

**Asset Class:** Canadian Equity

TSX TICKER:  
**FBE**

**FUND INFORMATION**

Inception Date	September 9, 2016
NAV per Unit	\$23.03
Number of Holdings	40
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly, if any
Trailing 12m Yield <sup>1</sup>	1.49%
CUSIP	31861J101
Management Fee	0.60%
Benchmark	S&P/TSX Composite Index (Total Return)

**CHARACTERISTICS**

	Index	Benchmark
Return (annualized)	10.69%	5.31%
P/E Ratio	16.43	17.18
P/B Ratio	2.02	1.88
Std Dev	12.18	13.53
Beta	0.79	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.73	0.29
Sortino Ratio	1.11	0.39
Max Drawdown	-37.49	-43.35
Up Capture	101.87	100.00
Down Capture	69.80	100.00

Time period: 22/06/2000 to 31/10/2017

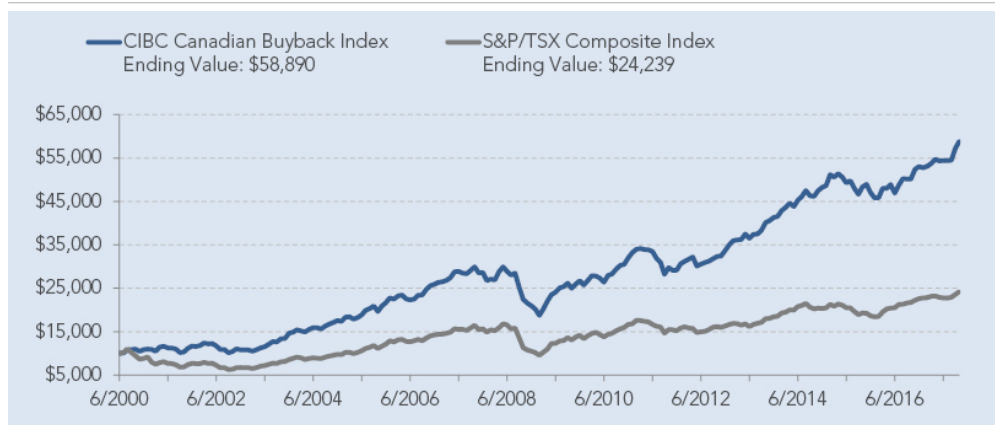
**EQUITY STYLE BOX**

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	20	25	33
Mid	5	12	5
Small	0	0	0

**FUND OVERVIEW**

First Asset Canadian Buyback Index ETF (the "Fund") provides investors with exposure to a portfolio of equity securities of quality companies with active share buyback programs that have significantly and consistently reduced their issued and outstanding share count. The Fund has been designed to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the CIBC Canadian Buyback Index (the "Index"), which uses a proprietary rules-based methodology to select constituent securities from those trading on the TSX that meet minimum market cap and average daily volume thresholds. Securities will be equally weighted and rebalanced quarterly.

**GROWTH OF \$10,000 <sup>2</sup>**



**TRAILING INDEX RETURNS (%)<sup>2</sup>**

	3y	5y	10y
CIBC Canadian Buyback Index	8.46	12.74	7.00
Benchmark	6.22	8.41	3.95

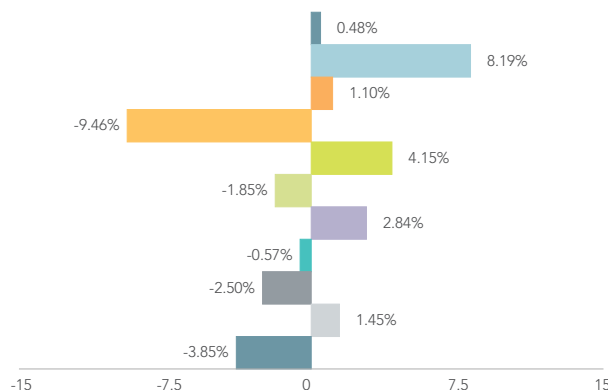
**FUND PERFORMANCE (%)**

	1m	3m	6m	YTD	1y	SI
FBE	2.81	8.00	6.79	9.80	15.74	14.74
Benchmark	2.73	6.58	4.31	7.30	11.48	13.90

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS(%)**

Financials	32.9
Consumer Staples	12.4
Materials	12.3
Energy	10.0
Information Technology	7.6
Industrials	7.5
Consumer Discretionary	7.5
Telecom Services	5.1
Real Estate	2.6
Healthcare	2.1
Utilities	0.0

**RELATIVE TO BENCHMARK**



<sup>1</sup>The Trailing 12 Month Yield is calculated on the Fund's actual distributions paid to investors over the past 12 months based on NAV. All distributions are paid in cash.  
<sup>2</sup>The rate of return chart shown is used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and is not intended to reflect future values of the Index or the Fund or returns on investment in the Fund. Returns of an Index do not represent the Fund's returns. An investor cannot invest directly in an Index. All performance data for all indices assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. CIBC index performance data results prior to September 8, 2016 are hypothetical, but are calculated using the same methodology that has been in use by the index provider since the Index was first published. Information regarding the CIBC index, including the applicable index methodology, is available at <https://www.solactive.com/?s=CIBC>. As a result of the risks and limitations inherent in hypothetical performance data, hypothetical results may differ from actual Index performance.  
 Use of benchmark: The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index designed to measure market activity of stocks listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. This index is used as a benchmark to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of broader Canadian equity market.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC	2.63
WEST FRASER TIMBER CO LTD	2.63
SAPUTO INC	2.62
CGI GROUP INC	2.59
CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LTD	2.59
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LTD	2.59
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC	2.57
BANK OF MONTREAL	2.57
ALIMENTATION COUCHE-TARD INC	2.57
THOMSON REUTERS CORP	2.56

## KEY REASONS TO INVEST

- Lower historical share price volatility relative to the S&P/TSX Composite Equal Weight Index with better risk-adjusted returns than the broader Canadian equity market.
- Buybacks represent a sizable share of corporate payouts. Focusing solely on high dividend paying companies overlooks a large opportunity set.
- Buybacks are the most tax-efficient form of corporate payout, as they result in capital gains as opposed to more heavily taxed dividend income.

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## INDEX DESIGN & STRUCTURE

In order for stocks to be included in the Canadian buyback portfolio, companies must demonstrate both sufficient activity and frequency in reducing their shares outstanding. Stocks listed on the TSX are ranked based on both of these screens every month, ensuring that the top 40 stocks with the highest composite scores are selected for inclusion. The model employs a turnover control mechanism to minimize trading, with a 3-4 year investment horizon.

### Model Structure

Buyback Activity
Share Count Reduction Ratio
Buyback Consistency
Reduction Consistency Ratio

### Factor Definitions

**Share Count Reduction Ratio:** (common shares outstanding today - value 24 months ago) / value 24 months ago.

**Reduction Consistency Ratio:** number of months, in last 24 months, shares outstanding have fallen MINUS number of months shares outstanding increased, expressed as a percentage (%) of all months.

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