

FT VEST RISING DIVIDEND ACHIEVERS TOTAL RETURN FUND

Class I Shares

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June 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund

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This report and the financial statements contained herein are provided for the general information of the shareholders of the FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund (the "Fund"). This report is not authorized for distribution to prospective investors in the Fund unless preceded or accompanied by the Fund's Private Placement Memorandum.

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
As of June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

Number of Shares		Value
COMMON STOCKS – 99.9%		
COMMUNICATIONS – 8.9%		
5,781	Alphabet, Inc. – Class A ¹	\$ 1,018,786
201	Booking Holdings, Inc.	1,163,637
6,669	Electronic Arts, Inc. ¹	1,065,039
1,631	Meta Platforms, Inc. – Class A ¹	1,203,825
		4,451,287
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY – 10.2%		
4,691	DR Horton, Inc. ¹	604,764
15,061	eBay, Inc. ¹	1,121,442
7,059	Lennar Corp. – Class A ¹	780,796
2,806	NIKE, Inc. – Class B ¹	199,338
8,486	PulteGroup, Inc. ¹	894,934
6,663	Ross Stores, Inc. ¹	850,065
4,229	Williams-Sonoma, Inc. ¹	690,892
		5,142,231
CONSUMER STAPLES – 1.4%		
3,834	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. ¹	202,359
496	Costco Wholesale Corp. ¹	491,010
		693,369
ENERGY – 3.5%		
17,787	Baker Hughes Co. ¹	681,953
1,199	Diamondback Energy, Inc. ¹	164,743
3,735	EOG Resources, Inc. ¹	446,743
4,152	Exxon Mobil Corp. ¹	447,586
		1,741,025
FINANCIALS – 36.9%		
6,606	Aflac, Inc. ¹	696,669
1,140	Allstate Corp. ¹	229,493
3,373	American Express Co. ¹	1,075,920
966	Ameriprise Financial, Inc. ¹	515,583
12,013	Bank of New York Mellon Corp. ¹	1,094,504
1,005	BlackRock, Inc. ¹	1,054,496
3,374	Chubb Ltd. ^{1,2}	977,515
1,601	Cincinnati Financial Corp. ¹	238,421
7,909	Corebridge Financial, Inc. ¹	280,770
10,337	East West Bancorp, Inc. ¹	1,043,830
4,463	Equitable Holdings, Inc. ¹	250,374
1,256	Everest Group Ltd. ^{1,2}	426,852
8,007	Hartford Insurance Group, Inc. ¹	1,015,848
2,599	Jackson Financial, Inc. – Class A ¹	230,765
3,899	JPMorgan Chase & Co. ¹	1,130,359
6,295	Lincoln National Corp. ¹	217,807

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Number of Shares		Value
COMMON STOCKS (Continued)		
FINANCIALS (Continued)		
2,639	M&T Bank Corp. ¹	\$ 511,940
480	Mastercard, Inc. — Class A ¹	269,731
9,045	MGIC Investment Corp. ¹	251,813
2,302	Northern Trust Corp. ¹	291,871
2,655	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. ¹	494,945
839	Progressive Corp. ¹	223,896
6,681	Raymond James Financial, Inc. ¹	1,024,665
7,391	SLM Corp. ¹	242,351
4,959	State Street Corp. ¹	527,340
12,488	Synchrony Financial ¹	833,449
3,805	Travelers Cos., Inc. ¹	1,017,990
13,453	Unum Group ¹	1,086,464
2,990	Visa, Inc. — Class A ¹	1,061,599
1,854	Wintrust Financial Corp. ¹	229,859
		18,547,119
HEALTH CARE — 3.7%		
3,571	Abbott Laboratories ¹	485,692
2,290	Elevance Health, Inc. ¹	890,718
1,541	Johnson & Johnson ¹	235,388
332	McKesson Corp. ¹	243,283
		1,855,081
INDUSTRIALS — 11.5%		
2,178	AECOM ¹	245,809
3,195	Automatic Data Processing, Inc. ¹	985,338
1,346	Dover Corp. ¹	246,628
506	GE Vernova, Inc. ¹	267,750
2,159	General Electric Co. DBA GE Aerospace ¹	555,705
12,518	Mueller Industries, Inc. ¹	994,805
4,097	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. ¹	664,943
9,457	PACCAR, Inc. ¹	898,982
2,982	Snap-on, Inc. ¹	927,939
		5,787,899
MATERIALS — 2.3%		
1,113	Carlisle Cos., Inc. ¹	415,594
5,668	CF Industries Holdings, Inc. ¹	521,456
1,539	Nucor Corp. ¹	199,362
		1,136,412
TECHNOLOGY — 21.5%		
2,850	Accenture PLC ^{1,2}	851,837
3,114	Apple, Inc. ¹	638,899
5,729	Applied Materials, Inc. ¹	1,048,808

