that has historically been prone to natural disasters. The occurrence of a natural disaster in the region could negatively impact the Australian economy and affect the value of the securities held by the Fund.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the "Frequent Purchases and Redemptions" Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund's net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The Fund may, under certain circumstances, effect a portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. Because the Fund may effect a portion of redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. A sale of shares may result in capital gains or losses and may also result in higher brokerage costs.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which

frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**HONG KONG AND SOUTH KOREA RISK.** The Fund invests heavily in companies operating in South Korea and Hong Kong. The South Korean economy is dependent on the economies of Asia and the United States as key trading partners. Reduction in spending by these economies on South Korean products and services or negative changes in any of these economies, mainly in China or Southeast Asia, may cause an adverse impact on the South Korean economy. Furthermore, South Korea's economy is also dependent on the economies of other Asian countries and can be significantly affected by currency fluctuations and increasing competition from Asia's other low-cost emerging economies. Also, the political tensions with North Korea could escalate and lead to further uncertainty in the political and economic climate on the Korean peninsula.

Hong Kong companies are subject to risks related to Hong Kong's political and economic environment and the volatility of and the concentration of real estate companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Because of Hong Kong's reversion to China, any increase in uncertainty as to the economic and political status of Hong Kong or a deterioration of the relationship between China and the United States, could have negative implications on stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Securities prices on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and specifically the Hang Seng Index, can be highly volatile and are sensitive to developments in Hong Kong and China, as well as other world markets.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more



susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES AND EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments; restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities; lack of liquidity; currency exchange rates; excessive taxation; government seizure of assets; different legal or accounting standards; and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries. These risks may be heightened for securities of companies located in, or with significant operations in, emerging market countries.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK.** The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors. High portfolio turnover may result in the Fund paying higher levels of transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

**REAL ESTATE COMPANIES RISK.** The Fund is subject to the risks associated with investing in real estate companies, which may include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in the value of underlying properties; defaults by borrowers or tenants; market saturation; changes in general and local economic conditions; decreases in market rates for rents; increases in competition, property taxes, capital expenditures or operating expenses; and other economic, political or regulatory occurrences affecting companies in the real estate industry.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

On October 13, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not

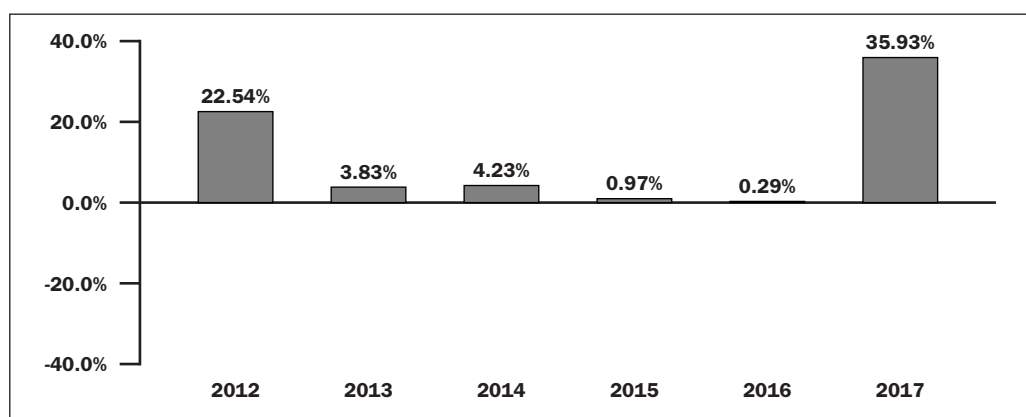
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necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of December 15, 2014, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter	Worst Quarter
14.29% March 31, 2017	-11.55% September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	35.93%	8.30%	5.46%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	34.02%	7.01%	4.32%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	20.28%	5.84%	3.68%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	36.74%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ DM Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	30.90%	N/A	N/A	
MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	25.88%	5.46%	4.59%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Management

### ***Investment Advisor***

First Trust Advisors L.P. (“*First Trust*” or the “*Advisor*”)

### ***Portfolio Managers***

The Fund’s portfolio is managed by a team (the “*Investment Committee*”) consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund’s Creation Units are issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and/or cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

## Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

## Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund’s distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund (FAUS)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Australia Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 75% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Australia, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

## First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund (FAUS)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Australia Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Australia, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 40 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in real estate companies and in materials companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUSTRALIA RISK.** Investing in securities of Australian companies may involve additional risks. The Australian economy is heavily dependent on the Asian, European and U.S. markets. Reduced spending by any of these economies on Australian products may adversely affect the Australian market. Additionally, Australia is located in a geographic region that has historically been prone to natural disasters. The occurrence of a natural disaster in the region could negatively impact the Australian economy and affect the value of the securities held by the Fund.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund’s investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security

refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.



**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**MATERIALS COMPANIES RISK.** General risks of the materials sector include the general state of the economy, consolidation, domestic and international politics and excess capacity. In addition, basic materials companies may also be significantly affected by volatility of commodity prices, import controls, worldwide competition, liability for environmental damage, depletion of resources and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control devices.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**REAL ESTATE COMPANIES RISK.** The Fund is subject to the risks associated with investing in real estate companies, which may include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in the value of underlying properties; defaults by borrowers or tenants; market saturation; changes in general and local economic conditions; decreases in market rates for rents; increases in competition, property taxes, capital expenditures or operating expenses; and other economic, political or regulatory occurrences affecting companies in the real estate industry.

**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund

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may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

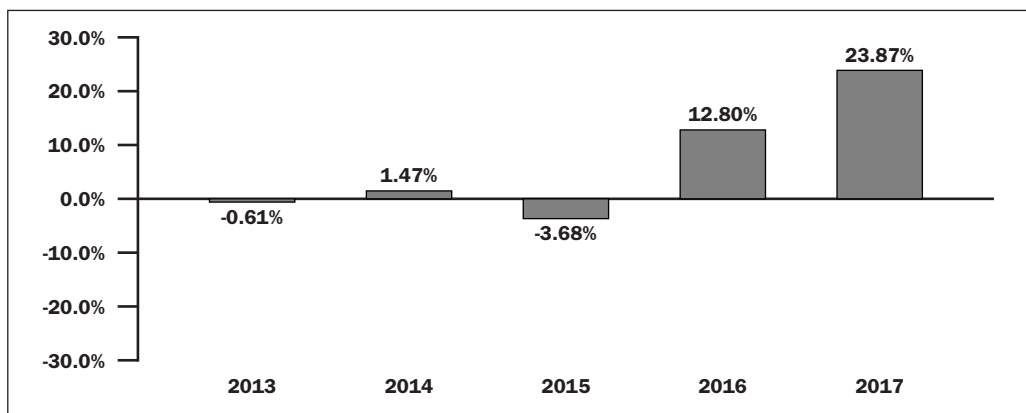
The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

On July 14, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Australia Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Australia Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of May 18, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Australia Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
11.84%	September 30, 2013	-16.33%	June 30, 2013

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.



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### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	23.87%	6.30%	6.99%	2/14/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	21.27%	4.21%	4.88%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	13.43%	3.83%	4.41%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Australia Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	24.36%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Australia Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	19.69%	2.97%	N/A	
MSCI Australia Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	19.93%	3.90%	5.39%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

### Management

#### **Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. (“First Trust” or the “Advisor”)

#### **Portfolio Managers**

The Fund’s portfolio is managed by a team (the “Investment Committee”) consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2012, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund’s Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on NYSE Arca and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on NYSE Arca at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund (FBZ)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Brazil Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

(1) Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

(2) Expenses have been restated to reflect the current fiscal year.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 159% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

## First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund (FBZ)

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Brazil, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Brazil Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Brazil, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 50 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. Brazil is an emerging market country, as classified by the Index Provider, based on factors such as national income per capita, national market capitalization and national trading volume.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**BRAZIL RISK.** The Fund invests in common stock and depositary receipts of companies that are domiciled in Brazil. A holder of depositary receipts may risk losing the ability to remit foreign currency abroad and certain Brazilian tax advantages if the depositary receipts are exchanged for the underlying shares. Brazil has experienced economic instability resulting from, among other things, periods of very high inflation, persistent structural public sector deficits and significant devaluations of its currency leading also to a high degree of price volatility in both the Brazilian equity and foreign currency markets. Brazilian companies may also be adversely affected by high interest and unemployment rates, and are particularly sensitive to fluctuations in commodity prices.

**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The Fund will, under most circumstances, effect a significant portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in

an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. Because the Fund may effect a portion of redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. A sale of shares may result in capital gains or losses and may also result in higher brokerage costs.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** An investment in emerging market companies involves certain further risks not associated with investing in developed market countries because emerging market countries are often in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles and have low per capita income. These increased risks include the possibility of investment and trading limitations, greater liquidity concerns, higher price volatility, greater delays and possibility of disruptions in settlement transactions, greater political uncertainties and greater dependence on international trade or development assistance. In addition, emerging market countries may be subject to overburdened infrastructures and environmental problems.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

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**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

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To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

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**NON-U.S. SECURITIES AND EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments; restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities; lack of liquidity; currency exchange rates; excessive taxation; government seizure of assets; different legal or accounting standards; and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries. These risks may be heightened for securities of companies located in, or with significant operations in, emerging market countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK.** The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors. High portfolio turnover may result in the Fund paying higher levels of transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources,

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**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

On July 14, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Brazil Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Brazil Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of May 18, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Brazil Index.

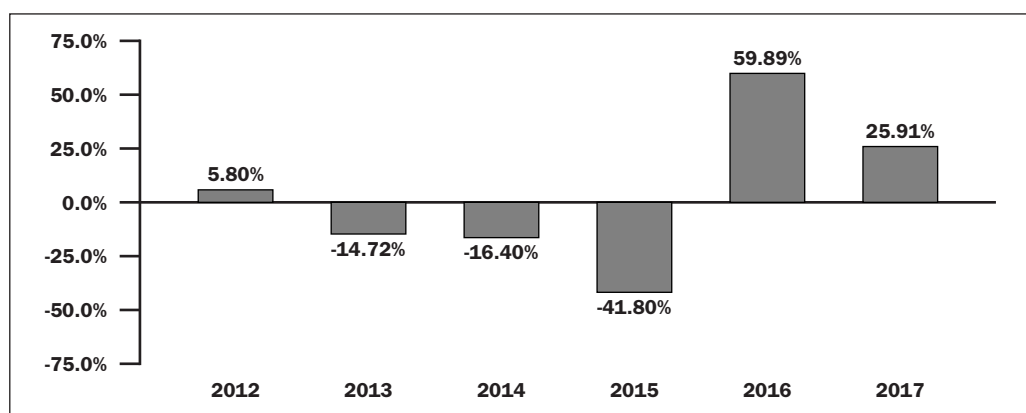
Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.



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### First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter	Worst Quarter
25.12%    September 30, 2017	-33.81%    September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	25.91%	-3.53%	-5.29%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	19.44%	-5.44%	-6.95%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	14.52%	-3.50%	-4.52%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Brazil Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	28.82%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Brazil Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	24.46%	-2.98%	N/A	
MSCI Brazil Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	24.11%	-2.68%	-5.41%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Management

### Investment Advisor

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

### Portfolio Managers

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust



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The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed for cash, and in certain circumstances, in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (FCAN)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Canada Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 85% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Canada, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

## First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (FCAN)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Canada Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Canada, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 40 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in materials companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

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**CANADA RISK.** Because the Fund invests in companies that are domiciled in Canada, the Fund is particularly sensitive to political, economic and social conditions in that country. The Canadian and U.S. economies are closely integrated and Canada therefore relies on significant investment from U.S. sources. Canada is a major producer of metals and energy-related products. The Canadian economy is very dependent on the demand for, and supply and price of, natural resources, and the Canadian market is relatively concentrated in issuers involved in the production and distribution of natural resources. Continued demands by the Province of Quebec for sovereignty could significantly affect the Canadian market, particularly if such demands are met. In addition, a small number of industries represent a large portion of the Canadian market. Any adverse events that affect Canada’s major industries may have a negative impact on the overall Canadian economy and the shares of the Fund.

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**MATERIALS COMPANIES RISK.** General risks of the materials sector include the general state of the economy, consolidation, domestic and international politics and excess capacity. In addition, basic materials companies may also be significantly affected by volatility of commodity prices, import controls, worldwide competition, liability for environmental damage, depletion of resources and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control devices.

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**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

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### Annual Total Return

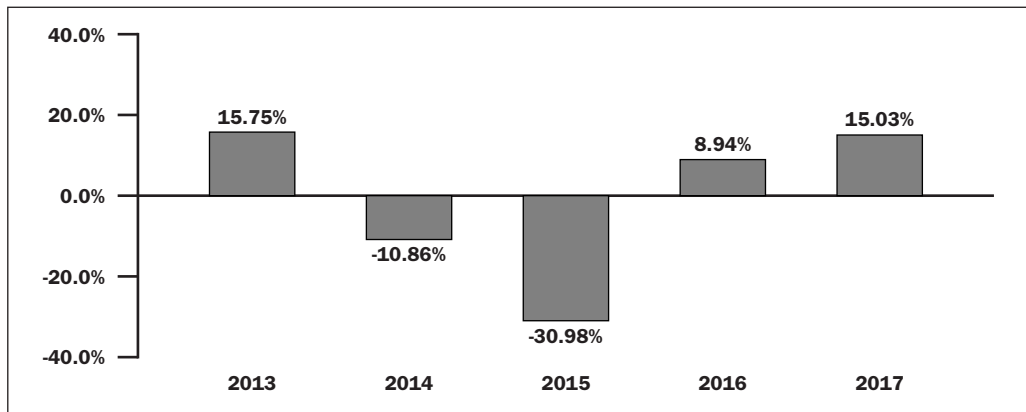
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### First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
9.86%	September 30, 2017	-21.86%	September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.



## First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (FCAN)

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	15.03%	-2.25%	-0.74%	2/14/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	14.45%	-2.79%	-1.28%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	8.47%	-1.92%	-0.78%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Canada Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	16.16%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Canada Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	15.67%	2.99%	N/A	
MSCI Canada Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	16.07%	3.29%	3.40%	

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund (FCA)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® China Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

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#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 69% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in B shares, depositary receipts and U.S.-listed common stock issued by companies operating in China, as classified by the Index Provider. B Shares are shares of Chinese companies traded on either the Shanghai exchange in U.S.



dollars or on the Shenzhen stock exchange in Hong Kong dollars. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ China Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in China, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 50 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. China is an emerging market country, as classified by the Index Provider, based on factors such as national income per capita, national market capitalization and national trading volume. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in real estate companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CHINA RISK.** Some Chinese companies are listed on both the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with H shares and the Shanghai Stock Exchange with A shares. Price differentials between H shares and A shares of the same company may be significant. Also, price fluctuations of A shares are limited to either 5% or 10% per trading day, while no such limitations exist for H shares. In addition to the risks of investing in securities of companies in China described below, the market for China B Shares is generally smaller and less liquid than the market for other Chinese securities. Investing in securities of companies in China involves additional risks, including, but not limited to: the economy of China differs, often unfavorably, from the U.S. economy in such respects as structure, general development, government involvement, wealth distribution, rate of inflation, growth rate, allocation of resources and capital reinvestment. The central government has historically exercised substantial control over

virtually every sector of the Chinese economy through administrative regulation and/or state ownership and actions of the Chinese central and local government authorities continue to have a substantial effect on economic conditions in China. Furthermore, China's economy is dependent on the economies of other Asian countries and can be significantly affected by currency fluctuations and increasing competition from Asia's other emerging economies.

**CHINESE MARKET CONDITIONS RISK.** Chinese markets, including both the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Hong Kong Stock Exchange, have experienced heightened volatility in the past. In response, Chinese regulators temporarily imposed severe limits on stock market selling and other measures in an attempt to prevent steep declines. There is no way for the Fund to predict the severity or longevity of future volatility in the Chinese markets, or regulatory responses, and further declines may decrease the value of the Fund's shares.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** An investment in emerging market companies involves certain further risks not associated with investing in developed market countries because emerging market countries are often in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles and have low per capita income. These increased risks include the possibility of investment and trading limitations, greater liquidity concerns, higher price volatility, greater delays and possibility of disruptions in settlement transactions, greater political uncertainties and greater dependence on international trade or development assistance. In addition, emerging market countries may be subject to overburdened infrastructures and environmental problems.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which

frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

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To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

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**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

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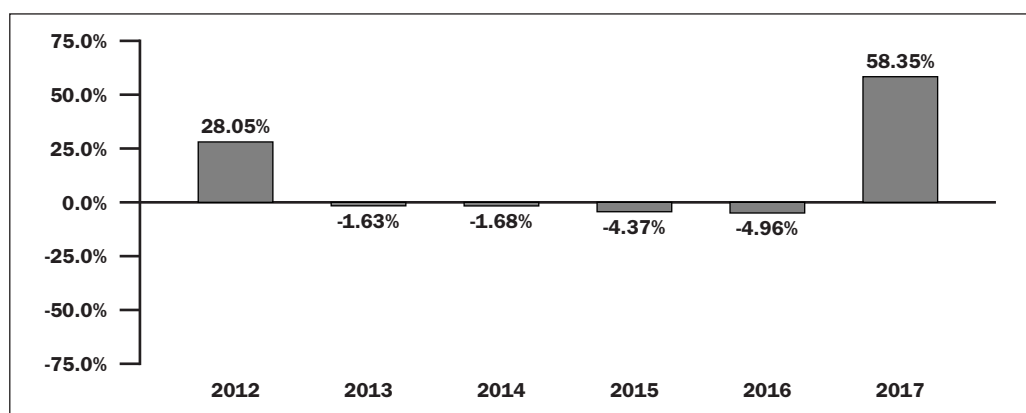
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**First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund  
Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31**



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
21.60%	September 30, 2017	-22.64%	September 30, 2015

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**Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	58.35%	6.84%	2.66%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	56.63%	5.50%	1.52%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	32.93%	4.60%	1.44%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® China Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	60.46%	N/A	N/A	
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### **Tax Information**

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### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FDT)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Developed Markets Ex-US Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

(1) Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 104% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

## First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund (FDT)

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in developed markets excluding the United States, as classified by the Index Provider. The Index Provider classifies a country as “developed” based on a number of criteria, including national income per capita, national market capitalization and national trading volume. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in developed markets excluding the United States, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
4. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
5. The top 300 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 4 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
6. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was February 11, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 299 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information. The Fund’s strategy may involve frequently buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund’s exposure to various market sectors which could result in a high rate of portfolio turnover.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. The Fund invests significantly in companies operating in Japan. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in Europe and in companies operating in Japan.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund’s investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can



change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**EUROPEAN MARKETS RISK.** The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Europe. Investing in Europe involves risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. While many countries in Europe are considered to have developed markets, investing in the developed countries of Europe imposes different risks than those associated with investing in other developed markets. Many countries in Europe are members of the European Union ("EU"), which faces major issues involving its membership, structure, procedures and policies. Efforts of the member states to continue to unify their economic and monetary policies may increase the potential for similarities in the movements of European markets and may reduce any diversification benefit a Fund may seek by investing in multiple countries within Europe. European countries that are members of, or candidates to join, the Economic and Monetary Union ("EMU") (which is comprised of EU members that have adopted the Euro currency) are subject to restrictions on inflation rates, interest rates, deficits and debt levels, as well as fiscal and monetary controls. By adopting the Euro as its currency, a member state relinquishes control over its own monetary policies. As a result, European countries are significantly affected by fiscal and monetary controls implemented by the EMU, and it is possible that the timing and substance of these controls may not address the needs of all EMU member countries. In addition, the fiscal policies of a single member state can impact and pose economic risks to the EU as a whole. Investing in Euro-denominated securities also creates exposure to a currency that may not fully reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the disparate economies that comprise Europe. There is continued concern over national-level support for the Euro, which could lead to certain countries leaving the EMU, the implementation of currency controls, or potentially the dissolution of the Euro. The dissolution of the Euro would have significant negative effects on European economies and would cause funds with holdings denominated in Euros to face substantial challenges, including difficulties relating to settlement of trades and valuation of holdings, diminished liquidity, and the redenomination of holdings into other currencies.

