

## Press Release

### Indxx US Aerospace & Defense Index Licensed by First Trust Advisors for an Exchange Traded Fund

**New York – October 26, 2022** - [Indxx](#) is pleased to announce the licensing of their US Aerospace & Defense Index to First Trust Advisors. The index will serve as the underlying benchmark for the First Trust Indxx Aerospace & Defense ETF (Ticker: MISL), their most recent thematic ETF launching on the NYSE Arca today.

The Indxx US Aerospace & Defense Index (Ticker: [IMISLT](#)) is designed to track the performance of traditional and advanced aerospace and defense companies listed in the United States. This includes companies that operate in the following areas: Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Space Technologies, Advance Air Mobility, Cybersecurity, or provide defense-related applications for commercial use.

“The aerospace and defense sector is ripe with opportunity, as innovation and technological solutions are advancing rapidly across the entire sector,” said Indxx Managing Partner Rahul Sen Sharma. “This index is unique in that it targets not only traditional aerospace and defense companies, but also those that are on the cutting edge of innovation and have the potential to transform the entire industry on a global basis. We are excited to once again partner with First Trust Advisors to offer access to this high-growth and highly innovative sector.”

Indxx Head of Products Chandan Kumar GV added, “Our index is the product of a unique methodology backed by top-notch research. The underlying index includes some of the most robust and critical components producing value throughout the aerospace and defense value chain, especially those working alongside governments and defense agencies to deliver solutions with real world results.”

“The aerospace & defense industry has been at the forefront of innovation for decades, providing aircraft, ships, spacecraft, weapon systems, and defense equipment to both the government and private enterprises,” said Ryan Issakainen, CFA, Senior Vice President, and ETF Strategist at First Trust. “As technological advancements accelerate, we believe there are strong incentives for continued investments to be made in each of these areas, and we are excited to offer MISL as a way to gain exposure to stocks that may benefit from the growth and maturity of this industry.”

As of October 26, 2022, the Indxx US Aerospace & Defense Index has 33 constituents. The index has been back-tested to April 17, 2017 and has a live calculation date of October 12, 2022. Additional information on the index 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 'Index Provider of the Year' at the With Intelligence Mutual Fund & ETF Awards 2022, '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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