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Number of Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS (Continued)	
	TECHNOLOGY (Continued)	
8,948	Cisco Systems, Inc. ¹	\$ 620,812
12,085	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. — Class A ¹	942,993
1,058	KLA Corp. ¹	947,693
6,161	Lam Research Corp. ¹	599,712
2,303	Microsoft Corp. ¹	1,145,535
763	Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. ¹	558,043
5,587	NVIDIA Corp. ¹	882,690
3,658	Paycom Software, Inc. ¹	846,461
4,824	QUALCOMM, Inc. ¹	768,270
3,426	Salesforce, Inc. ¹	934,236
		<u>10,785,989</u>
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
	(Cost \$49,042,460)	<u>50,140,412</u>
Number of Contracts		
	PURCHASED OPTIONS CONTRACTS — 10.8%	
	CALL OPTIONS — 4.1%	
	S&P 500 Index	
	Exercise Price: \$6,000.01, Notional Amount: \$16,200,027,	
27	Expiration Date: November 13, 2026*	<u>2,077,382</u>
	TOTAL CALL OPTIONS	
	(Cost \$2,089,847)	<u>2,077,382</u>
	PUT OPTIONS — 6.7%	
	iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF	
	Exercise Price: \$596.93, Notional Amount: \$1,014,781,	
17	Expiration Date: November 13, 2026*	53,603
	S&P 500 Index	
	Exercise Price: \$5,000.01, Notional Amount: \$13,500,027,	
27	Expiration Date: November 13, 2026*	379,000
	Exercise Price: \$5,969.34, Notional Amount: \$55,514,862,	
93	Expiration Date: November 13, 2026*	<u>2,925,988</u>
	TOTAL PUT OPTIONS	
	(Cost \$3,822,474)	<u>3,358,591</u>
	TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS CONTRACTS	
	(Cost \$5,912,321)	<u>5,435,973</u>
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 110.7%	
	(Cost \$54,954,781)	<u>55,576,385</u>
	Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets — (10.7)%	<u>(5,381,484)</u>
	TOTAL NET ASSETS — 100.0%	<u><u>\$50,194,901</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — Continued
As of June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

<u>Number of Contracts</u>		<u>Value</u>
	WRITTEN OPTIONS CONTRACTS – (10.5)%	
	CALL OPTIONS – (8.8)%	
	S&P 500 Index	
(54)	Exercise Price: \$6,175.00, Notional Amount: \$(33,345,000), Expiration Date: July 3, 2025*	\$ (254,880)
(27)	Exercise Price: \$5,000.01, Notional Amount: \$(13,500,027), Expiration Date: November 13, 2026*	<u>(4,143,986)</u>
	TOTAL CALL OPTIONS	
	(Proceeds \$4,177,592)	<u>(4,398,866)</u>
	PUT OPTIONS – (1.7)%	
	S&P 500 Index	
(27)	Exercise Price: \$5,000.01, Notional Amount: \$(13,500,027), Expiration Date: November 13, 2026*	<u>(870,645)</u>
	TOTAL PUT OPTIONS	
	(Proceeds \$998,953)	<u>(870,645)</u>
	TOTAL WRITTEN OPTIONS CONTRACTS	
	(Proceeds \$5,176,545)	<u>\$(5,269,511)</u>

ETF – Exchange-Traded Fund

PLC – Public Limited Company

* Non-income producing security.

¹ All or a portion of this security is segregated as collateral for purchased and written options contracts. The market value of the securities pledged as collateral is \$13,808,915, which represents 27.51% of the total net assets of the Fund.

