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First Trust Equity Edge® Index
Methodology

The First Trust Equity Edge® Index (the "Index") seeks to provide exposure to U.S. equities that exhibit high quality attributes through their focus on growing and paying strong dividends. The Index blends two unique methodologies found within the Nasdaq U.S. Rising Dividend Achievers™ Index and the Value Line® Dividend Index that have seasoned track records in focusing on quality and value. The Index is equally-weighted with a rebalance quarterly.

NASDAQ U.S. RISING DIVIDEND ACHIEVERS™ INDEX
(50% WEIGHT)

Growing Dividends and Earnings

Dividend growing companies tend to provide exposure to high-quality stocks with lower volatility and a history of outperformance even during periods of market turmoil.

However, dividend growing companies do not always mean "highest income" because they are trying to grow earnings and dividends for shareholders.

VALUE LINE® DIVIDEND INDEX
(50% WEIGHT)

Low Volatility & Above-Average Dividends

The Value Line® Safety Ranking utilizes a Price Stability Rank and Financial Strength Rating for companies to determine high quality and low volatility businesses.

Investors gain exposure to a stable dividend strategy through financial strength and above-average dividends.

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Nasdaq US Rising Dividend Achievers™ Index (NQDVRIS)

Starting Universe | Nasdaq US Benchmark™ Index > Eliminate REITs
Largest 750 Companies with 3-Month Average Daily Dollar Trading Volume ≥ $5 Million

Examine Financial Results

Select 50 Companies with Lowest Combined Score and Equal Weight for Inclusion in the Sub-Portfolio

March Sub-Portfolio | **June Sub-Portfolio** | **September Sub-Portfolio** | **December Sub-Portfolio**

Sub-Portfolios are Combined. Reconstitute and Rebalance One Sub-Portfolio Each Quarter. Rebalance Overall Index Annually

Value Line® Dividend Index (VLFVD)

Value Line's universe tracks 1,700 stocks from 100 industries

Only stocks with a Value Line® Safety™ Ranking of 1 or 2 are selected

Select stocks with an indicated dividend yield greater than that of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index and a market cap of $1 billion or more

Equally weighted to eliminate single stock risk and the process is repeated monthly

Equally-Weight Indexes (50% each)
Rebalance Quarterly the second Friday of March, June, September, December

Daily Performance Adjustment of 0.55% per annum

FIRST TRUST EQUITY EDGE® INDEX

In addition to the information contained herein, refer to the Index Methodology Rule Book for a full description of the Index methodology.
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