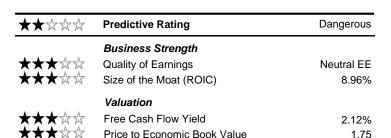
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Closing ETF Price as of 10/07/11: \$24.19

# FTA - Dangerous Rating

# First Trust Large Cap Value AlphaDEX Fund



Market-Implied Duration of Moat



- We recommend investors avoid First Trust Large Cap Value AlphaDEX Fund (FTA).
- FTA ranks in the 34th percentile of the 400+ ETFs we cover.
- Neutral EE means that economic earnings are negative but moving in the same direction as GAAP EPS.
- The Price to Economic Book Value ratio compares market expectations for future cash flows to existing cash flows. When the ratio is greater than one, the market predicts cash flows will increase, and vice versa
- Market-Implied Duration of Moat measures the number of years of future profit growth implied by the stock price.

### **ETF Details**

Net Asset Value (\$MM)	\$157.30
Issuer	First Trust
Category	Large Cap Value Equities
Index	<b>Defined Large Cap Value Opportunities</b>
Management Style	Passive
Exposure	Long
Inception Date	05/08/07
Number of Holdings	194
Premium (Discount)	-0.04%
Avg. Daily Volume (3 Mo.)	61,658
Geography	U.S.

## **Predictive Rating Methodology**

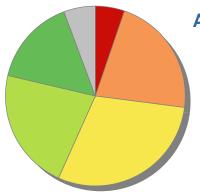
Our rating is based on the aggregation of our financial models for the ETF's holdings, which enables us to assess the profitability and valuation of the ETF just like a stock.

Our predictive ETF rating system is the same as our stock rating system, consistently top-ranked by Barron's.

## **Expense Analysis**

Expense Ratio	0.70%
Rank (percentile)	11.20%
10-Year Cost	\$1,759.48

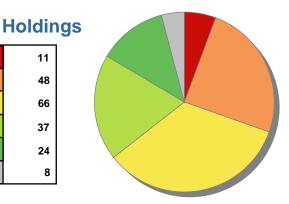
FTA's fees will cost an investor \$1,759.48 over 10 years assuming a \$10,000 investment and 10% returns.



# Allocations

21 years

5.25%	Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆	11
21.79%	Dangerous ★★☆☆	48
29.68%	Neutral ★★★☆☆	66
21.96%	Attractive ★★★☆	37
15.65%	Very Attractive ★★★★	24
5.68%	Unrated	8



## **Top 5 Holdings**

0.99%
0.96%
0.95%
0.94%
0.93%

# **Capitalization Exposure**

Large Cap	51.97%
Mid Cap	44.94%
Small Cap	3.09%

10/10/11

## **Explanation of Predictive ETF Rating System**

Our ETF research aggregates results from our Company Valuation models for each of the companies held by an ETF. Our rating system grades ETFs according to the 5 most important criteria for assessing the risk versus reward of an ETF. Our analysis results in the 5 ratings: Very Attractive corresponds to a "Strong Buy" rating, Attractive to "Buy", Very Dangerous to a "Sell or Short", and everything in-between to a "Hold" rating.

Predictive	Business Strength		Valuation		
Risk/Reward Rating	Quality of Earnings	Size of Moat (ROIC)	FCF Yield	Price to Economic Book Value	Market-Implied Duration of Moat
Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50
Dangerous ★★☆☆☆	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5% < -1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50
Neutral ★★★☆	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1% < 3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20
Attractive ★★★☆	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3% < 10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10
Very Attractive ★★★★★	Rising EE	Top Quintile	> 10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3

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