

### >> Fund Objective

This exchange-traded fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield (before the fund's fees and expenses) of an equity index called The Capital Strength Index<sup>SM</sup>.

### >> Fund Facts

Fund Ticker	FTCS
CUSIP	33733E104
Intraday NAV	FTCSIV
Fund Inception Date	7/6/06
Gross Expense Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.55%
Net Expense Ratio	0.55%
Rebalance Frequency	Quarterly
Primary Listing	Nasdaq

### >> Index Facts

Index Ticker	NQCAPSTT
Index Inception Date	3/20/13

### >> Index Description According to the Index Provider

- >> A security must be a common stock or REIT that is a member of the Nasdaq US Benchmark Index<sup>TM</sup>. The largest 500 securities by float-adjusted market capitalization with a minimum three-month average daily dollar trading volume of \$5 million are selected. Multiple share classes of the same issuer are excluded.
- >> To be eligible for inclusion in the index, companies must have:
  - at least \$1 billion in cash or short-term investments.
  - a long-term debt to market cap ratio less than 30%.
  - a return on equity greater than 15%.
- >> Eligible securities are then ranked by a combined short-term (90 days) and long-term (260 days) realized volatility.
- >> The 50 securities with the lowest combined volatility score are selected for inclusion in the index.
- >> A maximum weight of 30% in any one Industry Classification Benchmark industry is allowed. If an industry has a weight greater than 30%, the highest ranking security by volatility will be removed and replaced with the next eligible security from a different industry. This process is repeated until no industry has a weight greater than 30%.
- >> The index stocks are equally weighted initially and on each rebalancing effective date. The index is reconstituted and rebalanced on a quarterly basis.

### >> Performance Summary (%)<sup>1</sup>

	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Fund Inception
<b>Fund Performance*</b>							
Net Asset Value (NAV)	13.40	-10.28	-10.28	8.70	9.31	13.08	9.91
After Tax Held	13.22	-10.74	-10.74	8.18	8.78	12.42	9.29
After Tax Sold	7.93	-6.10	-6.10	6.52	7.10	10.58	8.09
Market Price	13.35	-10.27	-10.27	8.72	9.27	13.09	9.91
<b>Index Performance**</b>							
The Capital Strength Index <sup>SM</sup>	13.57	-9.77	-9.77	9.35	9.99	—	—
S&P 500 Index	7.56	-18.11	-18.11	7.66	9.42	12.56	9.10

### >> Calendar Year Total Returns (%)<sup>1</sup>

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
FTCS	17.45	35.90	15.46	1.64	8.57	26.49	-4.09	26.72	13.07	26.61	-10.28
S&P 500 Index	16.00	32.39	13.69	1.38	11.96	21.83	-4.38	31.49	18.40	28.71	-18.11

### >> 3-Year Statistics<sup>1</sup>

	Standard Deviation (%)	Alpha	Beta	Sharpe Ratio	Correlation
FTCS	19.48	1.71	0.88	0.48	0.95
S&P 500 Index	21.16	—	1.00	0.42	1.00

### Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>



Among 1223 funds in the Large Blend category. This fund was rated 5 stars/1223 funds (3 years), 4 stars/1116 funds (5 years), 5 stars/818 funds (10 years) based on risk adjusted returns.<sup>§</sup>

*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](http://www.ftportfolios.com).*

<sup>^</sup>Expenses are capped contractually at 0.65% per year, at least through April 30, 2023. The Investment Advisor has implemented fee breakpoints, which reduce the fund's investment management fee at certain assets levels. Please see the fund's SAI for full details.

<sup>1</sup>On June 4, 2013, the fund's underlying index changed from the Credit Suisse U.S. Value Index, Powered by HOLT<sup>TM</sup> to The Capital Strength Index<sup>SM</sup>. On June 18, 2010, the fund's underlying index changed from the Deutsche Bank CROCI<sup>®</sup> US+ Index<sup>TM</sup> to the Credit Suisse U.S. Value Index, Powered by HOLT<sup>TM</sup>. Therefore, the fund's performance and historical returns shown for the periods prior to these dates are not necessarily indicative of the performance that the fund, based on its current index, would have generated.

<sup>\*</sup>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. The fund's performance reflects fee waivers and expense reimbursements, absent which performance would have been lower. 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 accounts.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Performance information for each listed index is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent actual fund performance. 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.