² Foreign security denominated in U.S. Dollars.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION
As of June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

Country of Investment*	Value	Percent of Total Net Assets
Bermuda	\$ 426,852	0.8%
Ireland	851,837	1.7%
Switzerland	977,515	1.9%
United States	53,320,181	106.3%
Total Investments	55,576,385	110.7%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	(5,381,484)	(10.7)%
Total Net Assets	\$50,194,901	100.0%

* This table does not include written options contracts. Please refer to the Schedule of Investments for information on written options contracts.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS
As of June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

Security Type/Sector*	Percent of Total Net Assets
Common Stocks	
Communications	8.9%
Consumer Discretionary	10.2%
Consumer Staples	1.4%
Energy	3.5%
Financials	36.9%
Health Care	3.7%
Industrials	11.5%
Materials	2.3%
Technology	21.5%
Total Common Stocks	99.9%
Purchased Options Contracts	10.8%
Total Investments	110.7%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	(10.7)%
Total Net Assets	100.0%

* This table does not include written options contracts. Please refer to the Schedule of Investments for information on written options contracts.

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FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As of June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

Assets:

Investments in securities, at value (cost \$49,042,460)	\$50,140,412
Purchased options contracts, at value (cost \$5,912,321)	5,435,973
Cash	593,483
Cash deposited with brokers for options contracts	100
Receivables:	
Dividends and interest	27,359
Deferred organizational and offering costs (Note 2)	98
Total assets	<u>56,197,425</u>

Liabilities:

Written options contracts, at value (proceeds \$5,176,545)	5,269,511
Payables:	
Investment Adviser fees	107,868
Dividend payable	625,145
Total liabilities	<u>6,002,524</u>

Net Assets \$50,194,901

Components of Net Assets:

Paid-in Capital (par value of \$0.01 per share with an unlimited number of shares authorized)	\$56,483,434
Total accumulated earnings (accumulated deficit)	(6,288,533)

Net Assets \$50,194,901

Maximum Offering Price per Share:

Class I Shares:	
Net assets applicable to shares outstanding	\$50,194,901
Shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding	2,259,615
Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share	<u><u>\$ 22.21</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

Investment Income:

Dividends	\$ 456,027
Total investment income	<u>456,027</u>

Expenses:

Investment Adviser fees	675,835
Offering costs (Note 2)	123
Interest expense	<u>101</u>
Total expenses	<u>676,059</u>
Net investment income (loss)	<u>(220,032)</u>

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):

Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(1,860,866)
Purchased options contracts	(119,858)
Written options contracts	<u>63,090</u>
Net realized gain (loss)	<u>(1,917,634)</u>

Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:

Investments	4,995,439
Purchased options contracts	(550,229)
Written options contracts	<u>(512,903)</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	<u>3,932,307</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	<u>2,014,673</u>

Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations	<u>\$ 1,794,641</u>
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See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)	For the Period November 22, 2024* through December 31, 2024
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from:		
Operations:		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (220,032)	\$ 1,402
Net realized gain (loss) on investments, purchased options contracts and written options contracts	(1,917,634)	71,240
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments, purchased options contracts and written options contracts	3,932,307	(3,403,669)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>1,794,641</u>	<u>(3,331,027)</u>
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Distributions:		
Class I	(3,877,838)	(881,250)
Total distributions to shareholders	<u>(3,877,838)</u>	<u>(881,250)</u>
Capital Transactions:		
Net proceeds from shares sold:		
Class I	—	56,490,375
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital transactions	<u>—</u>	<u>56,490,375</u>
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>(2,083,197)</u>	<u>52,278,098</u>
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	52,278,098	—
End of period	<u>\$50,194,901</u>	<u>\$52,278,098</u>
Capital Share Transactions:		
Shares sold:		
Class I	—	2,259,615
Net increase (decrease) in capital share transactions	<u>—</u>	<u>2,259,615</u>

* Commencement of Operations.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
Class I

Per share operating performance.

For a capital share outstanding throughout each period.

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)	For the Period November 22, 2024* through December 31, 2024
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 23.14	\$ 25.00
Income from Investment Operations:		
Net investment income (loss) ¹	(0.10)	— ²
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.89	(1.47)
Total from investment operations	0.79	(1.47)
Less Distributions:		
From net investment income	(1.72)	(0.22)
From net realized gain	—	(0.17)
Total distributions	(1.72)	(0.39)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 22.21	\$ 23.14
Total return ³	3.43% ⁴	(5.90)% ⁴
Ratios and Supplemental Data:		
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$50,195	\$52,278
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	2.65% ^{5,6}	2.71% ⁵
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	(0.86)% ⁵	0.02% ⁵
Portfolio turnover rate	64% ⁴	7% ⁴

* Commencement of Operations.

¹ Based on average monthly shares outstanding for each period.

² Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

³ Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Class I shares.

⁴ Not annualized.

⁵ Annualized.

