

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.

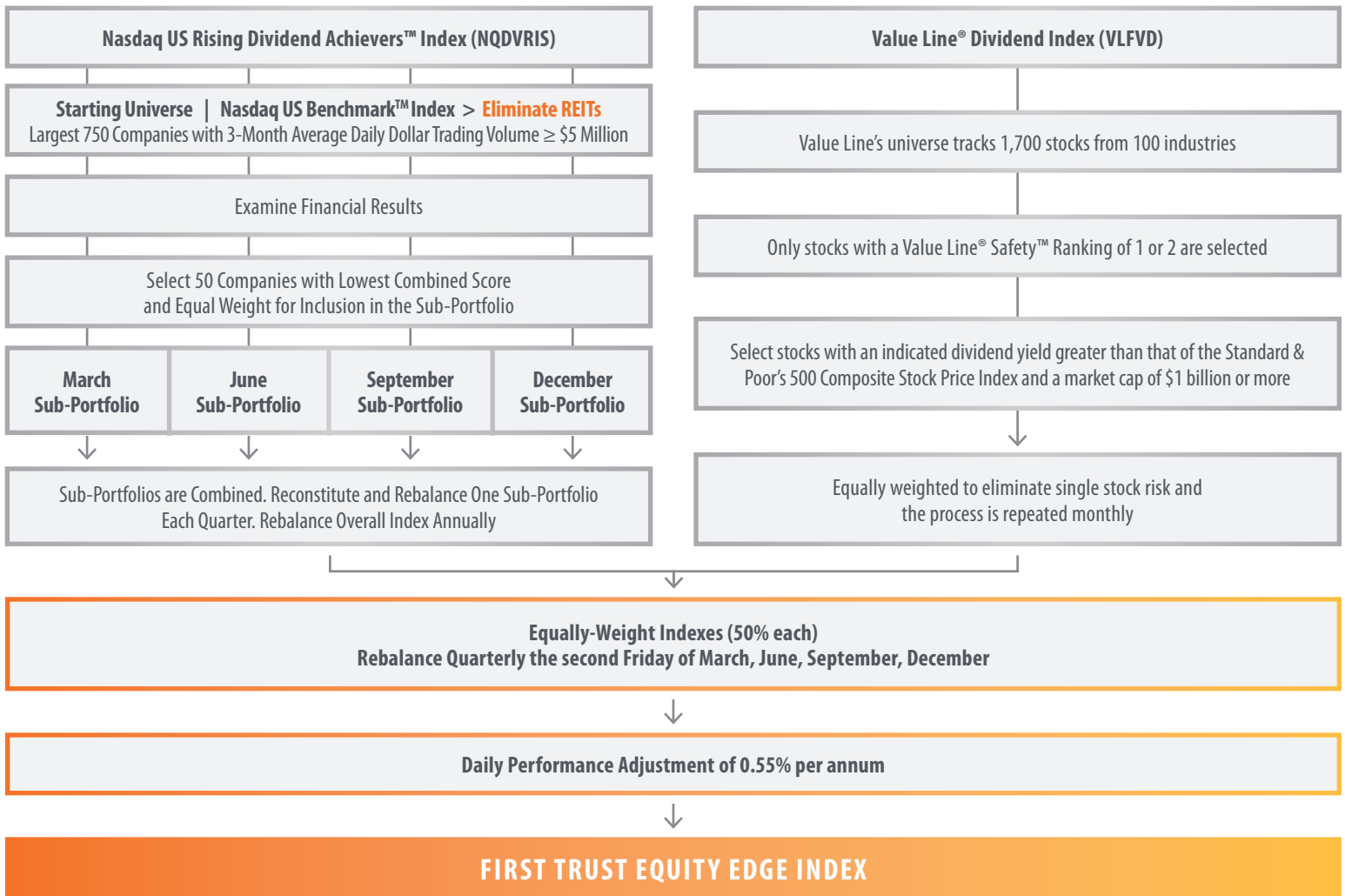
VALUE LINE® DIVIDEND INDEX (50% WEIGHT)

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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In addition to the information contained herein, refer to the Index Methodology Rule Book for a full description of the Index methodology. Please see additional important disclosures on the following page.

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