

FDT

First Trust Developed Markets ex-US AlphaDEX Fund Analyst Report

This ETF is one of many options that offers exposure to developed markets outside of the U.S., an asset class that includes stocks from Western Europe, Japan, and Australia. It should also be noted that FDT includes meaningful exposure to Canadian stocks, distinguishing this fund from EAFE ETFs that avoid North American equities altogether. Given this focus, FDT may have appeal to investors building a long-term, buy-and-hold portfolio; ex-U.S. developed markets exposure should be a core component of portfolios for those in it for the long run. FDT is unique because of the methodology employed by the underlying index; this ETF is part of the AlphaDEX suite of products that employs a quant-based approach with the goal of identifying component companies that maintain the greatest potential for capital appreciation. In exchange for this attempt to generate alpha, which may be appealing to those opposed to market cap weighting, investors can expect to pay a little bit more. FDT's expense ratio is on the high end of the range for its ETFdb Category; those who believe the AlphaDEX methodology is capable of generating excess returns over the long run may be willing to pay for this exposure, while those looking to keep costs down and simply own the market may prefer other options (such as SCHF).

ESG Themes and Scores

6.5/10

ESG Rate

48.14%

Global Percentile

1.03%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FDT	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	4.23%	2.92%	2.47%
3 Month	8.40%	6.06%	4.79%
YTD Return	24.88%	11.51%	10.14%
1 Year Return	53.71%	24.80%	21.09%
3 Year Return	29.87%	16.95%	13.51%
5 Year Return	12.71%	7.97%	6.15%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
009150	Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd	1.61%
011070	LG Innotek Co., Ltd	1.53%
402340	SK Square Co., Ltd.	1.12%
000660	SK hynix Inc.	1.09%
1888	Kingboard Laminates Holdings Limited	1.09%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.80%
Inception	Apr 18, 2011
Index Tracked	NASDAQ AlphaDEX Developed Markets Ex-US Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Foreign Large Cap Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Multi-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Markets
Region (Specific)	Broad

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Developed Markets Ex-U.S. - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Tiered