⁶ If interest expense had been excluded, the expense ratio would have remained unchanged for the six months ended June 30, 2025.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 — Organization

FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund (the “Fund”) is a Delaware statutory trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund operates under an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated August 20, 2024 (the “Declaration of Trust”). First Trust Capital Management L.P. (the “Investment Adviser”) serves as the investment adviser of the Fund. Vest Financial LLC serves as sub-adviser to the Fund (the “Sub-Adviser” and together with the Investment Adviser, the “Advisers”). Each of the Advisers is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The Fund currently offers shares of beneficial interest (the “Shares”) in Class A Shares and Class I Shares. Only Class I Shares have been issued as of the date of this report.

The Fund’s investment objective is to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns through a combination of high level of current income and potential (although limited) long-term capital appreciation, while attempting to mitigate the risk of loss of principal. In seeking to achieve this investment objective, the Fund intends to pursue a hedged equity investment strategy by (i) investing primarily in U.S. exchange-traded equity securities contained in the NASDAQ US Rising Dividend Achievers™ Index (the “Reference Index”), (ii) mitigating some of the risk of loss of principal by purchasing a hedge against the S&P 500® Index (“Market Hedge”), and (iii) producing income with a target net income objective of 15.0% on an annual basis. The Market Hedge is designed to mitigate the risk of loss for those investors that buy Shares at the beginning of a two-year period (the “Designated Period”) and hold Shares until the end of the Designated Period. The Fund does not seek to provide a specific level of protection or any specific level of capital appreciation or total return performance compared to the total return performance of the Reference Index.

The Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 “Financial Services — Investment Companies.”

Note 2 — Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(a) Valuation of Investments

UMB Fund Services, Inc., the Fund’s Administrator, calculates the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) as of the close of business on the last day of each month and at such other times as the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) may determine, including in connection with repurchases of Shares, in accordance with the procedures described below or as may be determined from time to time in accordance with policies established by the Board.

For purposes of calculating NAV, portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotations are readily available are valued at market value. A market quotation is readily available only when that quotation is a quoted price (unadjusted) in active markets for identical investments that the Fund can access at the measurement date, provided that a quotation will not be readily available if it is not reliable.

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Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act. As a general principle, the fair value of a security or other asset is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Pursuant to Rule 2a-5, the Board has designated the Investment Adviser as the valuation designee (“Valuation Designee”) for the Fund to perform in good faith the fair value determination relating to all Fund investments, under the Board’s oversight. The Investment Adviser carries out its designated responsibilities as Valuation Designee through its Valuation Committee. The fair values of one or more assets may not be the prices at which those assets are ultimately sold, and the differences may be significant.

The Valuation Designee may value put and call options by taking the mid price between the bid and ask price. Certain exchange-traded options, such as Flexible Exchange[®] Options (“FLEX Options”), are typically valued using a model-based price provided by a third-party pricing service provider.

The Valuation Designee may value Fund portfolio securities for which market quotations are not readily available and other Fund assets utilizing inputs from pricing services, quotation reporting systems, valuation agents and other third-party sources.

Assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies will be converted into U.S. dollars using foreign exchange rates provided by a pricing service. Trading in foreign securities generally is completed, and the values of such securities are determined, prior to the close of securities markets in the United States. Foreign exchange rates are also determined prior to such close. On occasion, the values of securities and exchange rates may be affected by events occurring between the time as of which determination of such values or exchange rates are made and the time as of which the NAV of the Fund is determined. When such events materially affect the values of securities held by the Fund or its liabilities, such securities and liabilities will be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Valuation Designee.

(b) Options

The Fund writes and purchases options contracts. The Fund intends to trade FLEX Options. FLEX Options are customized equity or index option contracts that trade on an exchange, but provide investors with the ability to customize key contract terms like exercise prices, styles and expiration dates. FLEX Options are required to be centrally cleared. When the Fund writes or purchases an option, an amount equal to the premium received or paid by the Fund is recorded as an asset or a liability and is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the option written or purchased. Premiums received or paid from writing or purchasing options that expire unexercised are treated by the Fund on the expiration date as realized gains or losses. The difference between the premium and the amount paid or received on effecting a closing purchase or sale transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain or loss. If an option is exercised, the premium paid or received is added to the cost of the purchase or proceeds from the sale in determining whether the Fund has realized a gain or a loss on investment transactions. The Fund, as a writer of an option, may have no control over whether the underlying securities may be sold (call) or purchased (put) and as a result bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

(c) Investment Transactions, Investment Income and Expenses

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments are determined on the identified cost basis. Dividend income and expense is recorded net of applicable withholding taxes on the ex-dividend date and interest income and expense, including where applicable, accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is recorded on an accrual basis.