**EUROPEAN UNION RISK.** Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the European Monetary Union and the potential for certain countries to withdraw from the institution has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of a Fund's portfolio investments. The United Kingdom's referendum on June 23, 2016 to leave the European Union (known as "Brexit") sparked depreciation in the value of the British pound, short-term declines in the stock markets and heightened risk of continued economic volatility worldwide. Although the long-term effects of Brexit are difficult to gauge and cannot be fully known, they could have wide ranging implications for the United Kingdom's economy, including: possible inflation or recession, continued depreciation of the pound, or disruption to Britain's trading arrangements with the rest of

Europe. The United Kingdom is one of the EU's largest economies; its departure also may negatively impact the EU and Europe as a whole, such as by causing volatility within the union, triggering prolonged economic downturns in certain European countries or sparking additional member states to contemplate departing the EU (thereby perpetuating political instability in the region).

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**JAPAN RISK.** Because Japan's economy and equity market share a strong correlation with the U.S. markets, the Japanese economy may be affected by economic problems in the U.S. Japan also has a growing economic relationship with China and other Southeast Asian countries, and thus Japan's economy may also be affected by economic, political or social instability in those countries. Despite a strengthening in the economic relationship between Japan and China, the countries' political relationship has at times been strained in recent years. Should political tension increase, it could adversely affect the economy and destabilize the region as a whole. Japan also remains heavily dependent on oil imports, and higher commodity prices could therefore have a negative impact on the economy. Japanese securities may also be subject to lack of liquidity; excessive taxation; government seizure of assets; different legal or accounting standards and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges than in the United States. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative effect on Japan's economy, and may continue to do so.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially

when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** The Fund invests in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the United States and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of non-U.S. issuers traded in the United States. Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK.** The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors. High portfolio turnover may result in the Fund paying higher levels of transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

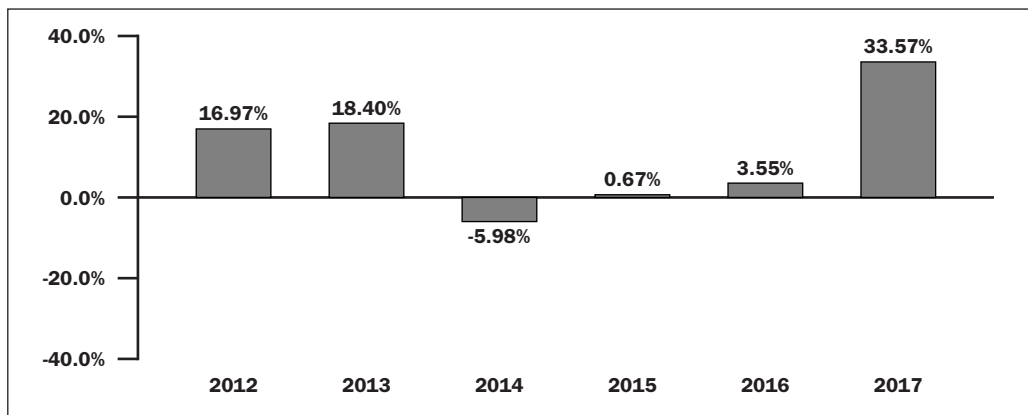
**First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund (FDT)**

On October 13, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Developed Markets Ex-US Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of February 11, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Developed Markets Ex-US Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

**First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund  
Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31**



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
11.76%	September 30, 2013	-11.58%	September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

## First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund (FDT)

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	33.57%	9.16%	5.52%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	32.61%	8.32%	4.73%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	18.97%	6.78%	3.92%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	34.47%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	25.35%	8.01%	N/A	
MSCI World ex USA Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	24.21%	7.46%	5.43%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

### Management

#### **Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. (“First Trust” or the “Advisor”)

#### **Portfolio Managers**

The Fund’s portfolio is managed by a team (the “Investment Committee”) consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team since 2016.

### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund’s Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund’s distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FDTS)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

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3. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
4. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
5. The top 400 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 4 comprise the "selected stocks." The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
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The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in Japan. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in consumer discretionary companies and in industrials companies.

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**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY COMPANIES RISK.** Consumer discretionary companies provide non-essential goods and services, such as retailers, media companies and consumer services. These companies manufacture products and provide discretionary services directly to the consumer, and the success of these companies is tied closely to the performance of the overall domestic and international economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer discretionary products in the marketplace.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively

short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**INDUSTRIALS COMPANIES RISK.** Industrials companies convert unfinished goods into finished durables used to manufacture other goods or provide services. Some industrials companies are involved in electrical equipment and components, industrial products, manufactured housing and telecommunications equipment. General risks of industrials companies include the general state of the economy, intense competition, consolidation, domestic and international politics, excess capacity and consumer demand and spending trends. In addition, they may also be significantly affected by overall capital spending levels, economic cycles, technical obsolescence, delays in modernization, labor relations, government regulations and e-commerce initiatives.

**JAPAN RISK.** Because Japan's economy and equity market share a strong correlation with the U.S. markets, the Japanese economy may be affected by economic problems in the U.S. Japan also has a growing economic relationship with China and other Southeast Asian countries, and thus Japan's economy may also be affected by economic, political or social instability in those countries. Despite a strengthening in the economic relationship between Japan and China, the countries' political relationship has at times been strained in recent years. Should political tension increase, it could adversely affect the economy and destabilize the region as a whole. Japan also remains heavily dependent on oil imports, and higher commodity prices could therefore have a negative impact on the economy. Japanese securities may also be subject to lack of liquidity; excessive taxation; government seizure of assets; different legal or accounting standards and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges than in the United States. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative effect on Japan's economy, and may continue to do so.

**MARKET CAPITALIZATION RISK.** The securities of companies represented in the Index generally have market capitalizations that are consistent with the name of the Index. To determine the market capitalization range of such securities, the Fund uses the current range of the Index. However, the Fund will not sell a security because the security has exceeded or fallen below the current market capitalization range of the Index. Because of market movement, there can be no assurance that the securities in the Fund will stay within a given market capitalization range. As a result, the Fund may be exposed to additional risk or may not give investors the opportunity to invest fully in a given market capitalization range.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more

susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** The Fund invests in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the United States and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of non-U.S. issuers traded in the United States. Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK.** The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors. High portfolio turnover may result in the Fund paying higher levels of transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

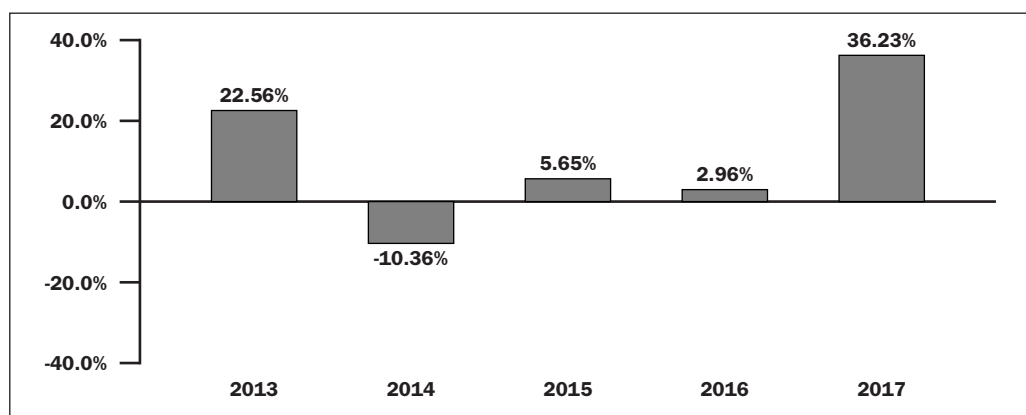
On October 13, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of September 8, 2014, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index.

## First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FDTS)

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
15.73%	September 30, 2013	-9.41%	September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	36.23%	10.24%	9.29%	2/15/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	34.91%	9.28%	8.27%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	20.44%	7.59%	6.83%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses nor taxes)	37.03%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses nor taxes)	28.98%	10.42%	N/A	
MSCI World ex-US Small Cap Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses nor taxes)	31.04%	11.37%	10.58%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Management

### Investment Advisor

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

### ***Portfolio Managers***

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2012, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund (FEM)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 101% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).



## First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund (FEM)

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in emerging markets, as classified by the Index Provider. The Index Provider classifies a country as "emerging" based on a number of criteria including national income per capita, national market capitalization and national trading volume. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index (the "*Base Index*") that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in emerging markets, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider's liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 150 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was February 11, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 150 securities. See "Index Information" for additional information. The Fund's strategy may involve frequently buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors which could result in a high rate of portfolio turnover.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in China.

### Principal Risks

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**ASIA RISK.** The Fund invests, in part, in securities issued by companies operating in Asia, and is therefore subject to certain risks associated specifically with Asia. For example, some of the currencies of these countries have experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and adjustments have been made periodically in certain of such currencies. Certain countries face serious exchange constraints. Jurisdictional disputes also exist, for example, between South Korea and North Korea. The Tokyo stock market, as measured by the Tokyo Stock Price Index, has been volatile. Declines in the Tokyo stock market have made the country's banks and financial institutions vulnerable. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative affect on Japan's economy, and may continue to do so.

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**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The Fund may, under certain circumstances, effect a portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. Because the Fund may effect a portion of redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. A sale of shares may result in capital gains or losses and may also result in higher brokerage costs.

**CHINA RISK.** The Chinese equity markets have experienced recent volatility that may lead to sharp declines in the value of the underlying securities and the Fund. Some Chinese companies are listed on both the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with H shares and the Shanghai Stock Exchange with A shares. Price differentials between H shares and A shares of the same company may be significant. Also, price fluctuations of A shares are limited to either 5% or 10% per trading day, while no such limitations exist for H shares. In addition to the risks of investing in securities of companies in China described below, the market for China B Shares is generally smaller and less liquid than the market for other Chinese securities. Investing in securities of companies in China involves additional risks, including, but not limited to: the economy of China differs, often unfavorably, from the U.S. economy in such respects as structure, general development, government involvement, wealth distribution, rate of inflation, growth rate, allocation of resources and capital reinvestment. The central government has historically exercised substantial control over virtually every sector of the Chinese economy through administrative regulation and/or state ownership and actions of the Chinese central and local government authorities continue to have a substantial effect on economic conditions in China. Furthermore, China's economy is dependent on the economies of other Asian countries and can be significantly affected by currency fluctuations and increasing competition from Asia's other emerging economies.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

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**EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** An investment in emerging market companies involves certain further risks not associated with investing in developed market countries because emerging market countries are often in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles and have low per capita income. These increased risks include the possibility of investment and trading limitations, greater liquidity concerns, higher price volatility, greater delays and possibility of disruptions in settlement transactions, greater political uncertainties and greater dependence on international trade or development assistance. In addition, emerging market countries may be subject to overburdened infrastructures and environmental problems.

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### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

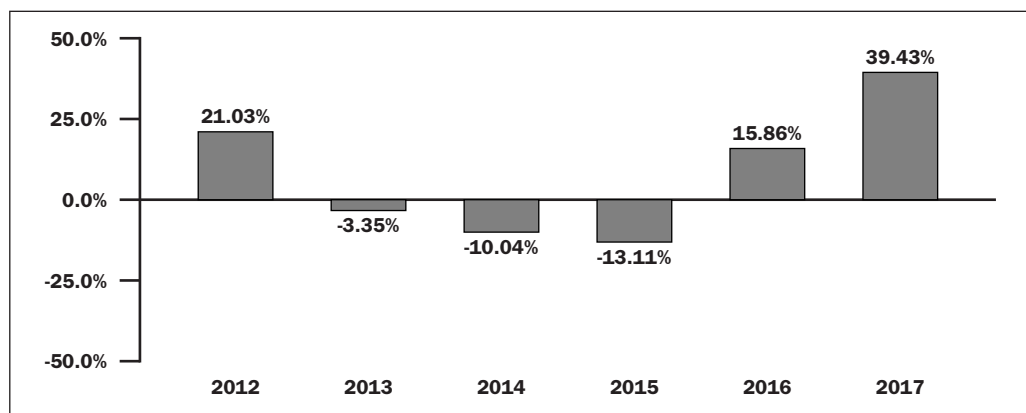
On October 13, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Emerging Markets Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of February 11, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Emerging Markets Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

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Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
17.41%	September 30, 2017	-19.86%	September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	39.43%	4.06%	1.89%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	37.85%	2.86%	0.84%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	22.25%	2.50%	0.91%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	41.61%	N/A	N/A	
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MSCI Emerging Markets Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	37.28%	4.35%	2.45%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

### Management

#### Investment Advisor

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

### **Portfolio Managers**

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and/or cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FEMS)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

*(1) Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.*

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 113% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).



## First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FEMS)

The Fund invests in securities issued by small cap companies operating in emerging markets, as classified by the Index Provider. The Index Provider classifies a country as "emerging" based on a number of criteria, including national income per capita, national market capitalization and national trading volume. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select small cap stocks from the NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index (the "Base Index") that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in emerging markets, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider's liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization greater than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) and less than the small cap breakpoint (90th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion and the small cap breakpoint was \$445.122 million.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 200 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was September 8, 2014. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 199 securities. See "Index Information" for additional information. The Fund's strategy may involve frequently buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors which could result in a high rate of portfolio turnover.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in Taiwan.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

**ASIA RISK.** The Fund invests, in part, in securities issued by companies operating in Asia, and is therefore subject to certain risks associated specifically with Asia. For example, some of the currencies of these countries have experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and adjustments have been made periodically in certain of such currencies. Certain countries face serious exchange constraints. Jurisdictional disputes also exist, for example, between South Korea and North Korea. The Tokyo stock market, as measured by the Tokyo Stock Price Index, has been volatile. Declines in the Tokyo stock market have made the country's banks and financial institutions vulnerable. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative affect on Japan's economy, and may continue to do so.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the "Frequent Purchases and Redemptions" Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to



step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund's net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The Fund may, under certain circumstances, effect a portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. Because the Fund may effect a portion of redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. A sale of shares may result in capital gains or losses and may also result in higher brokerage costs.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** An investment in emerging market companies involves certain further risks not associated with investing in developed market countries because emerging market countries are often in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles and have low per capita income. These increased risks include the possibility of investment and trading limitations, greater liquidity concerns, higher price volatility, greater delays and possibility of disruptions in settlement transactions, greater political uncertainties and greater dependence on international trade or development assistance. In addition, emerging market countries may be subject to overburdened infrastructures and environmental problems.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

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**TAIWAN RISK.** The Fund invests in securities issued by companies that are domiciles or operating in Taiwan. Certain characteristics of Taiwan's economy and geographic location also subject the Fund to certain risks. Taiwan is a small island state with few raw material resources and limited land area and thus it relies heavily on imports for its commodity needs. Any fluctuations or shortages in the commodity markets could have a negative impact on the Taiwanese economy. Also, rising labor costs and increasing environmental consciousness have led some labor-intensive industries to relocate to countries with cheaper work forces, and continued labor outsourcing may adversely affect the Taiwanese economy. Taiwan's economy also is intricately linked with economies of other Asian countries, which are often emerging market economies that often experience over-extensions of credit, frequent and pronounced currency fluctuations, devaluations and restrictions, rising unemployment and fluctuations in inflation. Political and social unrest in other Asian countries could cause further economic and market uncertainty in Taiwan. In particular, the Taiwanese economy is dependent on the economies of Japan and China, and also the United States, and a reduction in purchases by any of them of Taiwanese products and services or negative changes in their economies would likely have an adverse impact on the Taiwanese economy. Taiwan's geographic proximity to the People's Republic of China and Taiwan's history of political contention with China have resulted in ongoing tensions with China, including the continual risk of military conflict with China. These tensions may materially affect the Taiwanese economy and securities markets.

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The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

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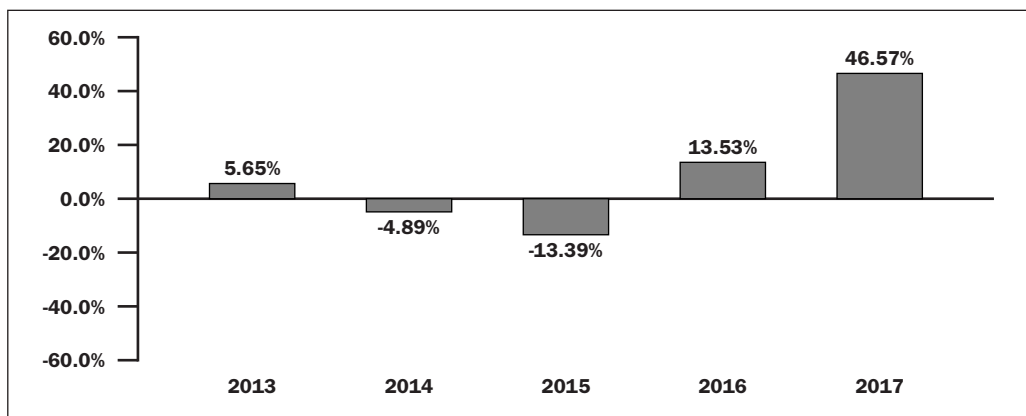
## First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FEMS)

Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of September 8, 2014, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Emerging Markets Small Cap Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter	Worst Quarter
18.80% March 31, 2017	-19.25% September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	46.57%	7.69%	9.16%	2/15/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	44.39%	6.40%	7.90%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	26.35%	5.34%	6.60%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	49.16%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Emerging Markets Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	31.94%	6.48%	N/A	
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	33.84%	5.41%	5.11%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Management

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First Trust Advisors L.P. (“*First Trust*” or the “*Advisor*”)

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## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

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## Tax Information

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Europe AlphaDEX® Fund (FEP)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Europe AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Europe Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 100% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Europe, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing. As of



March 31, 2018, the Index Provider's list of European countries included Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Europe Index (the "Base Index") that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Europe, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider's liquidity screens; stocks of companies in emerging markets and stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 200 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was February 11, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 199 securities. See "Index Information" for additional information. The Fund's strategy may involve frequently buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors which could result in a high rate of portfolio turnover.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in the United Kingdom (*i.e.* England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

## Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the "Frequent Purchases and Redemptions" Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund's net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data



corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**EUROPEAN MARKETS RISK.** The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Europe. Investing in Europe involves risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. While many countries in Europe are considered to have developed markets, investing in the developed countries of Europe imposes different risks than those associated with investing in other developed markets. Many countries in Europe are members of the European Union ("EU"), which faces major issues involving its membership, structure, procedures and policies. Efforts of the member states to continue to unify their economic and monetary policies may increase the potential for similarities in the movements of European markets and may reduce any diversification benefit a Fund may seek by investing in multiple countries within Europe. European countries that are members of, or candidates to join, the Economic and Monetary Union ("EMU") (which is comprised of EU members that have adopted the Euro currency) are subject to restrictions on inflation rates, interest rates, deficits and debt levels, as well as fiscal and monetary controls. By adopting the Euro as its currency, a member state relinquishes control over its own monetary policies. As a result, European countries are significantly affected by fiscal and monetary controls implemented by the EMU, and it is possible that the timing and substance of these controls may not address the needs of all EMU member countries. In addition, the fiscal policies of a single member state can impact and pose economic risks to the EU as a whole. Investing in Euro-denominated securities also creates exposure to a currency that may not fully reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the disparate economies that comprise Europe. There is continued concern over national-level support for the Euro, which could lead to certain countries leaving the EMU, the implementation of currency controls, or potentially the dissolution of the Euro. The dissolution of the Euro would have significant negative effects on European economies and would cause funds with holdings denominated in Euros to face substantial challenges, including difficulties relating to settlement of trades and valuation of holdings, diminished liquidity, and the redenomination of holdings into other currencies.

