

FPA

First Trust Asia Pacific ex-Japan AlphaDEX Fund Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to a handful of developed economies in Asia, including South Korea, Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore but excluding Japan. As such, this fund may be appealing to those who are looking to tilt developed markets exposure towards Asia, but are skeptical of Japan's ability to generate meaningful GDP growth. Many of the underlying economies are included in broad-based international ETFs, so beware double-dipping on some of these markets (though FPA can be useful for a tactical overweight position). While there are multiple Asia ex-Japan ETFs available, FPA is unique because of the methodology underlying the related index. This ETF is part of the AlphaDEX suite of ETFs from First Trust that are linked to indexes utilizing quant-based screens in an attempt to identify the stocks poised to outperform their broad peer group. In exchange for this advanced methodology, investors will have to pay a bit more; FPA is a bit more expensive than cap-weighted ETF options such as AAXJ and EPP (though the gap is relatively small compared to expense differentials among U.S equity funds). For those who believe that the AlphaDEX methodology has the ability to generate excess returns over the long run, this ETF may be very appealing as a way of overweighting developed Asian economies in a long-term portfolio or for establishing a short-term tactical tilt towards this region. For those looking to minimize fees or skeptical about the ability of the methodology to add value, EPP may be a better option.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.67/10	25.81%	1.58%
ESG Rate	Global Percentile	Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FPA	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.24%	1.35%	-1.25%
3 Month	20.98%	13.16%	8.78%
YTD Return	44.25%	14.85%	19.60%
1 Year Return	56.72%	29.11%	28.01%
3 Year Return	30.87%	13.61%	18.69%
5 Year Return	12.38%	4.96%	7.30%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
009150	Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd	6.15%
1888	Kingboard Laminates Holdings Limited	5.02%
148	Kingboard Holdings Limited	4.95%
402340	SK Square Co., Ltd.	3.94%
000660	SK hynix Inc.	3.26%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.80%
Inception	Apr 18, 2011
Index Tracked	NASDAQ AlphaDEX Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Asia Pacific Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Broad Asia
Region (Specific)	Pacific ex-Japan

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Developed Asia-Pacific Ex-Japan - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Tiered