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(d) Federal Income Taxes

The Fund intends to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its net investment income and any net realized gains to its shareholders (collectively, “Shareholders”). Therefore, no provision is made for federal income or excise taxes. Due to the timing of dividend distributions and the differences in accounting for income and realized gains and losses for financial statement and federal income tax purposes, the fiscal year in which amounts are distributed may differ from the year in which the income and realized gains and losses are recorded by the Fund. For financial reporting purposes, dividends and distributions to Shareholders are recorded on the ex-date.

ASC 740 — Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (the “Income Tax Statement”) requires an evaluation of tax positions taken (or expected to be taken) in the course of preparing a Fund’s tax returns to determine whether these positions meet a “more-likely-than-not” standard that, based on the technical merits, have a more than fifty percent likelihood of being sustained by a taxing authority upon examination. A tax position that meets the “more-likely-than-not” recognition threshold is measured to determine the amount of benefit to recognize in the financial statements. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations.

The Income Tax Statement requires management of the Fund to analyze tax positions taken in the prior three open tax years, if any, and tax positions expected to be taken in the Fund’s current tax year, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service statute of limitations for all major jurisdictions, including federal tax authorities and certain state tax authorities. As of June 30, 2025 and during the prior open tax years, the Fund did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Fund has no examination in progress and is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

(e) Distributions to Shareholders

The Fund makes monthly distributions to its Shareholders equal to 15% annually of the Fund’s net asset value per Share (the “Distribution Policy”). This predetermined dividend rate may be modified by the Board from time to time and may be increased to the extent of the Fund’s investment company taxable income that it is required to distribute in order to maintain its status as a RIC. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. The character of distributions made during the year from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from the characterization for federal income tax purposes due to differences in the recognition of income expense and gain (loss) items for financial statement and tax purposes.

For financial reporting purposes, dividends and distributions to Shareholders are recorded on the ex-date. If, for any distribution, available cash is less than the amount of this predetermined dividend rate, then assets of the Fund will be sold, and such disposition may generate additional taxable income. The Fund’s final distribution for each calendar year will include any remaining investment company taxable income and net tax-exempt income (if any) undistributed during the year, as well as the remaining net capital gain realized during the year. If the total distributions made in any calendar year exceed investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt interest income (if any) and net capital gain, such excess distributed amount would be treated as ordinary dividend income to the extent of the Fund’s current and accumulated earnings and profits. Payments in excess of the earnings and profits would first be a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the adjusted tax basis in each Share. After such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, the payment would constitute capital gain (assuming the Shares are held as capital assets). This Distribution Policy may, under certain circumstances, have certain adverse consequences to the Fund and its Shareholders because it may

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result in a return of capital resulting in less of a Shareholder's assets being invested in the Fund and, over time, increase the Fund's expense ratio. The Distribution Policy also may cause the Fund to sell a security at a time it would not otherwise do so in order to manage the distribution of income and gain.

(f) Organizational and Offering Costs

Organizational costs consist of the costs of forming the Fund, drafting of bylaws, administration, custody and transfer agency agreements and legal services in connection with the initial meeting of the Board. Offering costs consist of the costs of preparation, review and filing with the SEC the Fund's registration statement, the costs of preparation, review and filing of any associated marketing or similar materials, the costs associated with the printing, mailing or other distribution of the Private Placement Memorandum, Statement of Additional Information and/or marketing materials, and the amounts of associated filing fees and legal fees associated with the offering. The aggregate amount of the offering costs reflected in the Statement of Operations is \$123 and \$98 of the offering costs remain as deferred on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Organizational costs are expensed as they are incurred. Offering costs are amortized to expense over twelve months on a straight-line basis.

