

Strategy Characteristics

Dividend Yield	1.7%
Number of Securities	18
Annual Turnover	18%

Largest Holdings

IVW iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF	10.2%
IVE iShares S&P 500 Value ETF	9.9%
RSP Guggenheim S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF	9.4%
IJK iShares S&P Mid-Cap 400 Growth ETF	8.0%
VGK Vanguard FTSE Europe ETF	7.6%
IJJ iShares S&P Mid-Cap 400 Value ETF	6.8%
IWO iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF	6.0%
IWN iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF	5.9%
IYC iShares U.S. Consumer Services ETF	5.1%
KBE SPDR S&P Bank ETF	4.6%

The listing of "Largest Holdings" is not a complete list of all securities in the strategy or which First Trust Advisors L.P. (FTA) may be currently recommending. Furthermore, application of the investment strategy as of a later date will likely result in changes to the listing.

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Portfolio Objective

The ETF Asset Allocation – Growth is an aggressive strategy that seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) across multiple asset classes.

Investment Selection Process

Core-Satellite Approach

The **Core portion** of the strategy attempts to generate superior returns while achieving ample diversification. The **Satellite portion** utilizes ETFs which are more narrowly focused than ETFs held in the Core portion in order to capitalize on shorter-term thematic, sector and country specific opportunities.

Core Allocation

Generally, 75-90% of the strategy is allocated to the Core portion, which is comprised of relatively broad-based ETFs representing domestic equity styles, international equity regions, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and commodities. The strategy does not hold fixed-income securities.

The **Core allocation** is determined by a joint examination of the results of a quantitative optimization procedure and a top-down strategic analysis of asset class level fundamentals. Weight changes to the Core allocation normally occur on a quarterly basis.

Satellite Allocation

More narrowly-focused sector, country and thematic ETFs are analyzed to identify tactical opportunities.

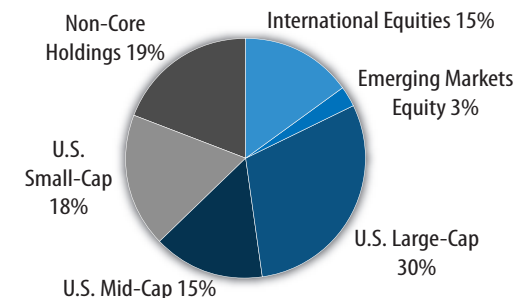
Potential Sector ETF holdings are generally evaluated on the basis of fundamentals such as earnings momentum trends and relative valuation and macro-economic factors such as the business cycle stage or commodity price trends.

Country ETFs may be selected on the basis of earnings growth projections, valuation levels, sector exposures in the country, economic prospects or currency trends.

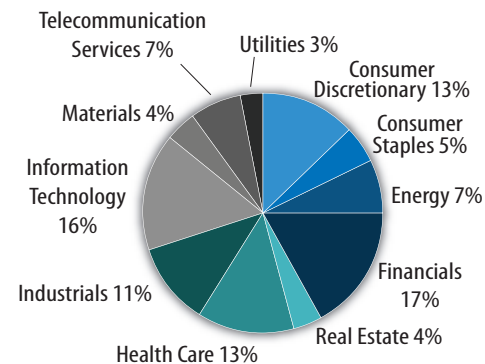
Thematic ETF holdings are more narrowly focused than sector or country ETFs and are selected on the basis of improving fundamental trends or compelling valuation levels.

Changes to the **Satellite Allocation** may occur throughout the quarter as conditions warrant.

Asset Allocation



Equity Sector Allocation



You could lose money by investing in the Strategy. There can be no assurance that the Strategy will achieve its investment objectives.

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	Pure Gross-of-Fees Return*%	Net-of-Fees Return %	Blended Benchmark Return %
YTD	6.58	5.39	7.13
1 Year	11.97	10.30	13.57
3 Year Annualized	14.67	12.92	15.41
5 Year Annualized	10.66	8.99	11.20
10 Year Annualized	10.30	8.71	10.38
Since Inception (10/1/07) Annualized	6.94	5.44	6.72

