

FBT

First Trust NYSE Arca Biotechnology Index Fund Analyst Report

FBT is one of a handful of biotech ETFs available, offering exposure to a corner of the market that can perform well during periods of consolidation and is capable of big jumps in the event of major drug approvals. FBT focuses on a narrow sector of the health care market segment, and as such is probably too precise for most investors seeking to construct a long-term portfolio. But this ETF can be useful for those seeking to fine tune exposure or for those bullish on the sector over the long run. FBT focuses primarily on U.S. stocks, and consists primarily of mid cap and small cap securities. FBT's portfolio is somewhat limited, though the equal-weighted methodology of the underlying index ensures that assets are balanced across all components. That feature can be particularly important in the biotech space, where specific companies are capable of turning in big gains over short periods of time. PBE and IBB are other ETF options for biotech exposure; those considering this sector should take a close look at depth of exposure and weighing methodology, as these factors can have a major impact on the risk and return profiles achieved.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.59/10

ESG Rate

24.53%

Global Percentile

17.46%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FBT	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	8.44%	3.56%	-0.50%
3 Month	13.79%	3.73%	2.09%
YTD Return	10.03%	2.81%	10.22%
1 Year Return	38.58%	26.42%	46.14%
3 Year Return	13.36%	7.04%	12.09%
5 Year Return	5.65%	0.44%	2.81%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
CORT	Corcept Therapeutics Incorporated.	5.84%
VCYT	Veracyte, Inc.	4.49%
NEO	NeoGenomics, Inc.	4.39%
BRKR	Bruker Corporation	4.32%
AXSM	Axsome Therapeutics, Inc.	4.19%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.55%
Inception	Jun 19, 2006
Index Tracked	NYSE Arca Biotechnology Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Health & Biotech 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. Biotechnology
Category	Sector
Focus	Health Care
Niche	Biotechnology
Strategy	Equal
Weighting	Equal