(g) Segments

In this reporting period, the Fund adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) — *Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures* ("ASU 2023-07"). Adoption of the new standard impacted financial statement disclosures only and did not affect the Fund's financial position or the results of its operations. An operating segment is defined in Topic 280 as a component of a public entity that engages in business activities from which it may recognize revenues and incur expenses, has operating results that are regularly reviewed by the public entity's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and has discrete financial information available. The Fund's President acts as the Fund's CODM. The Fund represents a single operating segment, as the CODM monitors the operating results of the Fund as a whole and the Fund's long-term strategic asset allocation is pre-determined in accordance with the terms of the Fund's single investment objective which is executed by the Fund's portfolio managers as a team. The financial information in the form of the Fund's portfolio composition, total returns, expense ratios and changes in net assets, which are used by the CODM to assess the segment's performance versus the Fund's comparative benchmarks and to make resource allocation decisions for the Fund's single segment, is consistent with that presented within the Fund's financial statements. The total return and performance of each Fund is reflected within the accompanying Financial Highlights. Segment assets are reflected on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities as "total assets" and significant segment expenses are listed on the accompanying Statement of Operations.

Note 3 — Investment Advisory and Other Agreements and Affiliates

The Fund pays the Investment Adviser a unitary management fee (the "Unitary Management Fee") in consideration of the advisory services provided by the Investment Adviser to the Fund. In turn, the Investment Adviser will pay substantially all operating expenses of the Fund, excluding the Unitary Management Fee, initial and ongoing offering expenses, organizational expenses, interest expenses, taxes, portfolio transaction-related fees and expenses, costs of borrowing, distribution and service fees payable pursuant to a Rule 12b-1 plan, litigation and indemnification expenses, and any other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business. The Fund pays the Unitary Management Fee at an annual rate of 2.65%, payable monthly in arrears, based upon the Fund's net assets as of each month-end. The Unitary Management Fee is paid to the Investment Adviser before giving effect to any repurchase of Shares in the Fund effective as of that date and will decrease the net profits or increase the net losses of the Fund.

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The Investment Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a management fee (the “Sub-Advisory Fee”) in consideration of the advisory services provided by the Sub-Adviser to the Fund. The Sub-Adviser’s fees are paid by the Investment Adviser out of the Unitary Management Fee. The Sub-Adviser receives a Sub-Advisory Fee equal to 50% of the monthly Unitary Management Fee paid to the Investment Adviser, which shall be reduced as follows. The Sub-Adviser has agreed with the Investment Adviser that it will pay one-half of all operating expenses of the Fund, excluding the Unitary Management Fee, initial and ongoing offering expenses and organizational expenses, interest expenses, taxes, portfolio transaction-related fees and expenses, costs of borrowing, distribution and service fees payable pursuant to a Rule 12b-1 plan, and litigation and indemnification expenses and any other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund’s business. The sub-advisory fees shall be reduced by the Sub-Adviser’s share of such expenses, and in the event the Sub-Adviser’s share of the expenses exceeds the amount of the Sub-Advisory Fee in any month, the Sub-Adviser will pay the difference to the Investment Adviser.

First Trust Portfolios L.P., an affiliate of both the Investment Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, currently serves as the Fund’s placement agent. UMB Fund Services, Inc. (“UMBFS”) serves as the Fund’s fund accountant, transfer agent and administrator; and UMB Bank, N.A., an affiliate of UMBFS, serves as a custodian of the assets of the Fund.

A trustee and certain officers of the Fund are employees of UMBFS. The Fund does not compensate trustees and officers affiliated with UMBFS.

Vigilant Compliance, LLC provides Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”) services to the Fund.

Note 4 — Federal Income Taxes

The Fund has elected to be treated and intends to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. As a RIC, the Fund will generally not be subject to federal corporate income tax, provided that when it is a RIC, it distributes substantially all of its income and gains each year.

At June 30, 2025, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments owned by the Fund, based on cost for federal income tax purposes, were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$50,291,971
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 2,723,935
Gross unrealized depreciation	(2,709,032)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	<u>\$ 14,903</u>

The difference between cost amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes is due primarily to timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses in securities transactions.

As of December 31, 2024, the components of accumulated earnings (deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$ —
Undistributed long-term capital gains	—
Tax accumulated earnings	—
Accumulated capital and other losses	—
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(3,917,404)
Other temporary differences	(287,932)
Total accumulated earnings (deficit)	<u><u>\$(4,205,336)</u></u>

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The tax character of distributions paid during the period ended December 31, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>
Distribution paid from:	
Ordinary income	\$500,606
Net long-term capital gains	380,644
Total taxable distributions	<u>\$881,250</u>

Note 5 — Investment Transactions

For the six months ended June 30, 2025, purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term investments, were \$32,804,391 and \$37,793,210, respectively.

