

FDTs

First Trust Developed Markets ex-US Small Cap AlphaDEX Fund Analyst Report

This ETF utilizes the AlphaDEX strategy to invest in ex-U.S. small caps. This methodology involves a quantitative screening methodology designed to identify the stocks from a specific universe that have the greatest potential for capital appreciation. Specifically, stocks from the eligible universe are ranked on growth factors such as recent price appreciation, sales-to-price ratio, and one year sales growth, and separately on value factors such as book value to price ratio, cash flow to price ratio, and return on assets. Stocks with the highest scores are included in the benchmark, and the highest weightings are afforded larger weightings.

For those looking to make a play on small cap equities, FDTs certainly makes for a viable option. The fund has nearly 400 holdings though it is important to note that it has a relatively high focus on Japan, an economy that many believe presents a dismal outlook. As far as small cap exposure is concerned, FDTs could be a core holding of your portfolio, but only if you truly buy into the AlphaDEX strategy, otherwise this ETF can make for a great complimentary holding to what small cap allocations you already have in place.

ESG Themes and Scores

4.93/10

ESG Rate

15.3%

Global Percentile

1.0%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FDTs	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-4.51%	-1.50%	-2.08%
3 Month	0.48%	5.49%	3.01%
YTD Return	13.44%	10.46%	7.86%
1 Year Return	32.77%	22.91%	18.50%
3 Year Return	23.31%	16.05%	15.82%
5 Year Return	10.07%	6.71%	5.51%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
004170	Shinsegae Co., Ltd	0.95%
080220	Jeju Semiconductor Corp.	0.80%
420770	GigaVis Co., Ltd.	0.75%
131290	TSE Co., Ltd	0.73%
319660	PSK INC	0.72%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.80%
Inception	Feb 15, 2012
Index Tracked	NASDAQ AlphaDEX DM Ex-US Small Cap Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Foreign Small & Mid 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. - Small Cap
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Small Cap
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Tiered

