Firm Overview

First Trust Portfolios L.P. and its affiliate, First Trust Advisors L.P., were established in 1991. The firms provide advisory services and a variety of innovative financial solutions, including UITs, ETFs, CEFs, SMAs, Structured Investments distribution, portfolios for Variable Annuities and Mutual Funds.

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Ryan has appeared on a number of national television outlets including CNBC, Fox Business and Bloomberg. He has also given interviews to several print outlets including The Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Investor's Business Daily, Bloomberg, Reuters, US News and World Report, Fortune Magazine, the LA Times and Investment Advisor magazine, for which he authored a monthly column on ETF investing.

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