Note 6 — Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations, which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Note 7 — Repurchase of Shares

At the discretion of the Board and provided that it is in the best interests of the Fund and Shareholders to do so, the Fund provides a limited degree of liquidity to the Shareholders by conducting tender offers at least annually every twelfth month after the closing of a Designated Period, as of a Friday (other than the 3rd Friday of the month). In each tender offer, the Fund may offer to repurchase its Shares at their NAV as determined as of the relevant valuation date. Each tender offer in the first year of a Designated Period ordinarily will be limited to the repurchase of an amount up to 10% of the Shares outstanding, but if the number of Shares tendered for repurchase exceeds the number the Fund intended to repurchase, the Fund may determine to repurchase less than the full number of Shares tendered. In such event, Shareholders will have their Shares repurchased on a pro rata basis, and tendering Shareholders will not have all of their tendered Shares repurchased by the Fund. In the second year of each Designated Period, subject to the Board's discretion, each tender offer that coincides with the expiration of the Designated Period shall be for up to 100% of the Shares outstanding. Shareholders who tender their Shares prior to the end of the Designated Period will not fully benefit from the Market Hedge, which is designed to be achieved at the end of the specified Designated Period. A 2.00% repurchase fee will be charged by the Fund with respect to any repurchase of Shares from a Shareholder in the first year of each Designated Period. Repurchases will be made at such times and on such terms as may be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion. However, no assurance can be given that repurchases will occur or that any Shares properly tendered will be repurchased by the Fund. The Fund may choose not to conduct a tender offer or may choose to conduct a tender offer for less than 10% (or 100% as applicable) of its outstanding Shares. Investors may not have access to the money invested in the Fund for an indefinite time. No share repurchases occurred during the six months ended June 30, 2025.

Note 8 — Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure

ASC 820 — *Fair Value Measurements* defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. It also provides guidance on determining when there has been a significant decrease in the volume and level of activity for an asset or a liability, when a transaction is not orderly, and how that information must be incorporated into a fair value measurement.

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Under *Fair Value Measurements*, various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized into three broad levels as described below:

- Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.
- Level 2 — Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following table summarizes the Fund's investments that are measured at fair value by level within the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2025:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3**	Total
Assets				
Investments				
Common Stocks*	\$50,140,412	\$ —	\$ —	\$50,140,412
Total Investments	50,140,412	—	—	50,140,412
Purchased Options Contracts	—	5,435,973	—	5,435,973
Total Investments and Options	\$50,140,412	\$5,435,973	\$ —	\$55,576,385
Liabilities				
Written Options Contracts	\$ 254,880	\$5,014,631	\$ —	\$ 5,269,511
Total Written Options Contracts	\$ 254,880	\$5,014,631	\$ —	\$ 5,269,511

* All common stocks held in the Fund are Level 1 securities. For a detailed break-out of common stocks by major industry classification, please refer to the Schedule of Investments.

** The Fund did not hold any Level 3 securities at period end.

Note 9 — Derivatives and Hedging Disclosures

ASC 815 — *Derivatives and Hedging* requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund's derivative and hedging activities, including how such activities are accounted for and their effects on the Fund's financial position, performance and cash flows.

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The effects of these derivative instruments on the Fund's financial position and financial performance as reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations are presented in the tables below. The fair values of derivative instruments as of June 30, 2025 by risk category are as follows:

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Statement of Asset and Liabilities Location	Value	Statement of Asset and Liabilities Location	Value
Equity contracts	Purchased options contracts, at value	\$5,435,973	Written options contracts, at value	\$5,269,511

The effects of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Amount of Realized Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income		
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Purchased Options Contracts	Written Options Contracts
Equity contracts	\$(119,858)	\$63,090

Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation on Derivatives Recognized in Income		
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Purchased Options Contracts	Written Options Contracts
Equity contracts	\$(550,229)	\$(512,903)

The number of contracts is included on the Schedule of Investments. The quarterly average volumes of derivative instruments as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Derivative	Quarterly Average	Amount
Options Contracts – Purchased	Average Notional Value	\$ 93,563,044
Options Contracts – Written	Average Notional Value	(59,576,067)

Note 10 — Risk Factors

An investment in the Fund involves various risks. The Fund invests in and actively trades equity securities and other financial instruments using a variety of strategies and investment techniques with significant risk characteristics, including the risks arising from the volatility of the equity securities. **No guarantee or representation is made that the investment program will be successful.** Certain local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illnesses and/or other public health issues, financial institution instability or other events may have a significant impact on a security or instrument. These types of events and other like them are collectively referred to as “Market Disruptions and Geopolitical Risks” and they may have adverse impacts on the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial health of individual companies and the market in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Some of the impacts noted in recent times include but are not limited to embargos, trade policies and tariffs, political actions, supply chain disruptions, bank failures, restrictions to investment and/or monetary movement including the forced selling of securities or the inability to participate in impacted markets. The duration of these events could adversely affect the Fund's performance, the performance of the securities in which the Fund invests and may lead to losses on your investment. The ultimate impact of “Market Disruptions and Geopolitical Risks” on the financial performance of the Fund's investments is not reasonably estimable at this time. Management is actively monitoring these events.

