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*Expenses are capped contractually at 0.60% per year, at least until April 30, 2020.

*NAV returns are based on the fund’s net asset value which represents the fund’s net assets (assets less liabilities) divided by the fund’s outstanding shares. After Tax Held returns represent return after taxes on distributions. Assumes shares have not been sold. After Tax Sold returns represent the return after taxes on distributions and the sale of fund shares. Returns do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. Market Price returns are based on the midpoint of the bid/ask spread on the stock exchange on which shares of the fund are listed for trading as of the time that the fund’s NAV is calculated. Returns are average annualized total returns, except those for periods of less than one year, which are cumulative. The fund’s performance reflects fee waivers and expense reimbursements, absent which performance would have been lower. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. The after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

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Index Facts

- **Index Description**
  - This index is designed to represent microcap stocks trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), NYSE Amerex and Nasdaq that are comparatively liquid and have strong fundamentals relative to the micro-capitalization segment as a whole.
  - Covers securities whose market capitalizations fall within a range defined by the bottom two deciles of NYSE stocks.
  - Stocks are screened based on market capitalization, trading volume, and financial indicators that include trailing price/earnings ratio, trailing price/sales ratio, per-share profit change for the previous quarter, operating profit margin and six-month total return.

- **Net Expense Ratio** = 0.73%
- **Gross Expense Ratio** = 0.60%
- **Rebalance Frequency** = Quarterly
- **Primary Listing** = NYSE Arca
- **Index Inception Date** = 6/27/05
- **Index Ticker** = DJSMT
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First Trust Dow Jones Select MicroCap Index Fund  

As of 12/31/19

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ETF Characteristics

The fund lists and principally trades its shares on the NYSE Arca, Inc. The fund’s return may not match the return of the Dow Jones Select MicroCap Index™. Securities held by the fund will generally not be bought or sold in response to market fluctuations.

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Risk Considerations

The fund’s shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the fund. One of the principal risks of investing in the fund is market risk. Market risk is the risk that a particular stock owned by the fund, fund shares or stocks in general may fall in value. There can be no assurance that the fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

The fund may invest in securities issued by companies concentrated in a particular industry. The fund invests in micro-capitalization companies which may be more vulnerable to adverse general market or economic developments, may be less liquid, and may experience greater price volatility than larger, more established companies.

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