

# First Trust Hedged BuyWrite Income ETF

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## >> Fund Objective

This actively managed exchange-traded fund seeks to provide current income.

### >> Fund Facts

Fund Ticker	FTLB
CUSIP	33738R407
Intraday NAV	FTLBIV
Fund Inception Date	1/6/14
Expense Ratio	0.85%
30-Day SEC Yield <sup>†</sup>	0.81%
Primary Listing	Nasdaq

#### >> Fund Description

- The First Trust Hedged BuyWrite Income ETF seeks to pursue its investment objective by combining a stock portfolio with an index option strategy.
  - The fund will invest primarily in U.S. equity securities of all market capitalizations, favoring high dividend-paying common stocks.
  - The fund will also utilize an options strategy in which it will write (sell) U.S. exchange-traded covered call options on the S&P 500 Index seeking to generate additional cash flow in the form of premiums on the options that may be distributed to shareholders on a monthly basis. A premium is the income received by an investor who sells the option contract to another party.
  - The fund may use a portion of the option premiums to purchase U.S. exchange-traded put options on the S&P 500 Index. This hedging strategy will seek to provide this fund downside protection and reduce the fund's price sensitivity to declining markets.
- » Through the investment process, the advisor seeks to maximize returns through a portfolio that is tactical and transparent.
  - The Advisor selects the equity portion from a universe of U.S. exchange-listed common stocks of all market capitalizations, American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts.
  - The Advisor will then apply a mathematical optimization process which uses market capitalization, liquidity, operating cash
    flow, dividend yield, share repurchases, and debt issuance factor constraints to produce a diversified portfolio favoring higher
    dividend-paying stocks that will seek to have an approximate tracking error of 300 500 basis points (3-5%) relative to the
    S&P 500 Index.
  - The Advisor will apply a covered call strategy to potentially generate additional income and also utilize an options hedging strategy using index put options. This hedging strategy will seek to provide the fund downside protection and reduce the fund's sensitivity to declining markets.
  - The equity portfolio will be rebalanced periodically at the discretion of the investment team. The option portfolio will be actively managed reflecting the underlying portfolio and market conditions and opportunities.

### >> Fund Advisor

- » First Trust Advisors L.P. is the advisor to the fund and manages the fund's portfolio.
- » Daily investment decisions are made by:
  - John Gambla, CFA, FRM, PRM, Senior Portfolio Manager, Alternatives Investment Team of First Trust
  - Rob A. Guttschow, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, Alternatives Investment Team of First Trust

>>> Performance Summary (%)	3 N	1onth	YTD 1 Year 3 Yea		3 Year	5 Year 10 Year			Since Fund Inception		
Fund Performance*											
Net Asset Value (NAV)	-(	-0.90		5.98 13.66		0.49	3.89		_	- 4.03	
After Tax Held		-1.22		12.19		-0.79	2.58		_	2.65	
After Tax Sold	-(	-0.54 4.12		8.05		-0.18	2.42		_	2.48	
Market Price	-(	).90	7.29 13.71 0.51		0.51	4.35 —		_	4.04		
Index Performance**											
CBOE S&P 500 95-110 Collar Index <sup>sм</sup>	(	).15	10.23	18	3.81 16.17		15.10		_	10.52	
S&P 500 Index	C	).58	15.92	30.00 15.99		16.90 –		-	13.95		
» Calendar Year Total Returns (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD
FTLB	_	_	-	_	0.94	9.67	12.69	-8.98	13.44	-6.45	6.98
CBOE S&P 500 95-110 Collar Index <sup>sм</sup>	_	_	_	_	-3.98	4.14	16.67	3.30	25.24	17.97	10.23
S&P 500 Index	-	-	-	-	1.38	11.96	21.83	-4.38	31.49	18.40	15.92
» 3-Year Statistics	Standard D	Standard Deviation (%)		Alpha		Beta	Sharpe Ratio		Correla	ation	
FTLB	10	10.37		-8.59		0.58	-0.01			0.6	4
CBOE S&P 500 95-110 Collar Index <sup>sм</sup>	11	.63	- 1.00		1.00	1.25		1.00			

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and shares when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. You can obtain performance information which is current through the most recent month-end by visiting www.ftportfolios.com.

\*NAV returns are based on the fund's net asset value which represents the fund's net assets (assets less liabilities) divided by the fund's outstanding shares. After Tax Held returns represent return after taxes on distributions. Assumes shares have not been sold. After Tax Sold returns represent the return after taxes on distributions and the sale of fund shares. Returns do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. Market Price returns are determined by using the midpoint of the national best bid offer price ("NBBO") as of the time that the fund's NAV is calculated. Returns are average annualized total returns, except those for periods of less than one year, which are cumulative. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. The after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement agreements.

\*\*The CBOE S&P 500 95-110 Collar Indexs\* is the fund's benchmark. Indexes do not charge management fees or brokerage expenses, and no such fees or expenses were deducted from the performance shown. Indexes are unmanaged and an investor cannot invest directly in an index.



