

FXG

First Trust Consumer Staples AlphaDEX Fund

Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to the U.S. consumer staples sector, seeking to replicate an index that employs a unique strategy designed to generate excess returns relative to traditional cap-weighted benchmarks. The underlying AlphaDEX Index employs a quant-based screening methodology designed to identify stocks poised for outperformance relative to a broader universe consisting of consumer staples stocks. In return for exposure to this strategy, which has historically delivered impressive returns across the entire suite, investors can expect to pay a bit more; FXG's expense ratio is about 50 basis points higher than low cost options for financial exposure such as FCD and XLP. The unique index construction methodology has some other potential advantages; FXG maintains much a lower concentration of top holdings than do cap-weighted funds such as XLP. As such, performance isn't as dependent on a handful of large cap stocks, potentially giving a better way to access financials. For those who believe in the merits of the AlphaDEX methodology and willing to pay a little extra for a shot at alpha, FXG can be an excellent way to gain exposure to the consumer staples sector.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.32/10

ESG Rate

41.14%

Global Percentile

51.06%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FXG	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	1.38%	0.53%	0.54%
3 Month	0.42%	4.11%	3.09%
YTD Return	3.04%	8.45%	6.14%
1 Year Return	1.26%	4.59%	3.18%
3 Year Return	2.27%	3.70%	2.92%
5 Year Return	3.60%	3.60%	2.81%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
CASY	Casey's General Stores, Inc.	4.73%
REYN	Reynolds Consumer Products Inc	4.18%
COKE	Coca-Cola Consolidated, Inc.	3.98%
MCK	McKesson Corporation	3.81%
SFD	Smithfield Foods, Inc.	3.79%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.63%
Inception	May 08, 2007
Index Tracked	StrataQuant Consumer Staples Index

ETF Database Themes

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

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. Consumer Staples
Category	Sector
Focus	Consumer Staples
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Tiered

