

Press Release

Indxx 5G & NextG Thematic Index Licensed by First Trust Portfolios Canada for an Exchange Traded Fund

New York – February 17, 2021 - [Indxx](#) is pleased to announce the [Indxx 5G & NextG Thematic Index](#) (the “Index”) has been licensed to Canada-based ETF provider First Trust Portfolios Canada as the underlying benchmark for Canada’s first 5G dedicated ETF, the First Trust Indxx NextG ETF (TSX: NXTG), which began trading today.

This marks the third product tracking the Index, the first being the First Trust Indxx NextG ETF (NASDAQ: NXTG) in the United States, which launched in 2019, followed by the First Trust Indxx NextG UCITS ETF (LSE: NXTG), which was launched earlier this month. These funds have gathered well over \$900 million in assets under management.

The Index (Ticker: INXTG) is designed to track the performance of companies that are at the core of the research and development of the new 5G cellular technology and next generation technologies as they emerge. The Index seeks to include only companies that have devoted material resources or made material commitments to the use of 5G technology. 5G is the next (fifth) generation of cellular technology, which promises to greatly enhance the speed, coverage and responsiveness of wireless networks.

Rahul Sen Sharma, Managing Partner at Indxx said, “5G technology is expected to pave the way for a hyper connected world and be the backbone of innovation in multiple industries. The rise in remote working, and shift to the cloud, are also driving the demand for faster communication networks exponentially. Our Index effectively helps investors gain exposure to companies enabling this pioneering communication technology. We are very happy to partner with First Trust to introduce this successful investment strategy to Canadian investors. ”

Added Vaibhav Agarwal, Chief Revenue Officer at Indxx, “The wide scale deployment of 5G will play a critical role in the implementation of Industry 4.0. By enhancing connectivity, 5G is expected to unlock significant potential for various industries and deliver large scale societal value. Our Indxx 5G & NextG Thematic Index provides exposure to companies at the forefront of this rapidly growing communication technology. We are confident that it will prove to be a promising investment them for Canadian investors”

Karl Cheong, CFA, Head of Distribution at First Trust Portfolios Canada said, “ Throughout the pandemic, the value and necessity of fast, reliable networking has been clearly demonstrated. As the world continues to grapple with its impact, the transition to the next generation 5G network appears set to benefit from the deep integration of new device innovation, targeted fiscal stimulus spending, and heightened geopolitical competitiveness. In our opinion, 5G networking and the industries that support new connected devices remain attractive themes for investors and we are delighted to be partnering with market leaders, Indxx, pioneers in innovative and custom indexing, in bringing this to the Canadian market.”

As of February 17, 2021, the index has 97 constituents. It has a backtested date of December 15, 2017 and a live calculation date of May 07, 2019. Additional information can be found [here](#).

About Indxx

Founded in 2005, Indxx endeavors to deliver innovative and custom indexing and calculation solutions to the investment management community at large.

Indxx and products tracking our indices have been nominated for and received numerous awards, including 'Best Index Provider - Emerging Markets ETFs' at the ETF Express US Awards in October 2020 and 'Most Innovative ETF Index Provider' for the Americas at the 14th Annual Global ETF Awards in July 2018.

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