**EUROPEAN UNION RISK.** Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the European Monetary Union and the potential for certain countries to withdraw from the institution has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of a Fund's portfolio investments. The United Kingdom's referendum on June 23, 2016 to leave the European Union (known as "Brexit") sparked depreciation in the value of the British pound, short-term declines in the stock markets and heightened risk of continued economic volatility worldwide. Although the long-term effects of Brexit are difficult to gauge and cannot be fully known, they could have wide ranging implications for the United Kingdom's economy, including: possible inflation or recession, continued depreciation of the pound, or disruption to Britain's trading arrangements with the rest of Europe. The United Kingdom is one of the EU's largest economies; its departure also may negatively impact the EU and Europe as a whole, such as by causing volatility within the union, triggering prolonged economic downturns in certain European countries or sparking additional member states to contemplate departing the EU (thereby perpetuating political instability in the region).

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in

net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** The Fund invests in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the United States and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of non-U.S. issuers traded in the United States. Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange

rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK.** The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund's exposure to various market sectors. High portfolio turnover may result in the Fund paying higher levels of transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**UNITED KINGDOM RISK.** The Fund is subject to certain risks related to the United Kingdom. Investments in British issuers may subject the Fund to regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risk specific to the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom has one of the largest economies in Europe, and the United States and other European countries are substantial trading partners of the United Kingdom. As a result, the British economy may be impacted by changes to the economic health of the United States and other European countries. On June 23, 2016, the United Kingdom voted via referendum to leave the EU, which immediately led to significant market volatility around the world, as well as political, economic, and legal uncertainty. The United Kingdom formally notified the European Council of its intention to withdraw from the EU on March 29, 2017, and it is expected that the United Kingdom's exit from the EU will take place within two years of that date. However, there is still considerable uncertainty relating to the potential consequences and precise timeframe for the exit, how the negotiations for the withdrawal and new trade agreements will be conducted, and whether the United Kingdom's exit will increase the likelihood of other countries also departing the EU. During this period of uncertainty, the negative impact on not only the United Kingdom and European economies, but the broader global economy, could be significant, potentially resulting in increased volatility and illiquidity and lower economic growth for companies that rely significantly on Europe for their business activities and revenues.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

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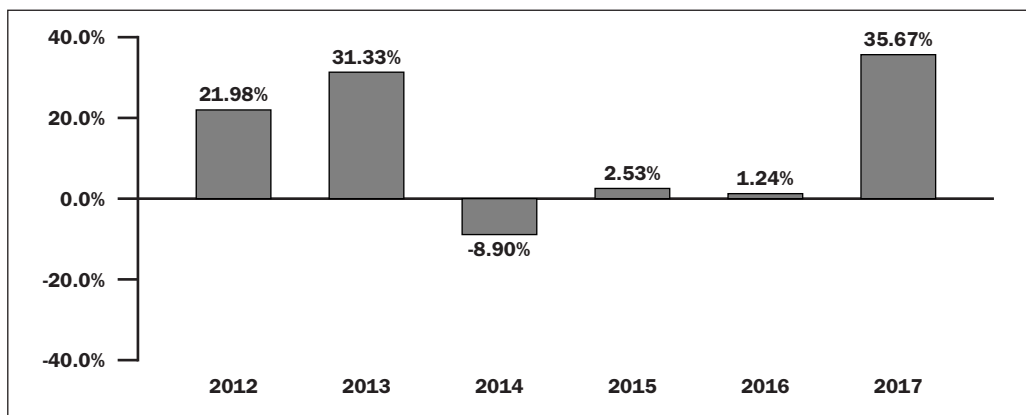
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in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of February 11, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Europe Index.

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### First Trust Europe AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter	Worst Quarter
15.40% September 30, 2013	-11.18% June 30, 2012

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	35.67%	11.00%	6.77%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	34.62%	10.02%	5.83%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	20.14%	8.20%	4.84%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Europe Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	36.17%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ DM Europe Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	25.85%	N/A	N/A	
MSCI Europe Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	25.51%	7.37%	5.49%	

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## Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF (FEUZ)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an index called the NASDAQ® AlphaDEX® Eurozone Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.80%

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 77% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in countries in the Eurozone as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.



## First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF (FEUZ)

The Eurozone is comprised of countries that have adopted the euro as their common currency and sole legal tender, and may include Austria, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands and Portugal.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Eurozone Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional passive-style indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of the developed and emerging market countries of the Eurozone as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated. The Fund’s portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) midcap breakpoint (50th percentile).
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3-, 6- & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 150 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector and country constraints which are set at 15% above the sector and country percentages of the Base Index. Stocks will fail the country/sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its country/sector, is greater than the country/sector weighting constraint.

The Index generally includes securities with market capitalizations that are greater than the NYSE midcap breakpoint (50th percentile). The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis. The inception date of the Index was September 8, 2014. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 149 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in companies operating in France and Germany.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies, or in securities that provide exposure to such currencies, currency exchange rates or interest rates denominated in such currencies. Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund’s investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data

corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**EUROPEAN MARKETS RISK.** The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Europe. Investing in Europe involves risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. While many countries in Europe are considered to have developed markets, investing in the developed countries of Europe imposes different risks than those associated with investing in other developed markets. Many countries in Europe are members of the European Union ("EU"), which faces major issues involving its membership, structure, procedures and policies. Efforts of the member states to continue to unify their economic and monetary policies may increase the potential for similarities in the movements of European markets and may reduce any diversification benefit a Fund may seek by investing in multiple countries within Europe. European countries that are members of, or candidates to join, the Economic and Monetary Union ("EMU") (which is comprised of EU members that have adopted the Euro currency) are subject to restrictions on inflation rates, interest rates, deficits and debt levels, as well as fiscal and monetary controls. By adopting the Euro as its currency, a member state relinquishes control over its own monetary policies. As a result, European countries are significantly affected by fiscal and monetary controls implemented by the EMU, and it is possible that the timing and substance of these controls may not address the needs of all EMU member countries. In addition, the fiscal policies of a single member state can impact and pose economic risks to the EU as a whole. Investing in Euro-denominated securities also creates exposure to a currency that may not fully reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the disparate economies that comprise Europe. There is continued concern over national-level support for the Euro, which could lead to certain countries leaving the EMU, the implementation of currency controls, or potentially the dissolution of the Euro. The dissolution of the Euro would have significant negative effects on European economies and would cause funds with holdings denominated in Euros to face substantial challenges, including difficulties relating to settlement of trades and valuation of holdings, diminished liquidity, and the redenomination of holdings into other currencies.

**EUROPEAN UNION RISK.** Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the European Monetary Union and the potential for certain countries to withdraw from the institution has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of a Fund's portfolio investments. The United Kingdom's referendum on June 23, 2016 to leave the European Union (known as "Brexit") sparked depreciation in the value of the British pound, short-term declines in the stock markets and heightened risk of continued economic volatility worldwide. Although the long-term effects of Brexit are difficult to gauge and cannot be fully known, they could have wide ranging implications for the United Kingdom's economy, including: possible inflation or recession, continued depreciation of the pound, or disruption to Britain's trading arrangements with the rest of Europe. The United Kingdom is one of the EU's largest economies; its departure also may negatively impact the EU and Europe as a whole, such as by causing volatility within the union, triggering prolonged economic downturns in certain European countries or sparking additional member states to contemplate departing the EU (thereby perpetuating political instability in the region).

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in

net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**FRANCE RISK.** Investment in securities of French companies involve additional risks, including legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risk specific to France. The French economy is dependent to a significant extent on the economies of certain key trading partners, including Germany and other Western European countries. Reduction in spending on French products and services, or changes in any of the economies may cause an adverse impact on the French economy. In addition, France may be subject to acts of terrorism. The French economy is dependent on exports from the agricultural sector. Leading agricultural exports include dairy products, meat, wine, fruit and vegetables, and fish. As a result, the French economy is susceptible to fluctuations in demand for agricultural products. Additionally, the French economy is susceptible to other risks relating to its membership in the European Union, such as the recent sovereign debt crisis.

**GERMANY RISK.** Investing in German companies involves additional risks, including, but not limited to: significant demographic challenges to sustained long-term growth; low fertility rates and declining net immigration putting pressure on the country's social welfare system; and the costly and time-consuming modernization and integration of the eastern German economy. Additionally, the European sovereign-debt crisis has resulted in a weakened Euro and has put into question the future financial prospects of Germany and the surrounding region.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** The Fund invests in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the United States and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of non-U.S. issuers traded in the United States. Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

## Annual Total Return

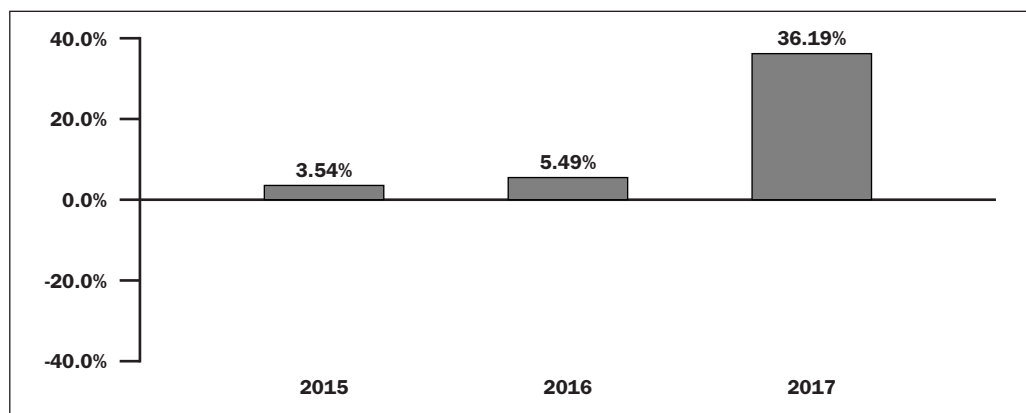
The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

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Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
10.74%	September 30, 2016	-8.87%	September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	36.19%	13.64%	10/21/2014
Return After Taxes On Distributions	35.34%	12.90%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	20.43%	10.30%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Eurozone Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	36.31%	14.26%	
NASDAQ Eurozone Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	28.30%	9.09%	
MSCI EMU Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	28.07%	8.46%	

## Management

### Investment Advisor

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

### Portfolio Managers

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2014, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund (FGM)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Germany Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

(1) Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 82% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Germany, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

## First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund (FGM)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Germany Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Germany, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was December 15, 2014. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 40 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in consumer discretionary companies and in industrials companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY COMPANIES RISK.** Consumer discretionary companies provide non-essential goods and services, such as retailers, media companies and consumer services. These companies manufacture products and provide discretionary services directly to the consumer, and the success of these companies is tied closely to the performance of the overall domestic and international economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer discretionary products in the marketplace.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund’s investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**EUROPEAN MARKETS RISK.** The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Europe. Investing in Europe involves risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. While many countries in Europe are considered to have developed markets, investing in the developed countries of Europe imposes different risks than those associated with investing in other developed markets. Many countries in Europe are members of the European Union ("EU"), which faces major issues involving its membership, structure, procedures and policies. Efforts of the member states to continue to unify their economic and monetary policies may increase the potential for similarities in the movements of European markets and may reduce any diversification benefit a Fund may seek by investing in multiple countries within Europe. European countries that are members of, or candidates to join, the Economic and Monetary Union ("EMU") (which is comprised of EU members that have adopted the Euro currency) are subject to restrictions on inflation rates, interest rates, deficits and debt levels, as well as fiscal and monetary controls. By adopting the Euro as its currency, a member state relinquishes control over its own monetary policies. As a result, European countries are significantly affected by fiscal and monetary controls implemented by the EMU, and it is possible that the timing and substance of these controls may not address the needs of all EMU member countries. In addition, the fiscal policies of a single member state can impact and pose economic risks to the EU as a whole. Investing in Euro-denominated securities also creates exposure to a currency that may not fully reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the disparate economies that comprise Europe. There is continued concern over national-level support for the Euro, which could lead to certain countries leaving the EMU, the implementation of currency controls, or potentially the dissolution of the Euro. The dissolution of the Euro would have significant negative effects on European economies and would cause funds with holdings denominated in Euros to face substantial challenges, including difficulties relating to settlement of trades and valuation of holdings, diminished liquidity, and the redenomination of holdings into other currencies.

**EUROPEAN UNION RISK.** Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the European Monetary Union and the potential for certain countries to withdraw from the institution has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of a Fund's portfolio investments. The United Kingdom's referendum on June 23, 2016 to leave the European Union (known as "Brexit") sparked depreciation in the value of the British pound, short-term declines in the stock markets and heightened risk of continued economic volatility worldwide. Although the long-term effects of Brexit are difficult to gauge and cannot be fully known, they could have wide ranging implications for the United Kingdom's economy, including: possible inflation or recession, continued depreciation of the pound, or disruption to Britain's trading arrangements with the rest of Europe. The United Kingdom is one of the EU's largest economies; its departure also may negatively impact the EU and Europe as a whole, such as by causing volatility within the union, triggering prolonged economic downturns in certain European countries or sparking additional member states to contemplate departing the EU (thereby perpetuating political instability in the region).

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**GERMANY RISK.** Investing in German companies involves additional risks, including, but not limited to: significant demographic challenges to sustained long-term growth; low fertility rates and declining net immigration putting pressure on the country's social welfare system; and the costly and time-consuming modernization and integration of the eastern German economy. Additionally, the European sovereign-debt crisis has resulted in a weakened Euro and has put into question the future financial prospects of Germany and the surrounding region.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**INDUSTRIALS COMPANIES RISK.** Industrials companies convert unfinished goods into finished durables used to manufacture other goods or provide services. Some industrials companies are involved in electrical equipment and components, industrial products, manufactured housing and telecommunications equipment. General risks of industrials companies include the general state of the economy, intense competition, consolidation, domestic and international politics, excess capacity and consumer demand and spending trends. In addition, they may also be significantly affected by overall capital spending levels, economic cycles, technical obsolescence, delays in modernization, labor relations, government regulations and e-commerce initiatives.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

## Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

On July 14, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Germany Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Germany Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of December 15, 2014, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Germany Index.

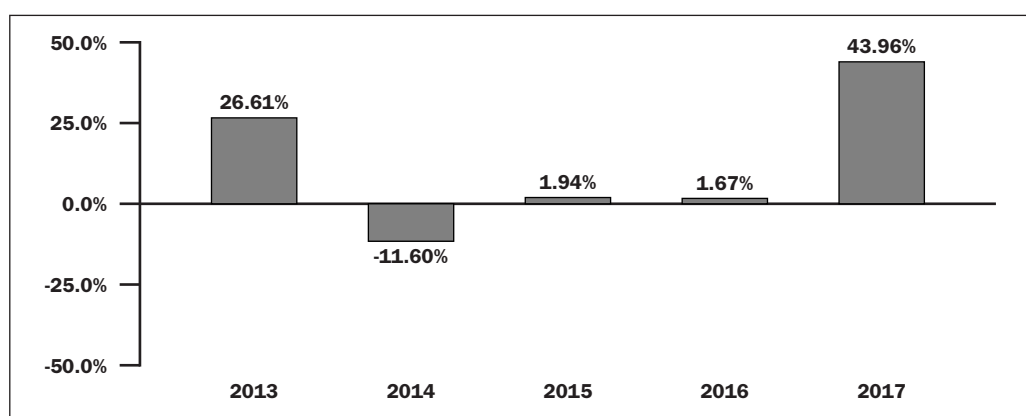
Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on

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distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
12.51%	September 30, 2013	-15.56%	September 30, 2014

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	43.96%	10.80%	11.43%	2/14/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	42.48%	9.99%	10.63%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	24.77%	8.12%	8.72%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Germany Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	44.37%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Germany Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	27.53%	8.94%	N/A	
MSCI Germany Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	27.70%	8.68%	9.66%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Management

### Investment Advisor

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")



### **Portfolio Managers**

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2012, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund (FHK)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Hong Kong Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 76% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Hong Kong, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

## First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund (FHK)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Hong Kong Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Hong Kong, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 40 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in consumer discretionary companies and in real estate companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**ASIA RISK.** The Fund invests, in part, in securities issued by companies operating in Asia, and is therefore subject to certain risks associated specifically with Asia. For example, some of the currencies of these countries have experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and adjustments have been made periodically in certain of such currencies. Certain countries face serious exchange constraints. Jurisdictional disputes also exist, for example, between South Korea and North Korea. The Tokyo stock market, as measured by the Tokyo Stock Price Index, has been volatile. Declines in the Tokyo stock market have made the country’s banks and financial institutions vulnerable. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative affect on Japan’s economy, and may continue to do so.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CHINESE MARKET CONDITIONS RISK.** Chinese markets, including both the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Hong Kong Stock Exchange, have experienced heightened volatility in the past. In response, Chinese regulators temporarily imposed severe limits on stock market selling and other measures in an attempt to prevent steep declines. There is no way for the Fund to

predict the severity or longevity of future volatility in the Chinese markets, or regulatory responses, and further declines may decrease the value of the Fund's shares.

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**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

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**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

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To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

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property taxes, capital expenditures or operating expenses; and other economic, political or regulatory occurrences affecting companies in the real estate industry.

**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

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### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

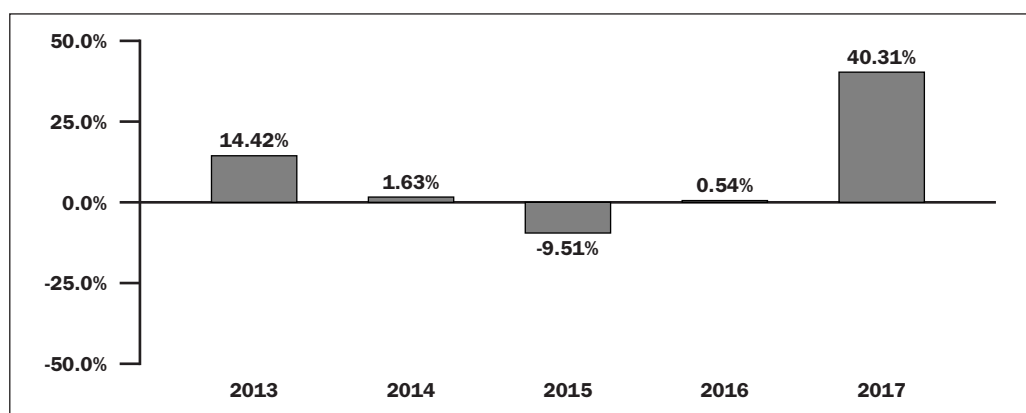
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Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.



**First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund  
Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31**



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
12.00%	September 30, 2017	-16.43%	September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

**Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	40.31%	8.22%	9.95%	2/14/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	36.35%	6.52%	8.30%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	22.73%	5.57%	7.06%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Hong Kong Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	45.27%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Hong Kong Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	35.61%	8.51%	N/A	
MSCI Hong Kong Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	36.17%	10.08%	10.80%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**Management**

**Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

**Portfolio Managers**

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2012, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FJP)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (the "Fund") seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund's fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Japan Index (the "Index").

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund's average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 101% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund's investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund's performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the "Index Provider").

