

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the First Trust Commercial Mortgage Opportunities ETF (the “Fund”) for the period of February 27, 2024 (commencement of investment operations) to July 31, 2024 (the “Period”). You can find additional information about the Fund at [www.ftportfolios.com/fund-documents/etf/CAAA](http://www.ftportfolios.com/fund-documents/etf/CAAA). You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-800-621-1675 or [info@ftportfolios.com](mailto:info@ftportfolios.com).

## WHAT WERE THE FUND COSTS FOR THE LAST YEAR?

(Based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
First Trust Commercial Mortgage Opportunities ETF	\$24 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.55% <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Fund commenced investment operations on February 27, 2024. Had the Fund been in operation for a complete fiscal year, the cost of a \$10,000 investment would have been higher.

<sup>(2)</sup> Annualized.

## HOW DID THE FUND PERFORM LAST YEAR? WHAT AFFECTED THE FUND’S PERFORMANCE?

The Fund returned 3.41% from the Fund’s inception date on February 27, 2024 through July 31, 2024. The Fund underperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg Non-Agency Investment Grade CMBS: US Aggregate Eligible Aaa Index, which returned 3.58% for the same Period.

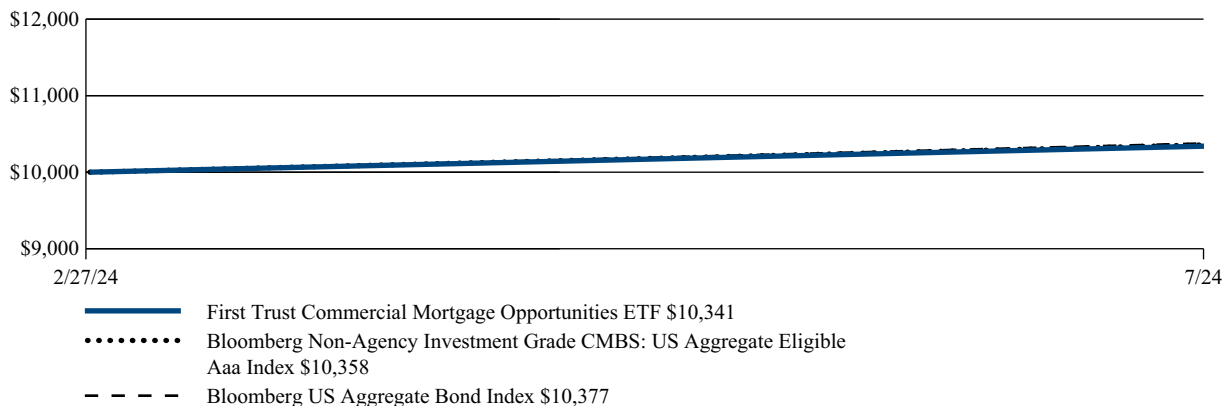
This 17 basis points (“bps”) of underperformance was the result of relative positioning.

Although the Fund had a portfolio duration in line with its benchmark, the Fund’s overall yield curve positioning detracted from performance during the Period. The Fund utilized interest rate futures to manage its curve exposure. An underweight in the front end of the curve detracted from performance during the Period as the 2-Year Treasury yield rallied 43 bps over the period. The Fund’s overweight in the longer, ten-year portion of the curve, benefited performance as the 10-Year Treasury yield rallied 27 bps, but overall curve performance detracted. The Fund’s exposure to single asset single borrower commercial mortgage-backed securities contributed to the Fund’s overall higher level of income, while widening spreads from that exposure detracted from the Fund’s overall relative performance during the Period.

## FUND PERFORMANCE (February 27, 2024 to July 31, 2024)

The performance line graph below shows the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 initial investment in the Fund over a ten-year period (or for the life of the Fund, if shorter). The subsequent account value as of the end of the Period is listed next to the name of the Fund or index, as applicable. The performance table below shows the average annual total returns of the Fund for the past one-, five-, and ten-year periods, as applicable (or for the life of the Fund, if shorter), as of the end of the Period. Both the line graph and performance table compare the Fund's performance to an appropriate broad-based index and may compare to additional indices reflecting the market segment(s) in which the Fund invests over the same periods.

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF \$10,000



Average Annual Total Returns (as of July 31, 2024)	Since Inception (2/27/24)
First Trust Commercial Mortgage Opportunities ETF	3.41%
Bloomberg Non-Agency Investment Grade CMBS: US Aggregate Eligible Aaa Index	3.58%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	3.77%

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**The Fund's past performance is not a good predictor of the Fund's future performance.** The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.

Performance in securitized product investment strategies can be impacted from the benefits of purchasing odd lot positions. The impact of these investments can be particularly meaningful when funds have limited assets under management and may not be a sustainable source of performance as a fund grows in size.

## KEY FUND STATISTICS (As of July 31, 2024)

Fund net assets	\$15,260,806
Total number of portfolio holdings	53
Total advisory fee paid	\$34,925
Portfolio turnover rate	97%

## WHAT DID THE FUND INVEST IN? (As of July 31, 2024)

The tables below show the investment makeup of the Fund, representing the percentage of net assets and total investments, respectively, of the Fund.

FUND ALLOCATION	
Mortgage-Backed Securities	97.3%
U.S. Government Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.8%
U.S. Government Bonds and Notes	0.2%
Money Market Funds	2.6%
Net Other Assets and Liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.9%)
Total	100.0%

CREDIT QUALITY <sup>(2)</sup>	
AAA	95.0%
AA	1.4%
Government & Agency	1.0%
Money Market Funds	2.6%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes variation margin on futures contracts.

<sup>(2)</sup> The ratings are by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs), including S&P Global Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Fitch Ratings, DBRS, Inc., Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc. or a comparably rated NRSRO. For situations in which a security is rated by more than one NRSRO and the ratings are not equivalent, the highest rating is used. A credit rating is an assessment provided by a NRSRO, of the creditworthiness of an issuer with respect to debt obligations. Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Investment grade is defined as those issuers that have a long-term credit rating of BBB- or higher. "NR" indicates no rating. The credit ratings shown relate to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities in the fund, and not to the fund or its shares. U.S. Agency, U.S. Agency mortgage-backed, and U.S. Treasury securities appear under "Government & Agency." Credit ratings are subject to change.

## WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND?

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