Sector Risk — As of June 30, 2025, a significant portion of the Reference Index is comprised of financial companies, although this may change from time to time. Financial companies, such as retail and commercial banks, insurance companies and financial services companies, are especially subject to the adverse effects of economic recession, currency exchange rates, extensive government

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regulation, decreases in the availability of capital, volatile interest rates, portfolio concentrations in geographic markets, industries or products (such as commercial and residential real estate loans), competition from new entrants and blurred distinctions in their fields of business. The Fund will not be concentrated in a particular industry or group of industries within this sector. To the extent that the Fund invests a significant percentage of its assets in a sector, an adverse economic, business or political development may affect the value of the Fund's investments more than if the Fund were more broadly diversified. A significant exposure makes the Fund more susceptible to any single occurrence and may subject the Fund to greater market risk than a fund that is more broadly diversified.

Options Risk — An option is a contract that gives the purchaser (holder) of the option, in return for a premium, the right to buy from (call) or sell to (put) the seller (writer) of the option the security or currency underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option (normally not exceeding nine months). The writer of an option has the obligation upon exercise of the option to deliver the underlying security or currency upon payment of the exercise price or to pay the exercise price upon delivery of the underlying security or currency. The use of options involves investment strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The prices of options are influenced by, among other things, actual and anticipated changes in the value of the underlying instrument, or in interest or currency exchange rates, including the anticipated volatility, which in turn are affected by fiscal and monetary policies and by national and international political and economic events. As a seller (writer) of a put option, the seller will tend to lose money if the value of the reference index or security falls below the strike price. As the seller (writer) of a call option, the seller will tend to lose money if the value of the reference index or security rises above the strike price. As the buyer of a put or call option, the buyer risks losing the entire premium invested in the option if the buyer does not exercise the option. The effective use of options also depends on the Fund's ability to terminate option positions at times deemed desirable to do so. There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to effect closing transactions at any particular time or at an acceptable price. In addition, there may at times be an imperfect correlation between the movement in values of options and their underlying securities and there may at times not be a liquid secondary market for certain options. There may be times the Fund needs to sell securities in order to settle an option position, which could result in the distribution of premium from that option position being classified as a return of capital and make the Fund less tax-efficient. Options may also involve the use of leverage, which could result in greater price volatility than other securities.

Note 11 — Events Subsequent to the Fiscal Period End

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of the financial statements included herein. There have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require disclosure or would be required to be recognized in the financial statements.

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FUND INFORMATION
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Availability of Quarterly Portfolio Schedules

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Part F of Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT is available on the SEC website at www.sec.gov or without charge and upon request by calling the Fund at (877) 779-1999.

Proxy Voting Record

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies for portfolio securities, if applicable, during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is also available, without charge and upon request by calling the Fund at (877) 779-1999 or by accessing the Fund's Form N-PX on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures related to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at (877) 779-1999 or on the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

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PRIVACY POLICY
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FACTS	WHAT DOES THE FUND DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?
Why?	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.
What?	<p>The types of personal information we collect, and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security number • Account balances • Account transactions • Transaction history • Wire transfer instructions • Checking account information <p>When you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p>
How?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons funds choose to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does the Fund share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes – such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes – to offer our products and services to you	No	We don't share
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For our affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
For nonaffiliates to market to you	No	We don't share

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What we do	
How does the Fund protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.
How does the Fund collect my personal information?	<p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open an account • Provide account information • Give us your contact information • Make a wire transfer • Tell us where to send the money <p>We also collect your information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.</p>
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes-information about your creditworthiness • Affiliates from using your information to market to you • Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>

Definitions	
Affiliates	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <p><i>Our affiliates include companies such as First Trust Capital Management L.P.</i></p>
Nonaffiliates	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <p><i>The Fund doesn't share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.</i></p>
Joint marketing	<p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <p><i>The Fund doesn't jointly market.</i></p>