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Japan, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

## First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FJP)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Japan Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Japan, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 100 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was December 15, 2014. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 100 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in consumer discretionary companies and in real estate companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**ASIA RISK.** The Fund invests, in part, in securities issued by companies operating in Asia, and is therefore subject to certain risks associated specifically with Asia. For example, some of the currencies of these countries Japan have experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and adjustments have been made periodically in certain of such currencies. Certain countries face serious exchange constraints. Jurisdictional disputes also exist, for example, between South Korea and North Korea. The Tokyo stock market, as measured by the Tokyo Stock Price Index, has been volatile. Declines in the Tokyo stock market have made the country’s banks and financial institutions vulnerable. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative affect on Japan’s economy, and may continue to do so.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY COMPANIES RISK.** Consumer discretionary companies provide non-essential goods and services, such as retailers, media companies and consumer services. These companies manufacture products and provide discretionary services directly to the consumer, and the success of these companies is tied closely to the performance of the

overall domestic and international economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer discretionary products in the marketplace.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

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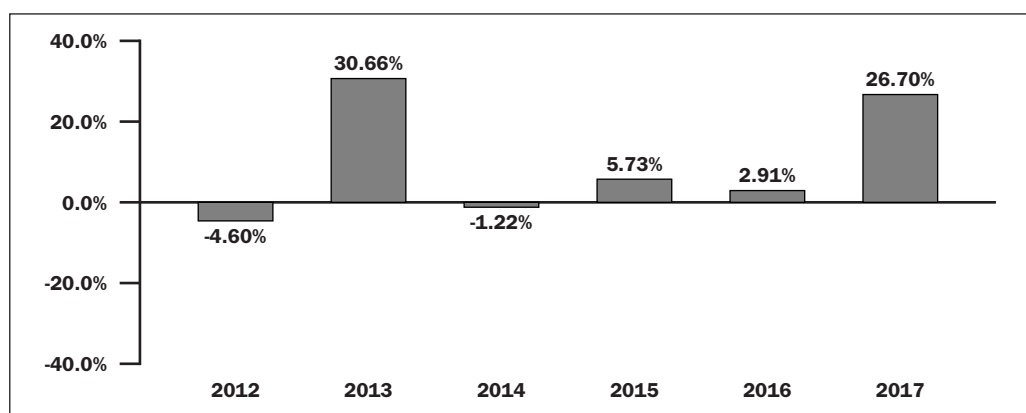
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**First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund  
Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31**



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
10.87%	March 31, 2013	-11.61%	September 30, 2015

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**Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	26.70%	12.22%	7.44%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	25.95%	11.69%	6.94%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	15.09%	9.47%	5.65%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	27.40%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	25.07%	11.84%	N/A	
MSCI Japan Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	23.99%	11.16%	8.27%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**Management**

**Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

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- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

## First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FJP)

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund (FLN)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Latin America Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

(1) Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

(2) Expenses have been restated to reflect the current fiscal year.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 187% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

## First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund (FLN)

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Latin America, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Latin America Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Latin America, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was February 11, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 50 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information. The Fund’s strategy may involve frequently buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund’s exposure to various market sectors which could result in a high rate of portfolio turnover.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. The Fund invests significantly in companies operating in Brazil, Mexico and other emerging market countries. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in materials companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**BRAZIL RISK.** The Fund invests in common stock and depositary receipts of companies that are domiciled in Brazil. A holder of depositary receipts may risk losing the ability to remit foreign currency abroad and certain Brazilian tax advantages if the depositary receipts are exchanged for the underlying shares. Brazil has experienced economic instability resulting from, among other things, periods of very high inflation, persistent structural public sector deficits and significant devaluations of its currency leading also to a high degree of price volatility in both the Brazilian equity and foreign currency markets. Brazilian companies may also be adversely affected by high interest and unemployment rates, and are particularly sensitive to fluctuations in commodity prices.

**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The Fund may, under certain circumstances, effect a portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. Because the Fund may effect a portion of redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. A sale of shares may result in capital gains or losses and may also result in higher brokerage costs.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** An investment in emerging market companies involves certain further risks not associated with investing in developed market countries because emerging market countries are often in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles and have low per capita income. These increased risks include the possibility of investment and trading limitations, greater liquidity concerns, higher price volatility, greater delays and possibility of disruptions in settlement transactions, greater political uncertainties and greater dependence on international trade or development assistance. In addition, emerging market countries may be subject to overburdened infrastructures and environmental problems.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.



**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

**LATIN AMERICA RISK.** The Fund is subject to certain risks associated specifically with this region. The value of Fund shares may be adversely affected by political, economic, and social instability; inadequate investor protection; changes in laws or regulations of countries within Latin America; international relations with other nations; natural disasters; corruption and military activity. The economies of many Latin American countries differ from the economies of more developed countries in many respects. Certain Latin American countries are highly dependent upon and may be affected by developments in the United States, Europe and other Latin American economies.

**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**MATERIALS COMPANIES RISK.** General risks of the materials sector include the general state of the economy, consolidation, domestic and international politics and excess capacity. In addition, basic materials companies may also be significantly affected by volatility of commodity prices, import controls, worldwide competition, liability for environmental damage, depletion of resources and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control devices.

**MEXICO RISK.** Investment in securities of Mexican companies involve additional risks, including, including legal, regulatory, political, currency, security and economic risks. The Mexican economy, among other things, is dependent upon external trade with other economies, specifically with the United States and certain Latin American countries. As a result, Mexico is dependent on, among other things, the U.S. economy and any change in the price or demand for Mexican exports may have an adverse impact on the Mexican economy. Recently, Mexico has experienced an outbreak of violence related to drug trafficking. Incidents involving Mexico's security may cause uncertainty in Mexican markets and may adversely affect its economy and the Fund's investments. Recently, Mexican elections have been contentious and have been very closely decided. Changes in political parties or other Mexican political events may affect the economy and cause instability.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as “non-diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES AND EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments; restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities; lack of liquidity; currency exchange rates; excessive taxation; government seizure of assets; different legal or accounting standards; and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries. These risks may be heightened for securities of companies located in, or with significant operations in, emerging market countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK.** The Fund’s strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities to rebalance the Fund’s exposure to various market sectors. High portfolio turnover may result in the Fund paying higher levels of transaction costs and generating greater tax liabilities for shareholders. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund’s performance to be less than you expect.

**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund’s market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange’s “circuit breaker” rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund’s shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund’s assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See “Total Return Information” for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund’s performance information is accessible on the Fund’s website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

On October 13, 2015 the Fund’s underlying index changed from the Defined Latin America Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Latin America Index. Therefore, the Fund’s performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund’s new underlying index had an

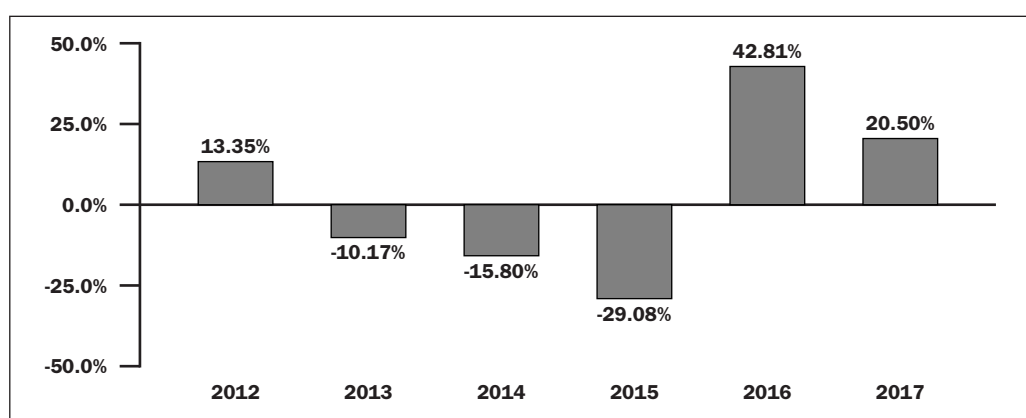
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inception date of February 11, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Latin America Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter	Worst Quarter
18.28% September 30, 2017	-25.12% September 30, 2015

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	20.50%	-1.59%	-1.98%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	15.44%	-3.13%	-3.41%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	11.53%	-1.91%	-2.09%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Latin America Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	22.55%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Latin America Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	22.93%	-3.99%	N/A	
MSCI EM Latin America Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	23.74%	-3.20%	-4.00%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Management

### **Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. (“*First Trust*” or the “*Advisor*”)

### **Portfolio Managers**

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- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
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- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson who has served as part of the management team since 2016.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund’s Creation Units are issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and/or cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

## Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

## Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund’s distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund (FKO)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® South Korea Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 77% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in South Korea, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

## First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund (FKO)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ South Korea Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in South Korea, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the mid cap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
4. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
5. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 4 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
6. The Index is subject to sector/country weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector/country percentages of the Base Index. A stock will be moved to a lower-weighted quintile when its weight, added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint. Stocks that fail the sector/country weighting constraints at the lowest quintile will be removed from the Index.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 50 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. South Korea is an emerging market country, as classified by the Index Provider, based on factors such as national income per capita, national market capitalization and national trading volume.

### Principal Risks

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**ASIA RISK.** The Fund invests, in part, in securities issued by companies operating in Asia, and is therefore subject to certain risks associated specifically with Asia. For example, some of the currencies of these countries have experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and adjustments have been made periodically in certain of such currencies. Certain countries face serious exchange constraints. Jurisdictional disputes also exist, for example, between South Korea and North Korea. The Tokyo stock market, as measured by the Tokyo Stock Price Index, has been volatile. Declines in the Tokyo stock market have made the country’s banks and financial institutions vulnerable. Furthermore, the natural disasters that have impacted Japan and the ongoing recovery efforts have had a negative affect on Japan’s economy, and may continue to do so.

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**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The Fund will, under most circumstances, effect a significant portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. Because the Fund may effect a portion of redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. A sale of shares may result in capital gains or losses and may also result in higher brokerage costs.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund's investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

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**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** An investment in emerging market companies involves certain further risks not associated with investing in developed market countries because emerging market countries are often in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles and have low per capita income. These increased risks include the possibility of investment and trading limitations, greater liquidity concerns, higher price volatility, greater delays and possibility of disruptions in settlement transactions, greater political uncertainties and greater dependence on international trade or development assistance. In addition, emerging market countries may be subject to overburdened infrastructures and environmental problems.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

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**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

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**MARKET MAKER RISK.** If the Fund has lower average daily trading volumes, it may rely on a small number of third-party market makers to provide a market for the purchase and sale of shares. Any trading halt or other problem relating to the trading activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES AND EMERGING MARKETS RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments; restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities; lack of liquidity; currency exchange rates; excessive taxation; government seizure of assets; different legal or accounting standards; and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries. These risks may be heightened for securities of companies located in, or with significant operations in, emerging market countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**SOUTH KOREA RISK.** The Fund invests in common stock of companies that are domiciled in South Korea. The South Korean economy is dependent on the economies of Asia and the United States as key trading partners. Reduction in spending by these economies on South Korean products and services or negative changes in any of these economies, mainly in China or Southeast Asia, may cause an adverse impact on the South Korean economy. Furthermore, South Korea's economy may be impacted by currency fluctuations and increasing competition from Asia's other emerging economies. Also, the political tensions with North Korea could escalate and lead to further uncertainty in the political and economic climate on the Korean peninsula.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

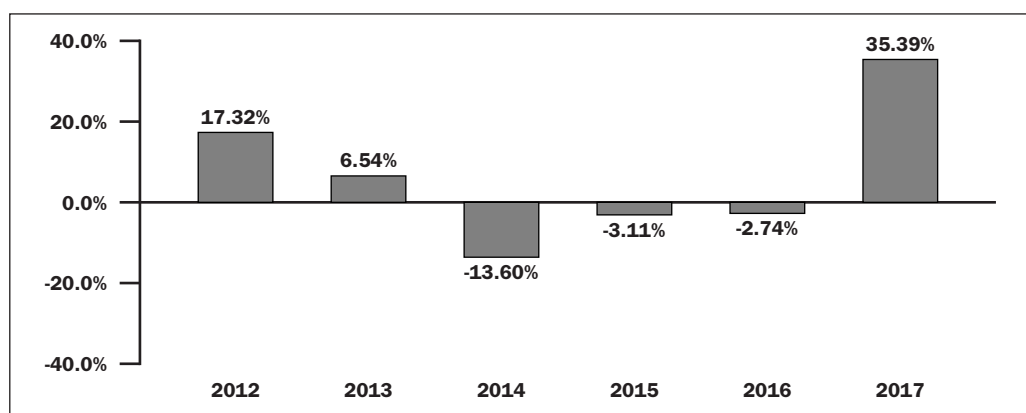
The bar chart and table below illustrate the annual calendar year returns of the Fund based on net asset value as well as the average annual Fund and Index returns. The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year-to-year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns based on net asset value compared to those of the Index and two broad based securities market indices. See "Total Return Information" for additional performance information regarding the Fund. The Fund's performance information is accessible on the Fund's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

On July 14, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined South Korea Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® South Korea Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of May 18, 2015, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined South Korea Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

**First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund  
Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31**



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
18.51%	September 30, 2013	-14.67%	December 31, 2014

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

**Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	35.39%	3.27%	0.94%	4/18/2011
Return After Taxes On Distributions	35.13%	2.85%	0.45%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	20.01%	2.31%	0.49%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® South Korea Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	31.93%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ South Korea Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	44.24%	6.33%	N/A	
MSCI South Korea Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	47.30%	6.67%	4.58%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**Management**

**Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

**Portfolio Managers**

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

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The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2011, except for Chris A. Peterson who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed for cash, and in certain circumstances, in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund (FSZ)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund’s fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Switzerland Index (the “Index”).

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 50% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund’s investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund’s performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the “Index Provider”).

The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in Switzerland, as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.



## First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund (FSZ)

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Switzerland Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in Switzerland, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

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**INDUSTRIALS COMPANIES RISK.** Industrials companies convert unfinished goods into finished durables used to manufacture other goods or provide services. Some industrials companies are involved in electrical equipment and components, industrial products, manufactured housing and telecommunications equipment. General risks of industrials companies include the general state of the economy, intense competition, consolidation, domestic and international politics, excess capacity and consumer demand and spending trends. In addition, they may also be significantly affected by overall capital spending levels, economic cycles, technical obsolescence, delays in modernization, labor relations, government regulations and e-commerce initiatives.

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activity of these market makers could result in a dramatic change in the spread between the Fund's net asset value and the price at which the Fund's shares are trading on the Exchange, which could result in a decrease in value of the Fund's shares. In addition, decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a discount to net asset value and also in greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads for Fund shares.

**MARKET RISK.** Market risk is the risk that a particular security owned by the Fund or shares of the Fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic, political, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of the Fund could decline in value or underperform other investments.

**NON-CORRELATION RISK.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and may incur costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's portfolio holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Index. In addition, the Fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the securities included in the Index or the ratios between the securities included in the Index.

To the extent the Fund calculates its net asset value based on fair value prices and the value of its Index is based on securities closing prices on the applicable foreign exchange (*i.e.*, the value of its Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track its Index may be adversely affected.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK.** The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As a result, the Fund is only limited as to the percentage of its assets which may be invested in the securities of any one issuer by the diversification requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or regulatory occurrence affecting one or more of these issuers, experience increased volatility and be highly invested in certain issuers.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** Non-U.S. securities are subject to higher volatility than securities of domestic issuers due to possible adverse political, social or economic developments, restrictions on foreign investment or exchange of securities, lack of liquidity, currency exchange rates, excessive taxation, government seizure of assets, different legal or accounting standards, and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges in foreign countries.

**PASSIVE INVESTMENT RISK.** The Fund is not actively managed. The Fund invests in securities included in or representative of its Index regardless of their investment merit. The Fund generally will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

**SMALLER COMPANIES RISK.** Small and/or mid capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, and their securities may be less liquid and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies as a result of several factors, including limited trading volumes, products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information. Accordingly, such companies are generally subject to greater market risk than larger, more established companies.

**SWITZERLAND RISK.** The Fund is subject to certain risks associated with Switzerland and Europe as a whole. Although Switzerland is not a member of the EU, the Swiss economy is dependent on the economies of other European nations as key trading partners. Any reduction in spending by other European countries could have a negative effect on the Swiss economy. Additionally, the European sovereign-debt crisis has resulted in a weakened Euro and has put into question the future financial prospects of the surrounding region. The ongoing implementation of the EU provisions and Euro conversion process may materially impact revenues, expenses or income and increase competition for other European companies, which could have an effect on the Swiss economy, and in turn, the securities in which the Fund invests.

**TRADING ISSUES RISK.** Although the shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. Market makers are under no obligation to make a market in the Fund's shares, and authorized participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund

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may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

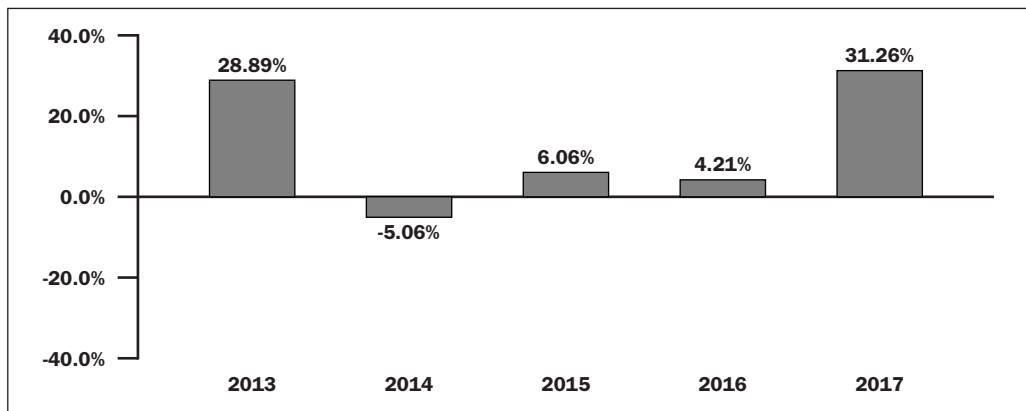
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On July 14, 2015 the Fund's underlying index changed from the Defined Switzerland Index to the NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Switzerland Index. Therefore, the Fund's performance and historical returns shown below are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the Fund, based on the Index, would have generated. Returns for an underlying index are only disclosed for those periods in which the index was in existence for the whole period. Because the Fund's new underlying index had an inception date of December 15, 2014, it was not in existence for all of the periods disclosed. The new Index is substantially similar to the Defined Switzerland Index.

Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

### First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
12.01%	September 30, 2013	-8.99%	September 30, 2014

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

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### Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	31.26%	12.16%	12.07%	2/14/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	30.35%	11.33%	11.21%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	17.65%	9.24%	9.23%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Switzerland Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	31.45%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ Switzerland Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	23.20%	8.34%	N/A	
MSCI Switzerland Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	22.51%	8.17%	9.27%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

### Management

#### **Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. (“First Trust” or the “Advisor”)

#### **Portfolio Managers**

The Fund’s portfolio is managed by a team (the “Investment Committee”) consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2012, except Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund’s Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund’s distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FKU)

#### Investment Objective

The First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (the "Fund") seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the Fund's fees and expenses) of an equity index called the NASDAQ AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> United Kingdom Index (the "Index").

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker, which are not reflected in the table below.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.80%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.00%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.80%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Fund has adopted a 12b-1 plan that permits it to pay up to 0.25% per annum, it will not pay 12b-1 fees at any time before April 30, 2019.

#### Example

The example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account customary brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain at current levels until April 30, 2019, and thereafter at 1.05% to represent the imposition of the 12b-1 fee of 0.25% per annum of the Fund's average daily net assets. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$82	\$309	\$555	\$1,260

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 98% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in common stocks and/or depositary receipts that comprise the Index. The Fund, using an indexing investment approach, attempts to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index. The Fund's investment advisor seeks a correlation of 0.95 or better (before fees and expenses) between the Fund's performance and the performance of the Index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. The Index is owned and is developed, maintained and sponsored by Nasdaq, Inc. (the "Index Provider").



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The Fund invests in securities issued by companies operating in the United Kingdom, (*i.e.*, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), as classified by the Index Provider. Companies are classified as operating in a country primarily by their country of incorporation, domicile and primary exchange listing.

The Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ United Kingdom Index (the “*Base Index*”) that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Base Index is a comprehensive, rules-based index designed to measure stock market performance of companies in the United Kingdom, as determined by the Index Provider. The Fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the Index is so concentrated.

