

## Launch of First Trust Alerian Disruptive Technology Real Estate UCITS ETF “DTRE”

*London; 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022:* First Trust is today pleased to announce the launch of the **First Trust Alerian Disruptive Technology Real Estate UCITS ETF (“DTRE”)**. The Fund offers direct exposure to companies which provide the physical infrastructure underpinning the digital revolution, in a liquid, transparent format, with minimal overlap to the technology sector and broader indices. Listing today on the London Stock Exchange, the Fund seeks to provide investors with investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the Alerian Global IT Real Estate & Infrastructure Index (the “Index”).

The Index is made up of companies listed on a major recognised stock exchange and included in the GICS Real Estate within the S-Network Global Equity 5000 Index or the S-Network Global REIT index. The Index seeks to provide exposure to companies that own and lease real estate that support rapid data transfer, including the latest generation-capable cell towers and fibre-optic cable networks; distributed data handling, including data centre and cloud computing networks as well as E-commerce warehousing, including distribution and storage warehouses and logistics facilities.

The Index constituents are weighted by their float-adjusted market capitalizations, with the maximum weight of any stock comprising the Index limited to 10% of the Fund’s net assets. The index employs a liquidity weighting methodology. At each evaluation, the index securities are classified as either Pure Play or Diversified by the Index Committee. The **Pure Play** securities are given a collective weight of 80% and the **Diversified** securities are given 20% in the index. The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted quarterly.

**Rupert Haddon, Managing Director, First Trust** said: "We are excited to be bringing this new ETF into our suite of award-winning thematic funds. Our focus has always been on offering products that offer clients access to untapped market segments, and DTRE forms the natural next step for our European business.

Property investors have had issues for some time in Europe. For many, the scars are still raw following liquidity issues in the open-ended property market following the Brexit referendum. For others, we can understand the reticence in allocating to broad, market-cap weighted REITs, which are typically positioned within declining areas such as the high street or offices. DTRE could provide the solution to both of these issues.”

Haddon continued: “With the mass-adoption of Cloud, IoT, Robotics & AI and 5G as well as other disruptive technologies, in addition to accelerating digitisation, the growing need for infrastructure to support our digital activities and the immense amount of data behind them has become paramount. We are thrilled to be able to give our investors access to this groundbreaking infrastructure in a single UCITS portfolio.”

**Robert Hughes, Chief Commercial Officer of Alerian said:** “Consumer trends and behaviours are creating significant demand for continued enhancements to the infrastructure required to support an accelerating move towards a more digital reality. The launch of DTRE, based on the Alerian Disruptive Technology Real Estate Index (“LANDX”), allows us to expand our relationship with First Trust and deliver access to companies and ideas that are reshaping the global economy.”

The Fund is aimed at wealth managers, discretionary fund managers, advisers and institutional investors, with a total expense ratio of 0.60% and base currency of USD. The Fund is rebalanced quarterly.

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Today, First Trust is collectively First Trust Advisors L.P. (“FTA”), First Trust Portfolios L.P. (“FTP”), First Trust Global Portfolios (“FTGP”) and First Trust Global Portfolios Management (“FTGPM”).

First Trust launched its first ETF in 2005 and has a wide variety and mix of single-country, regional and global equity, fixed income and thematic ETF UCITS solutions to satisfy our client needs. As of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, we were the one of the largest ETF providers in the world.

Since our launch, First Trust's mission and approach has been a simple one, ‘Know what you own, invest for the long-term, employ discipline and rebalance.’

In Europe, First Trust now offers 22 UCITS ETFs, including its proprietary fundamentally-weighted and factor-focused AlphaDEX® ETF range.

First Trust and affiliates had total assets under management or supervision of \$212.548 billion as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

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