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## >> Portfolio Information<sup>1</sup>

Number Of Holdings	216
Maximum Market Cap.	\$2,339.02 Billion
Median Market Cap.	\$17.69 Billion
Minimum Market Cap.	\$825 Million
Price/Earnings	14.11
Price/Book	2.26
Price/Cash Flow	8.81
Price/Sales	1.11

# » Top Holdings (%)

Apple, Inc.	4.43
Microsoft Corporation	3.98
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.69
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	2.62
General Electric Company	2.26
M&T Bank Corporation	2.05
U.S. Bancorp	1.83
Lumen Technologies Inc.	1.71
Campbell Soup Company	1.59
Alphabet, Inc.	1.57

# >> Top Sector Exposure (%)

Financials	19.00
Health Care	17.61
Information Technology	14.14
Energy	9.90
Consumer Discretionary	9.72
Materials	9.21
Communication Services	9.08
Industrials	5.55
Consumer Staples	3.28
Real Estate	0.75
Utilities	0.74

# » Portfolio Options Information

% Portfolio with Call Options	58.78%
Average Time Until Expiration of Calls	47 Days
Average Call Moneyness (OTM) <sup>2</sup>	4.29%
% Portfolio with Put Options	40.69%
Average Time Until Expiration of Puts	240 Days
Average Put Moneyness (OTM) <sup>2</sup>	8.88%

You should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses carefully before investing. Contact First Trust Portfolios L.P. at 1-800-621-1675 or visit www.ftportfolios.com to obtain a prospectus or summary prospectus which contains this and other information about the fund. The prospectus or summary prospectus should be read carefully before investing.

### **Risk Considerations**

Investors buying or selling fund shares on the secondary market may incur customary brokerage commissions. Market prices may differ to some degree from the net asset value of the shares. Investors who sell fund shares may receive less than the share's net asset value. Shares may be sold throughout the day on the exchange through any brokerage account. However, unlike mutual funds, shares may only be redeemed directly from a fund by authorized participants in very large creation/redemption units. If a fund's authorized participants are unable to proceed with creation/redemption orders and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, fund shares may trade at a discount to a fund's net asset value and possibly face delisting. A fund's shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in a fund. One of the principal risks of investing in a fund is market risk. Market risk is the risk that a particular stock owned by a fund, fund shares or stocks in general may fall in value. There can be no assurance that a fund's investment objective will be achieved. The outbreak of the respiratory disease designated as COVID-19 in December 2019 has caused significant volatility and declines in global financial markets, which have caused losses for investors. While the development of vaccines has slowed the spread of the virus and allowed for the resumption of "reasonably" normal business activity in the United States, many countries continue to impose lockdown measures in an attempt to slow the spread. Additionally, there is no guarantee that vaccines will be effective against emerging variants of the disease.

In managing a fund's investment portfolio, the portfolio managers will apply investment techniques and risk analyses that may not have the desired result.

A fund may be subject to the risk that a counterparty will not fulfill its obligations which may result in significant financial loss to a fund.

A fund's covered call strategy may limit its ability to distribute dividends eligible for treatment as qualified dividend income and to distribute dividends eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-US currencies may affect the value of a fund's investments and the value of a fund's shares.

As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, funds have become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security. Depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market. The use of derivatives, including options can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives.

A fund may be a constituent of one or more indices which could greatly affect a fund's trading activity, size and volatility.

As inflation increases, the present value of the Fund's assets and distributions may decline. Certain fund investments may be subject to restrictions on resale, trade over-the-counter or in limited volume, or lack an active trading market. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value.

Securities of non-U.S. issuers are subject to additional risks, including currency fluctuations, political risks, withholding, the lack of adequate financial information, and exchange control restrictions impacting non-U.S. issuers.

A fund and a fund's advisor may seek to reduce various operational risks through controls and procedures, but it is not possible to completely protect against such risks.

High portfolio turnover may result in higher levels of transaction costs and may generate greater tax liabilities for shareholders.

A fund with significant exposure to a single asset class, country, region, industry, or sector may be more affected by an adverse economic or political development than a broadly diversified fund. Securities of small- and mid-capitalization companies may experience greater price volatility and be less liquid than larger, more established companies.

If, in any year, a fund which intends to qualify as a Registered Investment Company (RIC) under the applicable tax laws fails to do so, it would be taxed as an ordinary corporation.

Trading on the exchange may be halted due to market conditions or other reasons. There can be no assurance that the requirements to maintain the listing of a fund on the exchange will continue to be met or be unchanged.

Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. First Trust Advisors L.P. is the adviser to the fund. First Trust Advisors L.P. is an affiliate of First Trust Portfolios L.P., the fund's distributor.

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### Definitions

Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). Alpha is an indication of how much an investment outperforms or underperforms on a risk-adjusted basis relative to its benchmark. Beta is a measure of price variability relative to the market. Sharpe Ratio is a measure of excess reward per unit of volatility. Correlation is a measure of the similarity of performance. The CBOE S&P 500 95-110 Collar Index\*\* is a benchmark index designed to provide investors with insights as to how one might protect an investment in S&P 500 stocks against market declines at a reduced cost. This strategy accepts a ceiling or cap on S&P 500 gains in return for a floor on S&P 500 losses by holding the stocks in the S&P 500 Index, buying three-month S&P 500 put options to protect this S&P 500 portfolio from market decreases and selling one-month S&P 500 call options to help finance the cost of the put options. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 stocks used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Portfolio information statistics exclude cash and options.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Moneyness is how much an option contract's strike price is in-the-money (ITM) or out-of-the-money (OTM) expressed as a percentage of the price of the option contract's underlying asset.