

FAD

First Trust Multi Cap Growth AlphaDEX Fund

Analyst Report

This ETF offers broad-based exposure to U.S. equity markets, including stocks across a number of different sectors and companies of various sizes. As such, FAD may be appealing to investors building a long-term, buy-and-hold portfolio; this fund covers an asset class that is a core holding of most investor portfolios. FAD is one of the AlphaDEX products from First Trust, meaning that it is linked to an index that employs stock screening tactics with the objective of outperforming simple cap-weighted benchmarks. The AlphaDEX methodology has an impressive track record, so those in hunt of alpha may want to take a closer look at this "enhanced" ETF that is linked to a quant-based index. Those seeking to minimize costs will probably steer clear, as FAD is considerably more expensive than IWZ (which seeks to replicate the Russell 3000 Growth Index). FAB is a trade-off between the potential to beat a broad cap-weighted benchmark (such as the Russell 3000) and increased annual expenses. Those who believe the AlphaDEX methodology can generate alpha over the long term may prefer this fund, while those who believe in efficient markets may want to stick to simple cap-weighting.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.68/10

ESG Rate

25.99%

Global Percentile

37.66%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FAD	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	8.39%	3.45%	2.01%
3 Month	20.54%	10.77%	10.48%
YTD Return	20.77%	11.76%	6.68%
1 Year Return	38.89%	23.62%	14.10%
3 Year Return	24.14%	11.81%	8.04%
5 Year Return	11.51%	4.39%	2.77%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
SNDK	Sandisk Corporation	1.25%
MU	Micron Technology, Inc.	1.22%
WDC	Western Digital Corporation	1.00%
STX	Seagate Technology Holdings PLC	0.99%
MRVL	Marvell Technology, Inc.	0.91%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.63%
Inception	May 08, 2007
Index Tracked	NASDAQ AlphaDEX Multi Cap Growth Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	All Cap Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Multi-Cap
Asset Class Style	Growth
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. - Total Market Growth
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Growth
Strategy	Growth
Weighting	Tiered

