

FYX

First Trust Small Cap Core AlphaDEX Fund

Analyst Report

FYX seeks to replicate a benchmark which offers exposure to small cap firms in the U.S. equity market. The investment thesis behind small caps is that these firms are likely to provide strong growth prospects to a portfolio and should have a much easier time growing than their large cap counterparts. However, these securities are extremely volatile and can experience large losses or gains in a very short period of time. Despite their volatility, these products should probably be in every investors' portfolio as they tend to move somewhat independently of large caps and can be a better 'pure play' on the American economy. This particular ETF, since it focuses on both value and growth securities, could provide more of a diversified play than products that just focus on 'growth' or 'value' securities within this segment. Thanks to this broad focus, FYX has a large number of securities-- close to 450 in total-- and does a phenomenal job of dividing up assets among the components as no one company makes up more than 60 basis points of total assets. Thanks to this high level of diversification and FYX's 'alpha' methodology, the fund could make for a quality addition to portfolios of investors who are looking for small cap exposure and do not have a preference in terms of value or growth equities.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.03/10	15.73%	3.71%
ESG Rate	Global Percentile	Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	FYX	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	2.52%	1.85%	2.39%
3 Month	10.44%	7.18%	6.78%
YTD Return	19.91%	12.48%	12.87%
1 Year Return	47.44%	31.60%	25.71%
3 Year Return	21.93%	13.19%	9.38%
5 Year Return	8.68%	3.30%	3.33%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
MXL	MaxLinear, Inc.	0.94%
TE	T1 Energy Inc.	0.67%
AAOI	Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	0.59%
GTX	Garrett Motion Inc	0.53%
MYRG	MYR Group Inc.	0.46%

Vitals

Issuer	First Trust
Brand	First Trust
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.58%
Inception	May 08, 2007
Index Tracked	Nasdaq AlphaDEX Small Cap Core Index

ETF Database Themes

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

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. - Small Cap
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Small Cap
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Tiered