Security selection for the Index will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The selection universe for the Index begins with all stocks in the Base Index.
2. The Index Provider then removes any stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange; duplicate (multiple share classes) stocks; stocks which do not meet the Index Provider’s liquidity screens; and stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by Nasdaq. As of March 31, 2018, the midcap breakpoint was \$3.155 billion.
3. The remaining stocks in the universe are then ranked on both growth and value factors. Each stock receives the best style rank from this step as its selection score.
4. The top 75 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The selected stocks are then split into quintiles based on their selection score, with higher scoring quintiles receiving a greater weight in the Index.
5. The Index is subject to sector weighting constraints which are set at 15% above the sector percentages of the Base Index. For example, if financial companies comprise 15% of the Base Index, the Index will be comprised of no more than 30% financials. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.

The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis and the Fund will make corresponding changes to its portfolio shortly after the Index changes are made public. The inception date of the Index was May 18, 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the Index was composed of 75 securities. See “Index Information” for additional information.

The Fund may hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. currencies. The Index includes the securities of small and mid cap companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had significant investments in consumer discretionary companies and in industrials companies.

### Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY COMPANIES RISK.** Consumer discretionary companies provide non-essential goods and services, such as retailers, media companies and consumer services. These companies manufacture products and provide discretionary services directly to the consumer, and the success of these companies is tied closely to the performance of the overall domestic and international economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer discretionary products in the marketplace.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK.** Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of the Fund’s investment and the value of Fund shares. Currency exchange rates can be very volatile and can

change quickly and unpredictably. As a result, the value of an investment in the Fund may change quickly and without warning and you may lose money.

**CYBER SECURITY RISK.** As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund's digital information systems through "hacking" or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund's third party service providers, such as its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, or sub advisor, as applicable, or issuers in which the Fund invests, can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. The Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights, and investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert the equity shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause the equity shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipts.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Because the Fund invests in equity securities, the value of the Fund's shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of these equity securities. Equity securities prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**FLUCTUATION OF NET ASSET VALUE RISK.** The net asset value of shares of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in net asset value as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the Exchange. The Fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value because the shares trade on the Exchange at market prices and not at net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the holdings of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that shares can only be purchased and redeemed either in-kind or for cash in Creation Units, and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Fund's investment advisor believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of shares should not be sustained.

**GROWTH STOCKS INVESTMENT RISK.** Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks and their prices usually fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings.

**INDEX CONSTITUENT RISK.** The Fund may be a constituent of one or more indices. As a result, the Fund may be included in one or more index-tracking exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Being a component security of such a vehicle could greatly affect the trading activity involving the Fund, the size of the Fund and the market volatility of the Fund. Inclusion in an index could significantly increase demand for the Fund and removal from an index could result in outsized selling activity in a relatively short period of time. As a result, the Fund's net asset value could be negatively impacted and the Fund's market price may be significantly below the Fund's net asset value during certain periods. In addition, index rebalances may potentially result in increased trading activity. To the extent buying or selling activity increases, the Fund can be exposed to increased brokerage costs and adverse tax consequences and the market price of the Fund can be negatively affected.

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**SMALL FUND RISK.** The Fund currently has fewer assets than larger funds, and like other smaller funds, large inflows and outflows may impact the Fund's market exposure for limited periods of time. This impact may be positive or negative, depending on the direction of market movement during the period affected.

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of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. The Fund may have difficulty maintaining its listing on the Exchange in the event the Fund's assets are small or the Fund does not have enough shareholders.

**UNITED KINGDOM RISK.** The Fund is subject to certain risks related to the United Kingdom. Investments in British issuers may subject the Fund to regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risk specific to the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom has one of the largest economies in Europe, and the United States and other European countries are substantial trading partners of the United Kingdom. As a result, the British economy may be impacted by changes to the economic health of the United States and other European countries. On June 23, 2016, the United Kingdom voted via referendum to leave the European Union ("EU"), which immediately led to significant market volatility around the world, as well as political, economic, and legal uncertainty. The United Kingdom formally notified the European Council of its intention to withdraw from the EU on March 29, 2017, and it is expected that the United Kingdom's exit from the EU will take place within two years of that date. However, there is still considerable uncertainty relating to the potential consequences and precise timeframe for the exit, how the negotiations for the withdrawal and new trade agreements will be conducted, and whether the United Kingdom's exit will increase the likelihood of other countries also departing the EU. During this period of uncertainty, the negative impact on not only the United Kingdom and European economies, but the broader global economy, could be significant, potentially resulting in increased volatility and illiquidity and lower economic growth for companies that rely significantly on Europe for their business activities and revenues.

**VALUE INVESTMENT RISK.** The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level.

### Annual Total Return

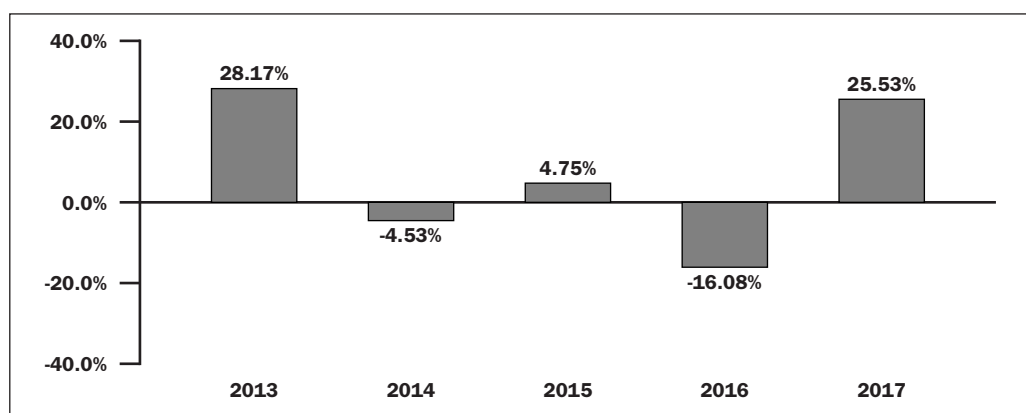
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Returns before taxes do not reflect the effects of any income or capital gains taxes. All after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of any state or local tax. Returns after taxes on distributions reflect the taxed return on the payment of dividends and capital gains. Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of shares assume you sold your shares at period end, and, therefore, are also adjusted for any capital gains or losses incurred. Returns for the market indices do not include expenses, which are deducted from Fund returns, or taxes.

Your own actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund shares in tax-deferred accounts such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) or employee-sponsored retirement plans.

**First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund  
Calendar Year Total Returns as of 12/31**



During the periods shown in the chart above:

Best Quarter		Worst Quarter	
13.16%	September 30, 2013	-11.07%	June 30, 2016

The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

**Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return Before Taxes	25.53%	6.19%	7.96%	2/14/2012
Return After Taxes On Distributions	23.85%	4.92%	6.68%	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	14.38%	4.20%	5.66%	
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® United Kingdom Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	26.61%	N/A	N/A	
NASDAQ United Kingdom Index <sup>(1)</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	23.76%	6.04%	N/A	
MSCI United Kingdom Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	22.30%	5.21%	5.78%	

(1) Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**Management**

**Investment Advisor**

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor")

**Portfolio Managers**

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team (the "Investment Committee") consisting of:

- Daniel J. Lindquist, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Managing Director of First Trust
- Jon C. Erickson, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- David G. McGarel, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of First Trust
- Roger F. Testin, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Stan Ueland, Senior Vice President of First Trust
- Chris A. Peterson, Senior Vice President of First Trust

## First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund (FKU)

The Investment Committee members are primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Investment Committee member has served as a part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2012, except Chris A. Peterson, who has served as part of the portfolio management team of the Fund since 2016.

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis, at net asset value, only in Creation Units consisting of 50,000 shares. The Fund's Creation Units are generally issued and redeemed in-kind for securities in which the Fund invests and, in certain circumstances, for cash and only to and from broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements. Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on Nasdaq and other eligible securities exchanges through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund trade on Nasdaq at market prices rather than net asset value, which may cause the shares to trade at a price greater than net asset value (premium) or less than net asset value (discount).

### **Tax Information**

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions on shares held in a tax-deferred account, while not immediately taxable, will be subject to tax when the shares are no longer held in a tax-deferred account.

### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Fund's distributor, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



## **Additional Information on the Funds' Investment Objectives and Strategies**

Each Fund is a series of the Trust, an investment company and an exchange-traded "index fund." The investment objective of each Fund is to seek investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before each Fund's fees and expenses) of such Fund's corresponding equity index (each Fund's corresponding equity index is referred to herein as an "Index," and together, as the "Indices;" the provider of each Fund's Index is referred to herein as an "Index Provider" and together, as the "Index Providers"). Each Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its net assets (including investment borrowings) in securities that comprise each Fund's respective Index. Each Fund's investment objective, the 90% investment strategy and each of the policies described herein are non-fundamental policies that may be changed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") without shareholder approval upon 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders. Certain fundamental policies of the Funds are set forth in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") under "Investment Objectives and Policies."

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, each Fund generally will invest in all of the securities comprising its Index, in proportion to their weightings in the Index. However, under various circumstances, it may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of those securities in those weightings. In those circumstances, a Fund may purchase a sample of securities in its Index. There may also be limited instances in which First Trust may choose to overweight certain securities in the applicable Index, purchase securities not in the Index which First Trust believes are appropriate to substitute for certain securities in the Index, use futures or derivative instruments, or utilize various combinations of the above techniques in seeking to track the Index. A Fund may sell securities that are represented in its Index in anticipation of their removal from the Index or purchase securities not represented in the Index in anticipation of their addition to the Index.

While it is not expected that the Funds will invest in the securities of other investment companies, any such investments would be subject to limitations imposed by the 1940 Act and the related rules and interpretations. The Funds have adopted a policy that they will not invest in other investment companies in excess of 1940 Act limits in reliance on Sections 12(d)(1)(F) or 12(d)(1)(G) of the 1940 Act.

## **Fund Investments**

### **Principal Investments**

#### **Equity Securities**

The Funds invest in equity securities, which primarily include common stocks and depositary receipts.

### **Non-Principal Investments**

#### **Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments**

Normally, a Fund invests substantially all of its assets to meet its investment objective. Each Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in securities with maturities of less than one year or cash equivalents, or it may hold cash. The percentage of a Fund invested in such holdings varies and depends on several factors, including market conditions. For temporary defensive purposes and during periods of high cash inflows or outflows, a Fund may depart from its principal investment strategies and invest part or all of its assets in these securities, or it may hold cash. During such periods, a Fund may not be able to achieve its investment objective. A Fund may adopt a defensive strategy when the portfolio managers believe securities in which the Fund normally invests have elevated risks due to political or economic factors and in other extraordinary circumstances. For more information on eligible short-term investments, see the SAI.

### **Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings**

A description of the policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of each Fund's portfolio securities is included in the Funds' SAI, which is available on the Funds' website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

## **Additional Risks of Investing in the Funds**

Risk is inherent in all investing. Investing in a Fund involves risk, including the risk that you may lose all or part of your investment. There can be no assurance that a Fund will meet its stated objective. Before you invest, you should consider the following risks in addition to the Principal Risks set forth above in this prospectus.

## Principal Risks

**CURRENCY RISK.** An investment in non-U.S. securities involves further risk due to currency exchange rates. Changes in currency exchange rates may affect the Fund's net asset value, the value of dividends and interest earned, and gains and losses realized on the sale of securities. An increase in the strength of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies may cause the value of the Fund to decline. Certain non-U.S. currencies may be particularly volatile, and non-U.S. governments may intervene in the currency markets, causing a decline in value or liquidity in non-U.S. holdings whose value is tied to the affected non-U.S. currency.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS RISK.** An investment in in depositary receipts involves further risks due to certain features of depositary receipts. Depositary receipts are usually in the form of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs") or European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"). ADRs are U.S. dollar-denominated receipts representing shares of foreign-based corporations. ADRs are issued by U.S. banks or trust companies, and entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares. GDRs and EDRs are similar to ADRs, but are shares of foreign-based corporations generally issued by international banks in one or more markets around the world. ADRs, GDRs and EDRs may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. Any distributions paid to the holders of depositary receipts are usually subject to a fee charged by the depositary.

Holders of depositary receipts may have limited voting rights pursuant to a deposit agreement between the underlying issuer and the depositary. In certain cases, the depositary will vote the shares deposited with it as directed by the underlying issuer's board of directors. Furthermore, investment restrictions in certain countries may adversely impact the value of depositary receipts because such restrictions may limit the ability to convert shares into depositary receipts and vice versa. Such restrictions may cause shares of the underlying issuer to trade at a discount or premium to the market price of the depositary receipt. Moreover, if depositary receipts are converted into shares, the laws in certain countries may limit the ability of a non-resident to trade the shares and to reconvert the shares to depositary receipts.

Depositary receipts may be "sponsored" or "unsponsored." Sponsored depositary receipts are established jointly by a depositary and the underlying issuer, whereas unsponsored depositary receipts may be established by a depositary without participation by the underlying issuer. Holders of unsponsored depositary receipts generally bear all the costs associated with establishing the unsponsored depositary receipts. In addition, the issuers of the securities underlying unsponsored depositary receipts are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States and, therefore, there may be less information available regarding such issuers and there may not be a correlation between such information and the market value of the depositary receipts.

Depositary receipts may be unregistered and unlisted. A Fund's investments may also include depositary receipts that are not purchased in the public markets and are restricted securities that can be offered and sold only to "qualified institutional buyers" under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("*Securities Act*"). Moreover, if adverse market conditions were to develop during the period between a Fund's decision to sell these types of depositary receipts and the point at which a Fund is permitted or able to sell such security, the Fund might obtain a price less favorable than the price that prevailed when it decided to sell.

**EQUITY SECURITIES RISK.** Equity securities may decline significantly in price over short or extended periods of time, and such declines may occur in the equity market as a whole, or they may occur in only a particular country, company, industry or sector of the market.

**GROWTH INVESTMENT STYLE RISK.** Securities of growth companies may experience significant fluctuations in price in response to economic, political, regulatory, company specific, sector or market developments, changes in perceptions or interest rate changes.

**NON-U.S. SECURITIES RISK.** An investment in securities of non-U.S. companies involves other risks not associated with domestic issuers. Investment in non-U.S. securities may involve higher costs than investment in U.S. securities, including higher transaction and custody costs as well as the imposition of additional taxes by non-U.S. governments.

Non-U.S. investments may also involve risks associated with the level of currency exchange rates, less complete financial information about the issuers, less market liquidity, more market volatility and political instability. Future political and economic developments, the possible imposition of withholding taxes on dividend income, the possible seizure or nationalization of non-U.S. holdings, the possible establishment of exchange controls or freezes on the convertibility of currency, or the adoption of other governmental restrictions might adversely affect an investment in non-U.S. securities. Additionally, non-U.S. issuers may be subject to less stringent regulation, and to different accounting, auditing and recordkeeping requirements.

**VALUE INVESTMENT STYLE RISK.** Value companies may experience adverse business developments or may be subject to special risks that cause their securities to be out of favor, may never reach what may be their full value or may go down in price.

### **Non-Principal Risks**

**AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANT CONCENTRATION RISK.** Only an authorized participant (as defined in the “Frequent Purchases and Redemptions” Section) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Funds. The Funds have a limited number of institutions that act as authorized participants. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to a Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, in either of these cases, Fund shares may trade at a discount to the Fund’s net asset value and possibly face delisting.

**BORROWING AND LEVERAGE RISK.** If a Fund borrows money, it must pay interest and other fees, which may reduce the Fund’s returns. Any such borrowings are intended to be temporary. However, under certain market conditions, including periods of low demand or decreased liquidity, such borrowings might be outstanding for longer periods of time. As prescribed by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), a Fund will be required to maintain specified asset coverage of at least 300% with respect to any bank borrowing immediately following such borrowing. A Fund may be required to dispose of assets on unfavorable terms if market fluctuations or other factors reduce the Fund’s asset coverage to less than the prescribed amount.

**CASH TRANSACTIONS RISK.** The First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund and First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund intend to effect a significant portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. Certain of the other Funds may, under certain circumstances, effect a portion of creations and redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind securities. As a result, an investment in such Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that effects its creations and redemptions for in-kind securities. ETFs are able to make in-kind redemptions and avoid being taxed on gains on the distributed portfolio securities at the fund level. Because certain of the Funds intends to effect a portion of redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind distributions, they may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. Any recognized gain on these sales by a Fund will generally cause the Fund to recognize a gain it might not otherwise have recognized, or to recognize such gain sooner than would otherwise be required if it were to distribute portfolio securities in-kind. Such Funds intend to distribute these gains to shareholders to avoid being taxed on this gain at the fund level and otherwise comply with the special tax rules that apply to them. This strategy may cause shareholders to be subject to tax on gains they would not otherwise be subject to, or at an earlier date than if they had made an investment in a different ETF. Moreover, cash transactions may have to be carried out over several days if the securities market is relatively illiquid, and such transactions may involve considerable brokerage fees and taxes. These brokerage fees and taxes, which will be higher than if a Fund sold and redeemed its shares principally in-kind, will be passed on to those purchasing and redeeming Creation Units in the form of creation and redemption transaction fees. Brazil may also impose higher local tax rates on transactions involving certain companies. In addition, these factors may result in wider spreads between the bid and the offered prices of a Fund’s shares than for more conventional exchange-traded funds.

**INFLATION RISK.** Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of a Fund’s assets can decline as can the value of a Fund’s distributions. Common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RISK.** Each Fund relies on a license and related sublicense that permits a Fund to use its Index and associated trade names, trademarks and service marks (the “Intellectual Property”) in connection with the name and investment strategies of a Fund. Such license and related sublicense may be terminated by the Index Provider, and, as a result, a Fund may lose its ability to use the Intellectual Property. There is also no guarantee that the Index Provider has all rights to license the Intellectual Property for use by a Fund. Accordingly, in the event the license is terminated or the Index Provider does not have rights to license the Intellectual Property, it may have a significant effect on the operation of a Fund.

**INTERNATIONAL CLOSED MARKET TRADING RISK.** Because securities held by the Funds may trade on non-U.S. exchanges that are closed when the Funds’ primary listing exchange is open, there are likely to be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security (i.e., a Fund’s quote from the closed foreign market), resulting in premiums or discounts to the Funds’ net asset value that may be greater than those experienced by other exchange-traded funds. However, because shares can be created and redeemed in Creation Units at a Fund’s net asset value, it is not expected that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of the Funds will be sustained over the long term

(unlike shares of many closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset values).

**ISSUER SPECIFIC CHANGES RISK.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.

**LEGISLATION/LITIGATION RISK.** From time to time, various legislative initiatives are proposed in the United States and abroad, which may have a negative impact on certain companies in which a Fund invests. In addition, litigation regarding any of the issuers of the securities owned by a Fund, or industries represented by these issuers, may negatively impact the value of the securities. Such legislation or litigation may cause a Fund to lose value or may result in higher portfolio turnover if the Advisor determines to sell such a holding.

## Fund Organization

Each Fund is a series of the Trust, an investment company registered under the 1940 Act. Each Fund is treated as a separate fund with its own investment objective and policies. The Trust is organized as a Massachusetts business trust. The Board is responsible for the overall management and direction of the Trust. The Board elects the Trust's officers and approves all significant agreements, including those with the investment advisor, custodian and fund administrative and accounting agent.

## Management of the Funds

First Trust Advisors L.P., 120 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, is the investment advisor to the Funds. In this capacity, First Trust is responsible for the selection and ongoing monitoring of the securities in each Fund's portfolio and certain other services necessary for the management of the portfolios.

First Trust is a limited partnership with one limited partner, Grace Partners of DuPage L.P., and one general partner, The Charger Corporation. Grace Partners of DuPage L.P. is a limited partnership with one general partner, The Charger Corporation, and a number of limited partners. The Charger Corporation is an Illinois corporation controlled by James A. Bowen, the Chief Executive Officer of First Trust. First Trust discharges its responsibilities subject to the policies of the Board.

First Trust serves as advisor or sub-advisor for seven mutual fund portfolios, 10 exchange-traded funds consisting of 130 series and 16 closed-end funds. It is also the portfolio supervisor of certain unit investment trusts sponsored by First Trust Portfolios L.P. ("FTP"), an affiliate of First Trust, 120 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. FTP specializes in the underwriting, trading and distribution of unit investment trusts and other securities. FTP is the principal underwriter of the shares of a Fund.

There is no one individual primarily responsible for portfolio management decisions for the Funds. Investments are made under the direction of the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee consists of Daniel J. Lindquist, Jon C. Erickson, David G. McGarel, Roger F. Testin, Stan Ueland and Chris A. Peterson.

- Mr. Lindquist is Chairman of the Investment Committee and presides over Investment Committee meetings. Mr. Lindquist is responsible for overseeing the implementation of each Fund's investment strategy. Mr. Lindquist was a Senior Vice President of First Trust and FTP from September 2005 to July 2012 and is now a Managing Director of First Trust and FTP.
- Mr. Erickson joined First Trust in 1994 and is a Senior Vice President of First Trust and FTP. As the head of First Trust's Equity Research Group, Mr. Erickson is responsible for determining the securities to be purchased and sold by funds that do not utilize quantitative investment strategies.
- Mr. McGarel is the Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer and a Managing Director of First Trust and FTP. As First Trust's Chief Investment Officer, Mr. McGarel consults with the other members of the Investment Committee on market conditions and First Trust's general investment philosophy. Mr. McGarel was a Senior Vice President of First Trust and FTP from January 2004 to July 2012.
- Mr. Testin is a Senior Vice President of First Trust and FTP. Mr. Testin is the head of First Trust's Portfolio Management Group. Mr. Testin has been a Senior Vice President of First Trust and FTP since November 2003.
- Mr. Ueland joined First Trust as a Vice President in August 2005 and has been a Senior Vice President of First Trust and FTP since September 2012. At First Trust, he plays an important role in executing the investment strategies of each portfolio of exchange-traded funds advised by First Trust.
- Mr. Peterson is a Senior Vice President and head of First Trust's strategy research group. He joined First Trust in January of 2000. Mr. Peterson is responsible for developing and implementing quantitative equity investment

strategies. Mr. Peterson received his B.S. in Finance from Bradley University in 1997 and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 2005. He has over 19 years of financial services industry experience and is a recipient of the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

For additional information concerning First Trust, including a description of the services provided to the Funds, see the Funds' SAI. Additional information about the compensation of Investment Committee members, other accounts managed by members of the Investment Committee and ownership by members of the Investment Committee of shares of the Funds is provided in the SAI.

## **Management Fee**

Pursuant to investment management agreements between First Trust and the Trust, on behalf of the Funds (the "*Investment Management Agreements*"), First Trust manages the investment of each Fund's assets. First Trust is paid an annual management fee by each Fund equal to 0.80% of such Fund's average daily net assets and is responsible for the expenses of such Fund including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, license fees, legal, audit and other services, but excluding fee payments under the Investment Management Agreements, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, brokerage commissions and other expenses connected with the execution of portfolio transactions, distribution and service fees payable pursuant to a Rule 12b-1 plan, if any, and extraordinary expenses.

A discussion regarding the basis of the Board's approval of the continuation of the Investment Management Agreements is available in the Funds' Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2017.

## **How to Buy and Sell Shares**

Most investors will buy and sell shares of a Fund in secondary market transactions through brokers. Shares of the Funds are listed for trading on the secondary market on the Exchange. Shares can be bought and sold throughout the trading day like other publicly traded shares. There is no minimum investment when buying shares on the Exchange. Although shares are generally purchased and sold in "round lots" of 100 shares, brokerage firms typically permit investors to purchase or sell shares in smaller "odd lots," at no per-share price differential. When buying or selling shares through a broker, investors should expect to incur customary brokerage commissions, investors may receive less than the net asset value of the shares because shares are bought and sold at market prices rather than at net asset value, and investors may pay some or all of the spread between the bid and the offer price in the secondary market on each leg of a round trip (purchase and sale) transaction. Share prices are reported in dollars and cents per share.

For purposes of the 1940 Act, each Fund is treated as a registered investment company, and, absent an available exemption or exemptive relief, the acquisition of shares by other registered investment companies and companies relying on Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act. The Trust, on behalf of the Funds, has received an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission that permits certain registered investment companies to invest in a Fund beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain terms and conditions, including that any such investment companies enter into agreements with a Fund regarding the terms of any investment.

## **Book Entry**

Shares are held in book-entry form, which means that no share certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company ("*DTC*") or its nominee is the record owner of all outstanding shares of the Funds and is recognized as the owner of all shares for all purposes.

Investors owning shares are beneficial owners as shown on the records of DTC or its participants. DTC serves as the securities depository for all shares. Participants in DTC include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other institutions that directly or indirectly maintain a custodial relationship with DTC. As a beneficial owner of shares, you are not entitled to receive physical delivery of share certificates or to have shares registered in your name, and you are not considered a registered owner of shares. Therefore, to exercise any right as an owner of shares, you must rely upon the procedures of DTC and its participants. These procedures are the same as those that apply to any other stocks that you hold in book-entry or "street name" form.

## **Share Trading Prices**

The trading price of shares of a Fund on Nasdaq or NYSE Arca is based on market price and may differ from such Fund's daily net asset value and can be affected by market forces of supply and demand, economic conditions and other factors.



Information regarding the intra-day value of the shares of a Fund, also referred to as the "indicative optimized portfolio value" ("IOPV"), is disseminated every 15 seconds throughout such Fund's trading day by the national securities exchange on which the shares are listed or by market data vendors or other information providers. The IOPV should not be viewed as a "real-time" update of the net asset value per share of a Fund because the IOPV may not be calculated in the same manner as the net asset value, which is computed once a day, generally at the end of the business day. The price of a non-U.S. security that is primarily traded on a non-U.S. exchange shall be updated, using the last sale price, every 15 seconds throughout the trading day, provided that upon the closing of such non-U.S. exchange, the closing price of the security, after being converted to U.S. dollars, will be used. Furthermore, in calculating the IOPV of a Fund's shares, exchange rates may be used throughout the day (9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Eastern Time) that may differ from those used to calculate the net asset value per share of such Fund and consequently may result in differences between the net asset value and the IOPV. A Fund is not involved in, or responsible for, the calculation or dissemination of the IOPV of shares of such Fund and such Fund does not make any warranty as to its accuracy.

### **Frequent Purchases and Redemptions of the Funds' Shares**

The Funds impose no restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions ("*market timing*"). In determining not to approve a written, established policy, the Board evaluated the risks of market timing activities by the Funds' shareholders. The Board considered that the Funds' shares can only be purchased and redeemed directly from the Funds in Creation Units by broker-dealers and large institutional investors that have entered into participation agreements (*i.e.*, authorized participants ("APs")) and that the vast majority of trading in the Funds' shares occurs on the secondary market. Because the secondary market trades do not involve the Funds directly, it is unlikely those trades would cause many of the harmful effects of market timing, including dilution, disruption of portfolio management, increases in the Funds' trading costs and the realization of capital gains. With respect to trades directly with the Funds, to the extent effected in-kind (*i.e.*, for securities), those trades do not cause any of the harmful effects that may result from frequent cash trades. To the extent that Funds may effect the purchase or redemption of Creation Units in exchange wholly or partially for cash, the Board noted that such trades could result in dilution to the Funds and increased transaction costs, which could negatively impact the Funds' ability to achieve their investment objective. However, the Board noted that direct trading by APs is critical to ensuring that the shares trade at or close to net asset value. In addition, the Funds impose fixed and variable transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units to cover the custodial and other costs incurred by the Funds in effecting trades. Finally, the Advisor monitors purchase and redemption orders from APs for patterns of abusive trading and the Funds reserve the right to not accept orders from APs that the Advisor has determined may be disruptive to the management of the Funds, or otherwise not in the Funds' best interests.

### **Dividends, Distributions and Taxes**

Dividends from net investment income from the Funds, if any, are declared and paid quarterly by each Fund. Each Fund distributes its net realized capital gains, if any, to shareholders at least annually.

Distributions in cash may be reinvested automatically in additional whole shares only if the broker through whom you purchased shares makes such option available. Such shares will generally be reinvested by the broker based upon the market price of those shares and investors may be subject to customary brokerage commissions charged by the broker.

### **Federal Tax Matters**

This section summarizes some of the main U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning shares of the Funds. This section is current as of the date of this prospectus. Tax laws and interpretations change frequently, and these summaries do not describe all of the tax consequences to all taxpayers. For example, these summaries generally do not describe your situation if you are a corporation, a non-U.S. person, a broker-dealer, or other investor with special circumstances. In addition, this section does not describe your state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences.

This federal income tax summary is based in part on the advice of counsel to the Funds. The Internal Revenue Service could disagree with any conclusions set forth in this section. In addition, counsel to the Funds was not asked to review, and has not reached a conclusion with respect to, the federal income tax treatment of the assets to be included in the Funds. This may not be sufficient for you to use for the purpose of avoiding penalties under federal tax law.

As with any investment, you should seek advice based on your individual circumstances from your own tax advisor.



## **Fund Status**

Each Fund intends to continue to qualify as a "regulated investment company" under the federal tax laws. If a Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and distributes its income as required by the tax law, the Fund generally will not pay federal income taxes.

## **Distributions**

The Funds' distributions are generally taxable. After the end of each year, you will receive a tax statement that separates the distributions of a Fund into two categories: ordinary income distributions and capital gain dividends. Ordinary income distributions are generally taxed at your ordinary tax rate, however, as further discussed below, certain ordinary income distributions received from a Fund may be taxed at the capital gains tax rates. Generally, you will treat all capital gain dividends as long-term capital gains regardless of how long you have owned your shares.

To determine your actual tax liability for your capital gain dividends, you must calculate your total net capital gain or loss for the tax year after considering all of your other taxable transactions, as described below. In addition, the Funds may make distributions that represent a return of capital for tax purposes and thus will generally not be taxable to you; however, such distributions may reduce your tax basis in your shares, which could result in you having to pay higher taxes in the future when shares are sold, even if you sell the shares at a loss from your original investment. The tax status of your distributions from a Fund is not affected by whether you reinvest your distributions in additional shares or receive them in cash. The income from a Fund that you must take into account for federal income tax purposes is not reduced by amounts used to pay a deferred sales fee, if any. The tax laws may require you to treat distributions made to you in January as if you had received them on December 31 of the previous year.

Income from a Fund may also be subject to a 3.8% "Medicare tax." This tax generally applies to your net investment income if your adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts, which are \$250,000 in the case of married couples filing joint returns and \$200,000 in the case of single individuals.

## **Capital Gains and Losses and Certain Ordinary Income Dividends**

If you are an individual, the maximum stated marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 20% (15% or 0% for taxpayers with taxable income below certain thresholds). Some capital gains, including some portion of your capital gain dividends may be taxed at a higher maximum stated tax rate. Capital gains may also be subject to the Medicare tax described above.

Net capital gain equals net long-term capital gain minus net short-term capital loss for the taxable year. Capital gain or loss is long-term if the holding period for the asset is more than one year and is short-term if the holding period for the asset is one year or less. You must exclude the date you purchase your shares to determine your holding period. However, if you receive a capital gain dividend from a Fund and sell your shares at a loss after holding it for six months or less, the loss will be recharacterized as long-term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain dividend received. The tax rates for capital gains realized from assets held for one year or less are generally the same as for ordinary income. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, treats certain capital gains as ordinary income in special situations.

Ordinary income dividends received by an individual shareholder from a regulated investment company such as the Funds are generally taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gain (as discussed above), provided certain holding period requirements are satisfied and provided the dividends are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Funds themselves. Each Fund will provide notice to their shareholders of the amount of any distribution which may be taken into account as a dividend which is eligible for the capital gains tax rates.

## **Dividends Received Deduction**

A corporation that owns shares generally will not be entitled to the dividends received deduction with respect to dividends received from a Fund because the dividends received deduction is generally not available for distributions from regulated investment companies. However, certain ordinary income dividends on shares that are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Funds from certain corporations may be reported by the Funds as being eligible for the dividends received deduction.

## **Sale of Shares**

If you sell or redeem your shares, you will generally recognize a taxable gain or loss. To determine the amount of this gain or loss, you must subtract your tax basis in your shares from the amount you receive in the transaction. Your tax basis in your

shares is generally equal to the cost of your shares, generally including sales charges. In some cases, however, you may have to adjust your tax basis after you purchase your shares.

### **Taxes on Purchase and Redemption of Creation Units**

If you exchange securities for Creation Units, you will generally recognize a gain or a loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time and your aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and the cash component paid. If you exchange Creation Units for securities, you will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between your basis in the Creation Units and the aggregate market value of the securities received and the cash redemption amount. The Internal Revenue Service, however, may assert that a loss realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units or Creation Units for securities cannot be deducted currently under the rules governing "wash sales," or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position.

### **Treatment of Fund Expenses**

Expenses incurred and deducted by the Funds will generally not be treated as income taxable to you. In some cases, however, you may be required to treat your portion of these Fund expenses as income. You may not be able to deduct some or all of these expenses.

### **Non-U.S. Tax Credit**

Because the Funds will invest in non-U.S. securities, the tax statement that you receive may include an item showing non-U.S. taxes a Fund paid to other countries. In this case, dividends taxed to you will include your share of the taxes such Fund paid to other countries. You may be able to deduct or receive a tax credit for your share of these taxes.

### **Non-U.S. Investors**

If you are a non-U.S. investor (*i.e.*, an investor other than a U.S. citizen or resident or a U.S. corporation, partnership, estate or trust), you should be aware that, generally, subject to applicable tax treaties, distributions from a Fund will be characterized as dividends for federal income tax purposes (other than dividends which a Fund properly reports as capital gain dividends) and will be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes, subject to certain exceptions described below. However, distributions received by a non-U.S. investor from a Fund that are properly reported by a Fund as capital gain dividends may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes, provided that a Fund makes certain elections and certain other conditions are met.

Distributions from a Fund that are properly reported by such Fund as an interest-related dividend attributable to certain interest income received by a Fund or as a short-term capital gains dividend attributable to certain net short-term capital gains income received by such Fund may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes when received by certain non-U.S. investors, provided that a Fund makes certain elections and certain other conditions are met.

Distributions may be subject to a U.S. withholding tax of 30% in the case of distributions to (i) certain non-U.S. financial institutions that have not entered into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to collect and disclose certain information and are not resident in a jurisdiction that has entered into such an agreement with the U.S. Treasury and (ii) certain other non-U.S. entities that do not provide certain certifications and information about the entity's U.S. owners. Dispositions of shares by such persons may be subject to such withholding after December 31, 2018.

### **Investments in Certain Non-U.S. Corporations**

If a Fund holds an equity interest in any passive foreign investment companies ("*PFICs*"), which are generally certain non-U.S. corporations that receive at least 75% of their annual gross income from passive sources (such as interest, dividends, certain rents and royalties or capital gains) or that hold at least 50% of their assets in investments producing such passive income, a Fund could be subject to U.S. federal income tax and additional interest charges on gains and certain distributions with respect to those equity interests, even if all the income or gain is timely distributed to its shareholders. A Fund will not be able to pass through to its shareholders any credit or deduction for such taxes. A Fund may be able to make an election that could ameliorate these adverse tax consequences. In this case, a Fund would recognize as ordinary income any increase in the value of such PFIC shares, and as ordinary loss any decrease in such value to the extent it did not exceed prior increases included in income. Under this election, a Fund might be required to recognize in a year income in excess of its distributions from PFICs and its proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock during that year, and such income would nevertheless be subject to the distribution requirement and would be taken into account for purposes of the 4% excise tax. Dividends paid by PFICs are not treated as qualified dividend income.

## Distribution Plan

FTP serves as the distributor of Creation Units for the Funds on an agency basis. FTP does not maintain a secondary market in shares.

The Board has adopted a Distribution and Service Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. In accordance with the Rule 12b-1 plan, the Funds are authorized to pay an amount up to 0.25% of their average daily net assets each year to reimburse FTP for amounts expended to finance activities primarily intended to result in the sale of Creation Units or the provision of investor services. FTP may also use this amount to compensate securities dealers or other persons that are APs for providing distribution assistance, including broker-dealer and shareholder support and educational and promotional services.

The Funds do not currently pay 12b-1 fees, and pursuant to a contractual arrangement, the Funds will not pay 12b-1 fees any time before April 30, 2019. However, in the event 12b-1 fees are charged in the future, because these fees are paid out of the Funds' assets, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than certain other types of sales charges.

## Net Asset Value

Each Fund's net asset value is determined as of the close of trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. If the NYSE closes early on a valuation day, the Fund's net asset value will be determined as of that time. Net asset value per share is calculated for a Fund by taking the market price of the Fund's total assets, including interest or dividends accrued but not yet collected, less all liabilities (including accrued expenses and dividends declared but unpaid), and dividing such amount by the total number of shares outstanding. The result, rounded to the nearest cent, is the net asset value per share. All valuations are subject to review by the Board or its delegate.

Each Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value, in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Board and in accordance with the 1940 Act. Portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than Nasdaq and the London Stock Exchange Alternative Investment Market ("AIM") are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. Securities listed on Nasdaq or AIM are valued at the official closing price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, or no official closing price in the case of securities traded on Nasdaq or AIM, the securities are fair valued at the mean of their most recent bid and ask price on such day.

Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price or official closing price, as applicable, on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Portfolio securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities trading on Nasdaq or AIM, are fair valued at the mean of their most recent bid and asked price, if available, and otherwise at the closing bid price. Short-term investments that mature in less than 60 days when purchased are fair valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discount, provided the Advisor's Pricing Committee has determined that the use of amortized cost is an appropriate reflection of fair value given market and issuer-specific conditions existing at the time of the determination.

Certain securities may not be able to be priced by pre-established pricing methods. Such securities may be valued by the Board or its delegate, the Advisor's Pricing Committee, at fair value. The use of fair value pricing by a Fund is governed by valuation procedures adopted by the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, certain restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")) for which a pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market or fair value price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of a Fund's net asset value or make it difficult or impossible to obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the pricing service, does not reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the current fair value of a security would appear to be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. When fair value prices are used, generally they will differ from the current market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchange. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities. See the Funds' SAI for details.

Because foreign securities exchanges may be open on different days than the days during which an investor may buy or sell shares of a Fund, the value of a Fund's securities may change on days when investors are not able to buy or sell shares of the Fund. The value of securities denominated in foreign currencies is converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect

at the time of valuation. Any use of a different rate from the rates used by a Fund's Index may adversely effect such Fund's ability to track its index.

## Fund Service Providers

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., 50 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, acts as the administrator, accounting agent, custodian and transfer agent for the Funds. Chapman and Cutler LLP, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, serves as legal counsel to the Funds. First Trust serves as the fund reporting agent for the Funds.

## Index Providers

The applicable Index that each Fund seeks to track is compiled by the Index Provider. The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Funds, First Trust or FTP. Each Fund is entitled to use the Index pursuant to a sublicensing arrangement with First Trust, which in turn has a licensing agreement with the Index Provider. The Index Provider or its agent also serves as calculation agent for the Index (the "*Index Calculation Agent*"). The Index Calculation Agent is responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of the Index, including calculating the value of the Index every 15 seconds, widely disseminating the Index values every 15 seconds and tracking corporate actions, some of which result in Index adjustments.

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## Index Information

### First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX® Fund

#### Index Construction

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 100 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks of companies in emerging markets.
  - v. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
  - vi. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - vii. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 134 stocks, the next largest stock below the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 134 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 100 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated



pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Australia Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Australia Index (the “Base Index”), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 40 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Australia Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 54 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 54 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the “selected stocks.” The “selected stocks” are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company’s weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Brazil Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Brazil Index (the “Base Index”), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 50 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to



traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Brazil Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ<sup>®</sup>.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 67 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 67 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust Canada AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund**

### **Index Description**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Canada Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Canada Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 40 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Canada Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.

- iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 54 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 54 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
  3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
  4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
  5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
  6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
  7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Description**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® China Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ China Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 50 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ China Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 67 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 67 stocks.

2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Construction

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 299 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
  - vi. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 400 stocks, the next largest stock below the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 400 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.

3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 300 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Construction**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index is designed to select small cap stocks from the NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 397 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization greater than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) and less than the small cap breakpoint (90th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
  - vi. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 534 stocks, the next largest stock above the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 534 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.

4. The top 400 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Construction**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 150 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 200 stocks, the next largest stock below the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 200 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 150 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.



6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Construction**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index is designed to select small cap stocks from the NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 199 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization greater than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) and less than the small cap breakpoint (90th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 267 stocks, the next largest stock above the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 267 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 200 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the



lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Europe AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Construction

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Europe Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Europe Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 199 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Europe Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks of companies in emerging markets.
  - v. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - vi. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 267 stocks, the next largest stock below the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 267 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 200 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated

pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Eurozone Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Eurozone Index, which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 149 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional passive-style indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Eurozone Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the NYSE midcap breakpoint (50th percentile).
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best style rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 150 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a country and/or sector weighting constraint. Country and sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the country/sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its country/sector, is greater than the country/sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the country/sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the country/sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to country/sector constraints. This process continues until no country/sector constraints are violated.

Changes to the Index will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted as of the last business day of the semi-annual periods ended March 31 and September 30. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Germany Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Germany Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 40 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Germany Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 54 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 54 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Description**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Hong Kong Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Hong Kong Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 40 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Hong Kong Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.

- v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 54 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 54 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Japan Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Japan Index (the "*Base Index*"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 100 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Japan Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 134 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 134 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.

3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 100 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Construction**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Latin America Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Latin America Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 50 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Latin America Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the mid cap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 67 stocks, the next largest stock below the mid cap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 67 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.

5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector/country weighting constraint. Sector/country weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector/country constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector/country, is greater than the sector/country weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector/country weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector/country weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector/country constraints. This process continues until no sector/country constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of March and September. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## **First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund**

### **Index Description**

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® South Korea Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ South Korea Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 50 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ South Korea Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. For South Korean stocks currently at their foreign ownership limit, the direct listed security is replaced in the universe with its depositary receipt if available (subject to above liquidity requirements). If none is available, the stock is excluded.
  - vi. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 67 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 67 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 50 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.



6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Switzerland Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ Switzerland Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 40 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ Switzerland Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 54 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 54 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 40 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest

quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund

### Index Description

The NASDAQ AlphaDEX® United Kingdom Index is designed to select stocks from the NASDAQ United Kingdom Index (the "Base Index"), which, as of March 31, 2018, was comprised of 75 securities, that may generate positive alpha, or risk-adjusted returns, relative to traditional indices through the use of the AlphaDEX® selection methodology. Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. The Index is constructed in the following manner:

1. Start with all stocks in the NASDAQ United Kingdom Index. Exclude the following:
  - i. Stocks which do not trade on an eligible exchange.
  - ii. Duplicates (multiple share classes) of a common issuer.
  - iii. Stocks with an average daily dollar volume over any rolling five day period during the last 60 trading days of less than \$500,000USD.
  - iv. Stocks with a market capitalization less than the midcap breakpoint (50th percentile) as calculated by NASDAQ®.
  - v. Should the steps above result in an eligible universe of fewer than 100 stocks, the next largest stock below the midcap breakpoint passing all other eligibility requirements is added until the eligible universe reaches 100 stocks.
2. Rank all remaining stocks in the universe on both growth and value factors. The five growth factors are 3, 6 & 12-month price appreciation, sales to price and 1 year sales growth. The three value factors are book value to price, cash flow to price and return on assets. All stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the growth factors and, separately, all stocks are ranked on the sum of ranks for the value factors.
3. Each stock receives the best rank from step 2 as its selection score.
4. The top 100 stocks based on the selection score determined in step 3 comprise the "selected stocks." The "selected stocks" are then split into quintiles based on their selection score. The top ranked quintile receives 5/15 (33.3%) of the portfolio weight with successive quintiles receiving 4/15 (26.7%), 3/15 (20.0%), 2/15 (13.3%) and 1/15 (6.7%), respectively. Stocks are equally weighted within each quintile.
5. After weights are assigned, each stock is tested in order of its selection score rank to check if the weight assigned to that stock violates a sector weighting constraint. Sector weighting constraints are set at 15% above the Base Index weight.
6. Stocks will fail the sector constraint if the weight assigned to the stock, when added to the weight assigned to all higher ranking stocks in its sector, is greater than the sector weighting constraint.
7. Stocks violating the sector weighting constraint test are lowered to the highest ranking position in the next lowest quintile. Stocks previously lower in rank than the violating stock move up one rank as necessary. This may result in a weighting change for the affected stocks if the move results in a higher quintile position. The violating stock is then retested for constraint violations at the new lower assigned weight. Stocks in the lowest quintile that violate the sector weighting constraint are removed from the portfolio and replaced by the highest scoring stock not originally selected, subject to sector constraints. This process continues until no sector constraints are violated.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted semi-annually as of the last business day of June and December. Changes will be effective at the open of trading on the ninth business day of the following month. Acquired companies are deleted at the close on the day the merger closes for both cash and stock deals. An acquired company's weight in the Index is reallocated pro rata

among the remaining Index constituents. Spin-offs are not included in the Index. The value of the spin-off is reallocated to the parent company.

## The Indices

The Indices were created by the Index Provider. The Funds will make changes to their portfolios shortly after changes to the Indices are released to the public. Investors are able to access the holdings of each Fund and the composition and compilation methodology of the Indices through the Funds' website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

In the event that the Index Provider no longer calculates any of the Indices, the Index license is terminated or the identity or character of any equity index of the Indices is materially changed, the Board will seek to engage a replacement index. However, if that proves to be impracticable, the Board will take whatever action it deems to be in the best interests of the Funds. The Board will also take whatever actions it deems to be in the best interests of the Funds if the Funds' shares are delisted.

## Premium/Discount Information

The tables that follow present information about the differences between each Fund's daily market price on the applicable Exchange and its net asset value. The "Market Price" of a Fund generally is determined using the midpoint between the highest bid and lowest offer on the Exchange, as of the time a Fund's net asset value is calculated. A Fund's Market Price may be at, above, or below its net asset value. The net asset value of a Fund will fluctuate with changes in the market value of its portfolio holdings. The Market Price of a Fund will fluctuate in accordance with changes in its net asset value, as well as market supply and demand.

Premiums or discounts are the differences (generally expressed as a percentage) between the net asset value and Market Price of a Fund on a given day, generally at the time net asset value is calculated. A premium is the amount that a Fund is trading above the reported net asset value. A discount is the amount that a Fund is trading below the reported net asset value.

The following information shows the frequency distribution of premiums and discounts of the daily bid/ask price of each Fund against its net asset value. The information shown for each Fund is for the periods indicated. Shareholders may pay more than net asset value when they buy Fund shares and receive less than net asset value when they sell those shares because shares are bought and sold at current market price. All data presented here represents past performance, which cannot be used to predict future results. Information about the premiums and discounts at which the Funds' shares have traded is available on the Funds' website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

### First Trust Asia Pacific Ex-Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FPA) Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value

#### Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
Period Ended 12/31/2017	102	47	5	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	23	2	1	0

#### Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
Period Ended 12/31/2017	69	28	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	21	13	1	0

**First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund (FAUS)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	53	16	1	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	36	13	0	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	116	64	1	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	10	1	1	0

**First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund (FBZ)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	71	21	2	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	21	3	2	1

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	122	34	1	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	28	6	0	0

**First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (FCAN)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	68	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	3	1	0	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	181	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	52	5	0	0

**First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund (FCA)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	24	12	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	13	24	11	2

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	100	96	18	1
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	9	2	0	0

**First Trust Developed Markets Ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund (FDT)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	193	35	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	47	8	0	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	23	0	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	6	0	0	0

**First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FDTS)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	10	4	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	19	3	0	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	44	171	22	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	27	12	0	0

**First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund (FEM)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	149	69	2	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	23	23	4	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	30	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	8	1	2	0

**First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FEMS)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	86	100	3	1
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	23	25	1	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	54	7	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	7	3	2	0

**First Trust Europe AlphaDEX® Fund (FEP)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
Period Ended 12/31/2017	177	28	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	44	5	0	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
Period Ended 12/31/2017	46	0	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	11	1	0	0



**First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX® ETF (FEUZ)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	126	71	2	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	39	14	1	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	51	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	6	1	0	0

**First Trust Germany AlphaDEX® Fund (FGM)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	157	5	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	27	9	1	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	88	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	23	1	0	0

**First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund (FHK)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	43	4	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	19	3	1	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	138	66	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	26	11	1	0

**First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FJP)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	113	39	5	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	25	8	5	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	76	17	1	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	16	7	0	0

**First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund (FLN)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	46	37	2	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	20	4	1	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	113	53	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	25	11	0	0

**First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund (FKO)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	49	32	6	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	14	24	4	2

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	85	63	16	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	14	3	0	0

**First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund (FSZ)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	171	5	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	40	10	2	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	74	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	8	1	0	0

**First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund (FKU)  
Bid/Ask Midpoint vs. Net Asset Value**

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint At/Above Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	92	1	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	13	1	0	0

**Number of Days Bid/Ask Midpoint Below Net Asset Value**

	0.00% - 0.49%	0.50% - 0.99%	1.00% - 1.99%	>=2.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/2017	148	10	0	0
3 Months Ended 3/31/2018	38	9	0	0

## Total Return Information

The tables below compare the total return of a Fund to the total return of the Index on which it is based and each Fund's benchmark index(es). The information presented for a Fund is for the period indicated.

"Average annual total returns" represent the average annual change in the value of an investment over the period indicated. "Cumulative total returns" represent the total change in value of an investment over the period indicated. The net asset value per share of a Fund is the value of one share of a Fund and is computed by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less liabilities (including accrued expenses and dividends declared but unpaid), by the total number of outstanding shares. The net asset value return is based on the net asset value per share of a Fund, and the market return is based on the market price per share of a Fund. The price used to calculate market return ("*Market Price*") generally is determined by using the midpoint between the highest bid and the lowest offer on the Exchange on which the shares of a Fund are listed for trading, as of the time that a Fund's net asset value is calculated. Since the shares of a Fund typically do not trade in the secondary market until several days after a Fund's inception, for the period from inception to the first day of secondary market trading in shares of a Fund, the net asset value of a Fund is used as a proxy for the secondary market trading price to calculate market returns. Market and net asset value returns assume that all distributions have been reinvested in a Fund at Market Price and net asset value, respectively. An index is a statistical composite that tracks a specified financial market or sector. Unlike a Fund, an index does not actually hold a portfolio of securities and therefore does not incur the expenses incurred by a Fund. These expenses negatively impact the performance of a Fund. Also, market returns do not include brokerage commissions that may be payable on secondary market transactions. If brokerage commissions were included, market returns would be lower. The total returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends on securities in the index. The returns shown in the table below do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of shares of a Fund. The investment return and principal value of shares of a Fund will vary with changes in market

conditions. Shares of a Fund may be worth more or less than their original cost when they are redeemed or sold in the market. The Funds' past performance is no guarantee of future results.

**First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FPA)  
Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	Average Annual		Cumulative	
		5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	35.93%	8.30%	5.46%	48.97%	42.79%
Market Price	33.94%	7.90%	5.33%	46.28%	41.66%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup>	36.74%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ DM Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup>	30.90%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index	25.88%	5.46%	4.59%	30.47%	35.12%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Australia AlphaDEX® Fund (FAUS)  
Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	Average Annual		Cumulative	
		5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	23.87%	6.30%	6.99%	35.74%	48.76%
Market Price	25.17%	6.14%	7.04%	34.72%	49.15%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Australia Index <sup>(1)</sup>	24.36%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Australia Index <sup>(1)</sup>	19.69%	2.97%	N/A	15.77%	N/A
MSCI Australia Index	19.93%	3.90%	5.39%	21.09%	36.14%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX® Fund (FBZ)  
Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	1 Year	Average Annual		Cumulative	
		5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	25.91%	-3.53%	-5.29%	-16.46%	-30.55%
Market Price	27.69%	-3.77%	-5.30%	-17.47%	-30.57%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Brazil Index <sup>(1)</sup>	28.82%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Brazil Index <sup>(1)</sup>	24.46%	-2.98%	N/A	-14.04%	N/A
MSCI Brazil Index	24.11%	-2.68%	-5.41%	-12.70%	-31.11%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (FCAN)  
Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	15.03%	-2.25%	-0.74%	-10.76%	-4.28%
Market Price	14.98%	-2.36%	-0.74%	-11.23%	-4.28%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Canada Index <sup>(1)</sup>	16.16%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Canada Index <sup>(1)</sup>	15.67%	2.99%	N/A	15.86%	N/A
MSCI Canada Index	16.07%	3.29%	3.40%	17.57%	21.70%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund (FCA)  
Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	58.35%	6.84%	2.66%	39.19%	19.28%
Market Price	60.06%	6.37%	2.54%	36.20%	18.30%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® China Index <sup>(1)</sup>	60.46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ China Index <sup>(1)</sup>	45.25%	10.28%	N/A	63.09%	N/A
MSCI China Index	54.07%	9.90%	6.49%	60.33%	52.45%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund (FDT)  
Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	33.57%	9.16%	5.52%	54.99%	43.36%
Market Price	34.05%	9.06%	5.54%	54.26%	43.57%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Index <sup>(1)</sup>	34.47%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Developed Markets Ex-US Index <sup>(1)</sup>	25.35%	8.01%	N/A	46.97%	N/A
MSCI World ex USA Index	24.21%	7.46%	5.43%	43.29%	42.53%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FDTS)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/15/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/15/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	36.23%	10.24%	9.29%	62.80%	68.54%
Market Price	37.01%	9.94%	9.19%	60.65%	67.61%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Developed Markets Ex-US Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup>	37.03%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup>	28.98%	10.42%	N/A	64.13%	N/A
MSCI World ex-US Small Cap Index	31.04%	11.37%	10.58%	71.31%	80.53%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX® Fund (FEM)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	39.43%	4.06%	1.89%	22.04%	13.40%
Market Price	40.59%	3.87%	1.93%	20.92%	13.68%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Index <sup>(1)</sup>	41.61%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Emerging Markets Index <sup>(1)</sup>	34.24%	4.81%	N/A	26.48%	N/A
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	37.28%	4.35%	2.45%	23.72%	17.63%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX® Fund (FEMS)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/15/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/15/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	46.57%	7.69%	9.16%	44.82%	67.34%
Market Price	48.73%	7.53%	9.26%	43.73%	68.20%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup>	49.16%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Emerging Markets Small Cap Index <sup>(1)</sup>	31.94%	6.48%	N/A	36.85%	N/A
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index	33.84%	5.41%	5.11%	30.15%	34.01%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.



**First Trust Europe AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FEP)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	35.67%	11.00%	6.77%	68.50%	55.12%
Market Price	36.01%	10.57%	6.74%	65.25%	54.80%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Europe Index <sup>(1)</sup>	36.17%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ DM Europe Index <sup>(1)</sup>	25.85%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MSCI Europe Index	25.51%	7.37%	5.49%	42.70%	43.09%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> ETF (FEUZ)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual		Cumulative
	1 Year	Inception (10/21/2014)	Inception (10/21/2014)
<b>Fund Performance</b>			
Net Asset Value	36.19%	13.64%	50.45%
Market Price	36.89%	13.67%	50.57%
<b>Index Performance</b>			
NASDAQ AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Eurozone Index	36.31%	14.26%	53.10%
NASDAQ Eurozone Index	28.30%	9.09%	32.05%
MSCI EMU Index	28.07%	8.46%	29.60%

**First Trust Germany AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FGM)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	43.96%	10.80%	11.43%	67.01%	88.86%
Market Price	43.72%	10.62%	11.38%	65.67%	88.35%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX <sup>®</sup> Germany Index <sup>(1)</sup>	44.37%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Germany Index <sup>(1)</sup>	27.53%	8.94%	N/A	53.47%	N/A
MSCI Germany Index	27.70%	8.68%	9.66%	51.60%	71.93%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund (FHK)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	40.31%	8.22%	9.95%	48.46%	74.58%
Market Price	40.90%	7.95%	9.86%	46.62%	73.79%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Hong Kong Index <sup>(1)</sup>	45.27%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Hong Kong Index <sup>(1)</sup>	35.61%	8.51%	N/A	50.45%	N/A
MSCI Hong Kong Index	36.17%	10.08%	10.80%	61.67%	82.68%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Japan AlphaDEX® Fund (FJP)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	26.70%	12.22%	7.44%	77.93%	61.83%
Market Price	26.84%	12.08%	7.44%	76.85%	61.79%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup>	27.40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Japan Index <sup>(1)</sup>	25.07%	11.84%	N/A	75.01%	N/A
MSCI Japan Index	23.99%	11.16%	8.27%	69.74%	70.38%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund (FLN)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	20.50%	-1.59%	-1.98%	-7.68%	-12.53%
Market Price	21.52%	-1.90%	-2.00%	-9.15%	-12.66%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Latin America Index <sup>(1)</sup>	22.55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Latin America Index <sup>(1)</sup>	22.93%	-3.99%	N/A	-18.43%	N/A
MSCI EM Latin America Index	23.74%	-3.20%	-4.00%	-15.03%	-23.96%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund (FKO)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)	5 Years	Inception (4/18/2011)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	35.39%	3.27%	0.94%	17.45%	6.50%
Market Price	35.24%	2.64%	0.87%	13.91%	6.00%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® South Korea Index <sup>(1)</sup>	31.93%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ South Korea Index <sup>(1)</sup>	44.24%	6.33%	N/A	35.91%	N/A
MSCI South Korea Index	47.30%	6.67%	4.58%	38.13%	34.98%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX® Fund (FSZ)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	31.26%	12.16%	12.07%	77.53%	95.36%
Market Price	31.69%	12.04%	12.11%	76.54%	95.76%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® Switzerland Index <sup>(1)</sup>	31.45%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ Switzerland Index <sup>(1)</sup>	23.20%	8.34%	N/A	49.25%	N/A
MSCI Switzerland Index	22.51%	8.17%	9.27%	48.06%	68.41%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

**First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund (FKU)**  
**Total Returns as of December 31, 2017**

	Average Annual			Cumulative	
	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)	5 Years	Inception (2/14/2012)
<b>Fund Performance</b>					
Net Asset Value	25.53%	6.19%	7.96%	35.03%	56.87%
Market Price	25.04%	5.98%	7.80%	33.70%	55.48%
<b>Index Performance</b>					
NASDAQ AlphaDEX® United Kingdom Index <sup>(1)</sup>	26.61%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NASDAQ United Kingdom Index <sup>(1)</sup>	23.76%	6.04%	N/A	34.06%	N/A
MSCI United Kingdom Index	22.30%	5.21%	5.78%	28.94%	39.15%

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance data is not available for all the periods shown in the table for the index because performance data does not exist for some of the entire periods.

## Financial Highlights

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance for the periods shown. Certain information reflects financial results for a single share of a Fund. The total returns represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in a Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The information for the periods indicated has been derived from financial statements audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, whose report, along with each Fund's financial statements, is included in the Funds' Annual Report to Shareholders dated December 31, 2017 and is incorporated by reference in the Funds' SAI, which is available upon request.

