

# The First Trust Growth Strength™ Net Fee Index Methodology

The First Trust Growth Strength™ Net Fee Index (“Index”) seeks to provide exposure to well-capitalized companies with strong market positions. The Index is comprised of 50 securities selected objectively based on cash on hand, debt ratios and volatility. The Index components are equally weighted at each quarterly rebalance.

## INDEX METHODOLOGY

The First Trust Growth Strength™ Net Fee Index seeks to produce a daily return reflective of the performance of the underlying Index, The Growth Strength Index, after accounting for a daily withholding equivalent to a 0.65% annual management fee.

To be included in the Index, the companies are screened and generally have strong balance sheets, a high degree of liquidity, the ability to generate earnings growth, and a record of financial strength and profit growth.

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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