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Year	Pure Gross-of-Fees Return*	Net-of-Fees Return	Blended Benchmark Return	Composite 3-Year St. Dev.	Blended Benchmark 3-Year St. Dev.	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion	Composite Market Value (in millions)	Total Firm Assets (in millions)
2007 (10/1/07 thru 12/31/07)	-3.00%	-3.12%	-2.63%	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	\$ 0.2	\$10,065.9
2008	-38.71%	-39.49%	-39.53%	N/A	N/A	11	N/A	1.0	5,537.2
2009	34.44%	32.39%	31.53%	N/A	N/A	11	0.29%	1.4	9,683.6
2010	21.58%	19.66%	15.42%	N/A	N/A	16	0.16%	3.2	16,879.5
2011	-3.75%	-5.16%	-2.68%	21.54%	20.16%	20	0.24%	8.1	16,444.5
2012	13.50%	11.93%	16.67%	17.18%	16.55%	35	0.19%	13.3	22,603.8
2013	28.77%	27.65%	28.88%	14.18%	13.31%	39	0.55%	12.0	32,021.6
2014	7.53%	5.97%	8.33%	10.54%	9.86%	52	0.35%	15.4	39,743.5
2015	-1.63%	-3.12%	-0.93%	11.15%	10.67%	43	0.18%	10.0	44,272.5
2016	13.35%	11.56%	10.82%	11.89%	11.00%	29	0.10%	8.0	45,620.1
2017	19.80%	17.99%	22.69%	10.73%	10.22%	35	0.04%	10.7	62,193.2
2018 (1/1/18 thru 9/30/18)	6.58%	5.39%	7.13%	N/A	N/A	38	N/A	11.7	77,161.5

* Pure gross-of-fees returns are presented as supplemental information to the disclosures required by GIPS®.

Notes:

1. First Trust Advisors L.P. (FTA) was founded in 1991 and is a registered investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). FTA provides investment advisory services using equity, fixed-income and balanced strategies for individuals, organizations and institutions. The firm consists of all portfolios managed by FTA. Since 2011, the Total Firm Assets are presented net and have been reduced for the effects of leverage. Prior to 2011, the Total Firm Assets are presented gross and have not been reduced for the effects of leverage.
2. The ETF Asset Allocation-Growth Composite invests in equity Exchange-Traded Funds designed for a growth investor. The composite creation date was October 2007. A complete list of composites and descriptions is available upon request.
3. The composite includes 100% wrap portfolios since inception for which FTA has full discretionary investment authority and are fee-paying portfolios. The composite does not utilize a material level of leverage.
4. Composite net-of-fees returns are presented net of actual fees, but in instances where actual fees are not identifiable, a maximum model fee of 3% is applied. Net-of-fees returns include investment management fees, custodian fees, trading costs and all other administrative fees. Pure gross-of-fees returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including investment management fees, custodian fees, trading costs and other administrative fees. Prior to 12/31/11, quarterly and annual composite returns were calculated by linking monthly returns. Each portfolio in the composite was valued at least on a monthly basis. If cash flows exceed 10% of the composite's value, the composite was revalued on the day prior to the cash flow and the return was calculated for the interim period. Starting 1/1/12, composite returns are calculated on a daily basis.
5. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. Returns are calculated net of foreign taxes recorded on a cash basis and dividend accruals do not include pending withholding tax reclaims. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance and preparing compliant presentations is available upon request.
6. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented prior to 2011 because it was not required.
7. Composite dispersion is measured by standard deviation, which is an asset-weighted calculation that measures the consistency of composite performance with respect to the individual portfolio returns within the composite. Dispersion of portfolios in the composite is not applicable if the period presented is less than a full year or if there were fewer than five portfolios in the composite for the entire year.
8. The benchmark return is a blend of the following indexes; Russell 3000 Index (75%) - composed of 3000 large U.S. companies, as determined by market capitalization, and MSCI All Country World ex U.S. Net Return Index (25%) - a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States.
9. The securities comprising the benchmark are not identical to those in any portfolio in the composite, but FTA believes they may be useful in evaluating performance. Unlike the composite, the benchmark is not actively managed and does not reflect the deduction of advisory fees. Differences in composite performance versus benchmark performance may also result due to high concentrations of individual securities holdings in certain portfolios, timing of security transactions and tax considerations. Such factors may contribute to higher standard deviation of portfolio returns within the composite. The benchmark is rebalanced daily. Benchmark returns have not been examined by the verifier.
10. The FTA management fee schedule is an annual fee of 0.50%. FTA, at its discretion, may negotiate a management fee which is different from the standard fee schedule listed here. The overall wrap fee expense for accounts in the composite will typically range from 1.00% to 3.00%.
11. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Other methods may produce different results, and the results for individual portfolios and for different periods may vary depending on market conditions and the composition of the portfolio. Care should be used when comparing these results to those published by other investment advisers, other investment vehicles and unmanaged indices due to possible differences in calculation methods.

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