### First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

#### Financial Highlights

#### For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FPA)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 27.16	\$ 27.72	\$ 27.93	\$ 27.89	\$ 27.53
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.93	0.48	0.55	0.41	0.54
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	8.76	(0.38)	(0.28)	0.78	0.48
Total from investment operations	9.69	0.10	0.27	1.19	1.02
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.12)	(0.66)	(0.22)	(1.06)	(0.66)
Return of capital	—	—	(0.26)	(0.09)	—
Total distributions	(1.12)	(0.66)	(0.48)	(1.15)	(0.66)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 35.73	\$ 27.16	\$ 27.72	\$ 27.93	\$ 27.89
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	35.93%	0.29%	0.97%	4.23%	3.83%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$58,959	\$32,593	\$36,036	\$30,727	\$57,167
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	2.95%	1.68%	1.55%	1.46%	1.48%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(b)</sup>	94%	96%	127%	186%	118%

a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

b) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Australia AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FAUS)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$28.55	\$27.10	\$28.97	\$29.99	\$31.21
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	1.06	0.70	0.98	1.16	0.62
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	5.67	2.77	(2.05)	(0.67)	(0.78)
Total from investment operations	6.73	3.47	(1.07)	0.49	(0.16)
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.61)	(2.02)	(0.80)	(1.51)	(1.06)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$33.67	\$28.55	\$27.10	\$28.97	\$29.99
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	23.87%	12.80%	(3.68)%	1.47%	(0.61)%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$1,684	\$1,427	\$2,710	\$1,449	\$1,500
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.81% <sup>(b)</sup>	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	3.33%	2.50%	3.64%	3.65%	3.10%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	75%	92%	101%	99%	92%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Includes excise tax. If this excise tax expense was not included, the expense ratio would have been 0.80%.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Brazil AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FBZ)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$13.93	\$ 8.87	\$ 15.65	\$ 19.45	\$ 23.42
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	2.46	0.34	0.36	0.78	0.53
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	1.06	4.95	(6.80)	(3.84)	(3.97)
Total from investment operations	3.52	5.29	(6.44)	(3.06)	(3.44)
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.77)	(0.23)	(0.33)	(0.74)	(0.53)
Net realized gain	(0.17)	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	(0.01)	—	—
Total distributions	(1.94)	(0.23)	(0.34)	(0.74)	(0.53)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$15.51	\$ 13.93	\$ 8.87	\$ 15.65	\$ 19.45
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	25.91%	59.89% <sup>(b)</sup>	(41.80)%	(16.40)%	(14.72)%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$9,308	\$100,299	\$ 2,218	\$ 3,912	\$ 5,835
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.84% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.80%	0.81% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.80%	0.81% <sup>(c)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	3.19%	2.34%	2.90%	4.04%	2.40%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>	159%	111%	106%	104%	85%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) The Fund received a reimbursement from the advisor in the amount of \$69,112, which represents \$0.02 per share. Since the advisor reimbursed the Fund, there was no effect on the Fund's total return.

(c) Includes excise tax. If this excise tax expense was not included, the expense ratio would have been 0.80%.

(d) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.



## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Canada AlphaDEX® Fund (FCAN)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$23.29	\$21.51	\$ 31.44	\$ 36.11	\$ 31.62
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.28	0.22	0.27	0.75	0.53
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	3.18	1.70	(10.00)	(4.62)	4.43
Total from investment operations	3.46	1.92	(9.73)	(3.87)	4.96
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.27)	(0.14)	(0.20)	(0.80)	(0.47)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$26.48	\$23.29	\$ 21.51	\$ 31.44	\$ 36.11
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	15.03%	8.94%	(30.98)%	(10.86)%	15.75%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$6,621	\$6,987	\$ 6,452	\$34,579	\$77,628
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.12%	0.98%	1.32%	1.44%	2.08%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(b)</sup>	85%	114%	166%	103%	47%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust China AlphaDEX® Fund (FCA)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$19.28	\$20.78	\$22.58	\$ 23.56	\$24.74
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.47	0.42	0.85	0.58	0.62
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	10.70	(1.44)	(1.80)	(1.00)	(1.13)
Total from investment operations	11.17	(1.02)	(0.95)	(0.42)	(0.51)
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.68)	(0.48)	(0.85)	(0.56)	(0.67)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$29.77	\$19.28	\$20.78	\$ 22.58	\$23.56
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	58.35%	(4.96)% <sup>(b)</sup>	(4.37)%	(1.68)%	(1.63)%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$7,443	\$3,856	\$9,351	\$15,803	\$4,711
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.69%	2.07%	3.85%	2.04%	2.12%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	69%	197%	177%	79%	110%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) The Fund received a reimbursement from the advisor in the amount of \$9,330, which represents \$0.03 per share. Since the advisor reimbursed the Fund, there was no effect on the Fund's total return.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX® Fund (FDT)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 47.43	\$ 46.63	\$ 47.14	\$ 50.96	\$ 43.93
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.88	0.73	0.65	0.73	0.80
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	14.98	0.90	(0.31)	(3.72)	7.20
Total from investment operations	15.86	1.63	0.34	(2.99)	8.00
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.98)	(0.83)	(0.66)	(0.83)	(0.97)
Return of capital	—	—	(0.19)	—	—
Total distributions	(0.98)	(0.83)	(0.85)	(0.83)	(0.97)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 62.31	\$ 47.43	\$ 46.63	\$ 47.14	\$ 50.96
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	33.57%	3.55%	0.67%	(5.98)%	18.40% <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$810,194	\$158,997	\$167,953	\$108,510	\$147,877
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.85%	1.46%	1.36%	1.43%	1.58%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	104%	124%	115%	115%	109%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) The Fund received a reimbursement from the advisor in the amount of \$15,029, which represents less than \$0.01 per share. Since the advisor reimbursed the Fund, there was no effect on the Fund's total return.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FDTS)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$33.70	\$33.32	\$32.07	\$ 36.63	\$30.49
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.71	0.50	0.45	0.57	0.49
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	11.41	0.47	1.37	(4.30)	6.31
Total from investment operations	12.12	0.97	1.82	(3.73)	6.80
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.93)	(0.59)	(0.57)	(0.83)	(0.66)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$44.89	\$33.70	\$33.32	\$ 32.07	\$36.63
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	36.23%	2.96%	5.65%	(10.36)%	22.56%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$8,977	\$6,741	\$6,665	\$ 6,414	\$3,663
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.80%	1.53%	1.31%	1.54%	1.82%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(b)</sup>	111%	127%	137%	137%	171%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Emerging Markets AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FEM)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 20.50	\$ 18.10	\$ 21.53	\$ 24.55	\$ 26.11
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.59	0.49	0.68	0.62	0.62
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	7.43	2.37	(3.46)	(3.03)	(1.53)
Total from investment operations	8.02	2.86	(2.78)	(2.41)	(0.91)
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.68)	(0.46)	(0.64)	(0.61)	(0.65)
Return of capital	—	—	(0.01)	—	—
Total distributions	(0.68)	(0.46)	(0.65)	(0.61)	(0.65)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 27.84	\$ 20.50	\$ 18.10	\$ 21.53	\$ 24.55
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	39.43%	15.86%	(13.11)%	(10.04)%	(3.35)%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$499,663	\$148,603	\$114,925	\$476,909	\$330,136
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.81% <sup>(b)</sup>	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	2.69%	2.49%	2.29%	2.76%	2.01%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	101%	119%	112%	116%	132%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Includes foreign capital gains tax. If this tax expense was not included, the expense ratio would have been 0.80%.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Emerging Markets Small Cap AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FEMS)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 30.42	\$ 27.43	\$ 32.64	\$ 35.44	\$ 34.16
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	1.11	0.64	0.71	0.62	0.50
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	12.96	3.08	(5.03)	(2.29)	1.42
Total from investment operations	14.07	3.72	(4.32)	(1.67)	1.92
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.26)	(0.73)	(0.80)	(1.08)	(0.64)
Net realized gain	(0.21)	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	(0.09)	(0.05)	—
Total distributions	(1.47)	(0.73)	(0.89)	(1.13)	(0.64)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 43.02	\$ 30.42	\$ 27.43	\$ 32.64	\$ 35.44
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	46.57%	13.53% <sup>(b)</sup>	(13.39)%	(4.89)%	5.65%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$271,055	\$94,306	\$24,684	\$40,799	\$51,391
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.93% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	3.26%	2.39%	2.53%	2.11%	1.84%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>	113%	121%	151%	174%	144%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) The Fund received a reimbursement from the advisor in the amount of \$2,732, which represents less than \$0.01 per share. Since the advisor reimbursed the Fund, there was no effect on the Fund's total return.

(c) Ratio reflects foreign capital gain tax expense of 0.14% which is not covered under the annual unitary management fee.

(d) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.



## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Europe AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FEP)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 29.32	\$ 29.61	\$ 29.50	\$ 33.10	\$ 25.68
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.49	0.53	0.62	0.70	0.45
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	9.90	(0.20)	0.14	(3.58)	7.49
Total from investment operations	10.39	0.33	0.76	(2.88)	7.94
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.64)	(0.62)	(0.65)	(0.72)	(0.52)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 39.07	\$ 29.32	\$ 29.61	\$ 29.50	\$ 33.10
Total Return <sup>(a)</sup>	35.67%	1.24%	2.53%	(8.90)%	31.33% <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$707,087	\$249,188	\$408,613	\$277,286	\$405,481
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.39%	2.03%	2.12%	2.39%	0.78%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	100%	103%	118%	106%	94%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) The Fund received a reimbursement from the advisor in the amount of \$42,521, which represents less than \$0.01 per share. Since the advisor reimbursed the Fund, there was no effect on the Fund's total return.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Eurozone AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FEUZ)

	Year Ended December 31,			Period Ended December 31,
	2017	2016	2015	2014 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 32.64	\$31.66	\$ 30.89	\$ 30.55
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>				
Net investment income (loss)	0.47	0.50	0.34	0.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	11.26	1.17	0.77	0.34
Total from investment operations	11.73	1.67	1.11	0.35
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>				
Net investment income	(0.56)	(0.69)	(0.23)	(0.01)
Return of capital	—	—	(0.11)	—
Total distributions	(0.56)	(0.69)	(0.34)	(0.01)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 43.81	\$32.64	\$ 31.66	\$ 30.89
<b>Total Return<sup>(b)</sup></b>	36.19%	5.49%	3.54%	1.14%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>				
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$39,425	\$6,529	\$11,080	\$338,213
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>				
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80% <sup>(c)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	0.96%	1.70%	0.30%	0.08% <sup>(c)</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>	77%	98%	21%	2%

(a) Inception date is October 21, 2014, which is consistent with the commencement of operations and is the date the initial creation units were established.

(b) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(c) Annualized.

(d) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Germany AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FGM)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 36.47	\$ 36.37	\$ 36.07	\$ 41.48	\$ 33.42
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	1.00	0.47	0.35	0.62	0.60
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	14.87	0.11	0.36	(5.34)	8.12
Total from investment operations	15.87	0.58	0.71	(4.72)	8.72
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.08)	(0.46)	(0.34)	(0.69)	(0.66)
Return of capital	—	(0.02)	(0.07)	—	—
Total distributions	(1.08)	(0.48)	(0.41)	(0.69)	(0.66)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 51.26	\$ 36.47	\$ 36.37	\$ 36.07	\$ 41.48
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	43.96%	1.67%	1.94%	(11.60)%	26.61%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$258,845	\$98,478	\$189,111	\$57,715	\$47,702
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	2.38%	1.32%	1.34%	1.92%	1.43%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(b)</sup>	82%	114%	90%	83%	50%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Hong Kong AlphaDEX® Fund (FHK)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$32.53	\$33.72	\$ 38.29	\$ 38.60	\$34.57
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	2.41	1.33	0.78	1.20	0.92
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	10.59	(1.17)	(4.35)	(0.58)	3.98
Total from investment operations	13.00	0.16	(3.57)	0.62	4.90
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(2.83)	(1.35)	(1.00)	(0.93)	(0.87)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$42.70	\$32.53	\$ 33.72	\$ 38.29	\$38.60
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	40.31%	0.54%	(9.51)%	1.63%	14.42%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$6,406	\$8,133	\$141,620	\$40,204	\$3,860
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.81% <sup>(b)</sup>	0.81% <sup>(b)</sup>	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	4.83%	0.98%	2.82%	5.30%	2.23%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	76%	257%	106%	43%	57%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Includes excise tax. If this excise tax expense was not included, the expense ratio would have been 0.80%.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust Japan AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FJP)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 47.85	\$ 47.18	\$ 44.99	\$ 46.02	\$ 35.49
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.64	0.48	0.46	0.49 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.33
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	12.08	0.88	2.13	(1.03)	10.53
Total from investment operations	12.72	1.36	2.59	(0.54)	10.86
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.77)	(0.69)	(0.40)	(0.49)	(0.33)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 59.80	\$ 47.85	\$ 47.18	\$ 44.99	\$ 46.02
<b>Total Return <sup>(b)</sup></b>	26.70%	2.91%	5.73%	(1.22)%	30.66% <sup>(c)</sup>
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$83,718	\$47,852	\$96,714	\$38,238	\$103,550
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.22%	0.86%	0.99%	1.06%	0.91%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>	101%	122%	105%	148%	51%

(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

(b) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(c) The Fund received a reimbursement from the advisor in the amount of \$7,227, which represents less than \$0.01 per share. Since the advisor reimbursed the Fund, there was no effect on the Fund's total return.

(d) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Latin America AlphaDEX® Fund (FLN)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 18.74	\$ 13.28	\$ 19.09	\$ 23.43	\$ 26.60
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	1.56	0.31	0.40	0.73	0.48
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	2.23	5.35	(5.90)	(4.32)	(3.17)
Total from investment operations	3.79	5.66	(5.50)	(3.59)	(2.69)
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(2.10)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.75)	(0.48)
Return of capital	—	—	(0.05)	—	—
Total distributions	(2.10)	(0.20)	(0.31)	(0.75)	(0.48)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 20.43	\$ 18.74	\$ 13.28	\$ 19.09	\$ 23.43
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	20.50%	42.81%	(29.08)%	(15.80)%	(10.17)%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$17,363	\$106,805	\$ 3,985	\$ 5,726	\$ 8,202
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.82% <sup>(b)</sup>	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.81% <sup>(b)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	3.02%	1.62%	2.36%	3.11%	2.10%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	187%	186%	129%	103%	138%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(b) Includes excise tax. If this excise tax expense was not included, the expense ratio would have been 0.80%.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.



## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust South Korea AlphaDEX® Fund (FKO)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$21.90	\$22.89	\$23.85	\$ 27.85	\$26.34
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.35	(0.01)	0.09	0.07 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.04
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	7.38	(0.57)	(0.81)	(3.83)	1.67
Total from investment operations	7.73	(0.58)	(0.72)	(3.76)	1.71
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.11)	—	(0.07)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Return of capital	—	(0.41)	(0.17)	(0.04)	—
Total distributions	(0.11)	(0.41)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.20)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$29.52	\$21.90	\$22.89	\$ 23.85	\$27.85
<b>Total Return <sup>(b)</sup></b>	35.39%	(2.74)%	(3.11)%	(13.60)%	6.54%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$2,952	\$4,379	\$3,434	\$ 3,578	\$5,570
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.38%	(0.08)%	0.32%	0.25%	(0.09)%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(c)</sup>	77%	268%	138%	97%	66%

(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

(b) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. The returns presented do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption or sale of Fund shares. Total return is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year.

(c) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### First Trust Switzerland AlphaDEX<sup>®</sup> Fund (FSZ)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 40.82	\$ 39.97	\$ 38.09	\$ 40.79	\$ 32.38
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.66	0.75	0.44	0.56	0.82
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	12.03	0.89	1.87	(2.54)	8.38
Total from investment operations	12.69	1.64	2.31	(1.98)	9.20
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(0.78)	(0.74)	(0.43)	(0.48)	(0.79)
Return of capital	—	(0.05)	—	(0.24)	—
Total distributions	(0.78)	(0.79)	(0.43)	(0.72)	(0.79)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 52.73	\$ 40.82	\$ 39.97	\$ 38.09	\$ 40.79
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	31.26%	4.21%	6.06%	(5.06)%	28.89%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$237,288	\$104,080	\$191,851	\$53,332	\$26,510
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.43%	1.91%	1.82%	0.86%	1.58%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(b)</sup>	50%	92%	82%	72%	49%

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(b) Portfolio turnover is calculated for the time period presented and is not annualized for periods of less than a year and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions and in-kind transactions.

## First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX® Fund II

### Financial Highlights

For a share outstanding throughout each period

### First Trust United Kingdom AlphaDEX® Fund (FKU)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 32.85	\$ 40.12	\$ 39.29	\$ 42.46	\$ 34.03
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	1.15	1.01	1.04	1.20	0.92
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	7.14	(7.43)	0.85	(3.08)	8.50
Total from investment operations	8.29	(6.42)	1.89	(1.88)	9.42
<b>Distributions paid to shareholders from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.17)	(0.85)	(1.06)	(1.29)	(0.99)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 39.97	\$ 32.85	\$ 40.12	\$ 39.29	\$ 42.46
<b>Total Return <sup>(a)</sup></b>	25.53%	(16.08)%	4.75%	(4.53)%	28.17%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$17,986	\$27,926	\$210,651	\$64,830	\$27,598
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	2.87%	2.47%	2.97%	2.67%	2.74%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(b)</sup>	98%	109%	91%	67%	63%

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## Other Information

### Continuous Offering

Each Fund will issue, on a continuous offering basis, its shares in one or more groups of a fixed number of Fund shares (each such group of such specified number of individual Fund shares, a "Creation Unit Aggregation"). The method by which Creation Unit Aggregations of Fund shares are created and traded may raise certain issues under applicable securities laws. Because new Creation Unit Aggregations of shares are issued and sold by a Fund on an ongoing basis, a "distribution," as such term is used in the Securities Act, may occur at any point. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner which could render them statutory underwriters and subject them to the prospectus delivery requirement and liability provisions of the Securities Act.

For example, a broker-dealer firm or its client may be deemed a statutory underwriter if it takes Creation Unit Aggregations after placing an order with FTP, breaks them down into constituent shares and sells such shares directly to customers, or if it chooses to couple the creation of a supply of new shares with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for shares. A determination of whether one is an underwriter for purposes of the Securities Act must take into account all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the activities of the broker-dealer or its client in the particular case, and the examples mentioned above should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that could lead to a characterization as an underwriter.

Broker-dealer firms should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters" but are effecting transactions in shares, whether or not participating in the distribution of shares, are generally required to deliver a prospectus. This is because the prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act is not available in respect of such transactions as a result of

Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act. The Trust, on behalf of each Fund, however, has received from the Securities and Exchange Commission an exemption from the prospectus delivery obligation in ordinary secondary market transactions under certain circumstances, on the condition that purchasers are provided with a product description of the shares. As a result, broker-dealer firms should note that dealers who are not underwriters but are participating in a distribution (as contrasted with ordinary secondary market transactions) and thus dealing with the shares that are part of an over-allotment within the meaning of Section 4(a)(3)(C) of the Securities Act would be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act. Firms that incur a prospectus delivery obligation with respect to shares are reminded that, under the Securities Act Rule 153, a prospectus delivery obligation under Section 5(b)(2) of the Securities Act owed to a broker-dealer in connection with a sale on the Exchange is satisfied by the fact that the prospectus is available from the Exchange upon request. The prospectus delivery mechanism provided in Rule 153 is available with respect to transactions on a national securities exchange, a trading facility or an alternative trading system.

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### For More Information

For more detailed information on the Funds, several additional sources of information are available to you. The SAI, incorporated by reference into this prospectus, contains detailed information on the Funds' policies and operation. Additional information about the Funds' investments is available in the annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. In the Funds' annual reports, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly impacted the Funds' performance during the last fiscal year. The Funds' most recent SAI, annual and semi-annual reports and certain other information are available free of charge by calling the Funds at (800) 621-1675, on the Funds' website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com) or through your financial advisor. Shareholders may call the toll-free number above with any inquiries.

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