## » Portfolio Information

Number Of Holdings	50
Maximum Market Cap.	\$495.37 Billion
Median Market Cap.	\$91.53 Billion
Minimum Market Cap.	\$16.54 Billion
Price/Earnings	18.59
Price/Book	5.44
Price/Cash Flow	14.80
Price/Sales	1.81

## » Top Holdings (%)

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	2.38
Hologic, Inc.	2.23
The Procter & Gamble Company	2.19
Honeywell International Inc.	2.18
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.16
Monster Beverage Corporation	2.16
Trane Technologies Plc	2.16
Abbott Laboratories	2.15
Emerson Electric Co.	2.15
Mastercard Incorporated	2.14

## » Top Sector Exposure (%)

Industrials	30.07
Health Care	29.91
Financials	12.07
Consumer Staples	10.50
Technology	5.59
Consumer Discretionary	3.71
Real Estate	3.70
Basic Materials	2.38
Telecommunications	2.07

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](http://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

You could lose money by investing in a fund. An investment in a fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed. There can be no assurance that a fund's objective(s) will be achieved. Investors buying or selling shares on the secondary market may incur customary brokerage commissions. Please refer to each fund's prospectus and SAI for additional details on a fund's risks. The order of the below risk factors does not indicate the significance of any particular risk factor.

Unlike mutual funds, shares of the fund 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 premium or discount to a fund's net asset value and possibly face delisting and the bid/ask spread may widen.

A fund is susceptible to operational risks through breaches in cyber security. Such events could cause a fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss.

Equity securities may decline significantly in price over short or extended periods of time, and such declines may occur in the equity market as a whole, or they may occur in only a particular country, company, industry or sector of the market.

An index fund will be concentrated in an industry or a group of industries to the extent that the index is so concentrated. A fund with significant exposure to a single asset class, or the securities of issuers within the same country, state, region, industry, or sector may have its value more affected by an adverse economic, business or political development than a broadly diversified fund.

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

There is no assurance that the index provider or its agents will compile or maintain the index accurately. Losses or costs associated with any index provider errors generally will be borne by a fund and its shareholders.

As inflation increases, the present value of a fund's assets and distributions may decline.

A portfolio comprised of low volatility stocks may not produce investment exposure that has lower variability to changes in such stocks' price levels. Low volatility stocks are likely to underperform the broader market during periods of rapidly rising stock prices.

Market risk is the risk that a particular security, or shares of a fund in general may fall in value. Securities are subject to market fluctuations caused by such factors as general economic conditions, political events, regulatory or market developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in securities prices. Shares of a fund could decline in value or underperform other investments as a result. In addition, local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, spread of infectious disease or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have significant negative impact on a fund. In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine which has caused and could continue to cause significant market disruptions and volatility within the markets in Russia, Europe, and the United States. The hostilities and sanctions resulting from those hostilities could have a significant impact on certain fund investments as well as fund performance. The COVID-19 global pandemic and the ensuing policies enacted by governments and central banks have caused and may continue to cause significant volatility and uncertainty in global financial markets. While the U.S. has resumed "reasonably" normal business activity, many countries continue to impose lockdown measures. Additionally, there is no guarantee that vaccines will be effective against emerging variants of the disease.

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A fund faces numerous market trading risks, including the potential lack of an active market for fund shares due to a limited number of market makers. Decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying values of a fund's portfolio securities and a fund's market price.

An index fund's return may not match the return of the index for a number of reasons including operating expenses, costs of buying and selling securities to reflect changes in the index, and the fact that a fund's portfolio holdings may not exactly replicate the index.

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. The fund also relies on third parties for a range of services, including custody, and any delay or failure related to those services may affect the fund's ability to meet its objective.

A fund that invests in securities included in or representative of an index will hold those securities regardless of investment merit and the fund generally will not take defensive positions in declining markets.

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

The market price of a fund's shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in the fund's net asset value ("NAV") as well as the relative supply of and demand for shares on the exchange, and a fund's investment advisor cannot predict whether shares will trade below, at or above their NAV.

Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") are subject to risks of investing in real estate, including, but not limited to, changes in the real estate market, vacancy rates and competition, volatile interest rates and economic recession. Increases in interest rates typically lower the present value of a REIT's future earnings stream and may make financing property purchases and improvements more costly. The value of a fund will generally decline when investors in REIT stocks anticipate or experience rising interest rates.

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

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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 **S&P 500 Index** is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance.