

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND  
Form N-Q  
November 24, 2017

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21905  
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First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400

Wheaton, IL 60187  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 765-8000  
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Date of fiscal year end: December 31  
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Date of reporting period: September 30, 2017  
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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND (FEO)  
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a)  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES                | DESCRIPTION   | VALUE  |
|-----------------------|---|--------|
| -----                 |   |        |
| COMMON STOCKS - 45.4% |   |        |
|                       |   |        |
| BRAZIL - 6.0%         |   |        |
| 97,350                | Ambev S.A.....  | \$ 646 |
| 112,261               | Banco Bradesco S.A., ADR.....                                       | 1,242  |
| 34,877                | BRF S.A. (b).....   | 504    |
| 78,401                | Lojas Renner S.A.....   | 891    |
| 24,054                | Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios S.A., Preference Shares..... | 558    |
| 38,367                | Ultrapar Participacoes S.A.....                                     | 915    |
| 77,953                | Vale S.A., ADR.....   | 784    |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   | 5,544  |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   |        |
| CHILE - 1.1%          |   |        |
| 17,459                | Banco Santander Chile S.A., ADR.....                                | 518    |
| 50,382                | SACI Falabella.....   | 491    |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   | 1,010  |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   |        |
| CHINA - 4.7%          |   |        |
| 119,500               | Anhui Conch Cement Co., Ltd., Class H.....                          | 476    |
| 414,000               | Beijing Capital International Airport Co., Ltd., Class H.....       | 616    |
| 124,000               | China Mobile Ltd.....   | 1,256  |
| 238,000               | China Resources Land Ltd.....                                       | 728    |
| 10,000                | Tencent Holdings Ltd.....   | 430    |
| 21,200                | YUM China Holdings, Inc.....  | 847    |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   | 4,355  |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   |        |
| HONG KONG - 3.5%      |   |        |
| 199,400               | AIA Group Ltd.....  | 1,470  |
| 230,000               | Hang Lung Group Ltd.....  | 825    |
| 20,299                | Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd.....                             | 545    |
| 152,000               | Swire Pacific Ltd., B Shares.....                                   | 263    |
| 46,000                | Swire Properties Ltd.....   | 156    |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   | 3,261  |
|                       |   | -----  |
|                       |   |        |
| HUNGARY - 0.5%        |   |        |
| 19,000                | Richter Gedeon Nyrt.....  | 471    |
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|         |   |       |
|---------|---|-------|
|         | INDIA - 6.8%                                |       |
| 71,414  | Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. (b).....          | 200   |
| 51,010  | Grasim Industries Ltd.....                  | 885   |
| 10,537  | Hero MotoCorp Ltd.....                      | 608   |
| 42,000  | Hindustan Unilever Ltd.....                 | 754   |
| 62,300  | Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd..... | 1,661 |
| 226,259 | ITC Ltd.....                                | 894   |
| 27,500  | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.....                | 421   |
| 13,902  | Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.....          | 518   |
| 5,428   | UltraTech Cement Ltd.....                   | 320   |
|         |   | ----- |
|         |   | 6,267 |
|         |   | ----- |

|           |                                 |       |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|           | INDONESIA - 2.4%                |       |
| 1,902,700 | Astra International Tbk PT..... | 1,115 |
| 403,000   | Bank Central Asia Tbk PT.....   | 607   |

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| SHARES                    | DESCRIPTION  | VALUE  |
|---------------------------|--|--------|
| -----                     |  |        |
| COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) |  |        |
| INDONESIA (CONTINUED)     |  |        |
| 375,400                   | Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa Tbk PT.....                        | \$ 526 |
|                           |  | -----  |
|                           |  | 2,250  |
|                           |  | -----  |
| ITALY - 0.3%              |  |        |
| 10,930                    | Tenaris S.A., ADR.....   | 309    |
|                           |  | -----  |
| MALAYSIA - 0.6%           |  |        |
| 105,000                   | Public Bank Bhd.....   | 508    |
|                           |  | -----  |
| MEXICO - 3.2%             |  |        |
| 12,300                    | Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR.....           | 1,175  |
| 14,000                    | Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR..... | 621    |
| 164,600                   | Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V., O Shares.....        | 1,133  |
|                           |  | -----  |
|                           |  | 2,929  |
|                           |  | -----  |
| PHILIPPINES - 1.8%        |  |        |
| 1,189,000                 | Ayala Land, Inc.....   | 1,018  |
| 325,359                   | Bank of the Philippine Islands.....                            | 636    |

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|---------|--|-------|-------|
|         |  | ----- | 1,655 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | POLAND - 0.4%  |       |       |
| 10,396  | Bank Pekao S.A.....                                    |       | 364   |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | PORTUGAL - 0.5%  |       |       |
| 23,692  | Jeronimo Martins SGPS S.A.....                         |       | 467   |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | RUSSIA - 1.6%  |       |       |
| 11,200  | Lukoil PJSC, ADR.....                                  |       | 593   |
| 5,096   | Magnit PJSC.....                                       |       | 894   |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         |  |       | 1,488 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | SOUTH AFRICA - 1.7%                                    |       |       |
| 12,000  | BHP Billiton PLC.....                                  |       | 211   |
| 40,910  | Massmart Holdings Ltd.....                             |       | 337   |
| 59,100  | MTN Group Ltd.....                                     |       | 542   |
| 87,563  | Truworths International Ltd.....                       |       | 499   |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         |  |       | 1,591 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | SOUTH KOREA - 3.6%                                     |       |       |
| 1,020   | Amorepacific Corp. (Preference Shares).....            |       | 138   |
| 2,341   | Amorepacific Group.....                                |       | 252   |
| 1,136   | NAVER Corp.....  |       | 738   |
| 1,240   | Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Preference Shares)..... |       | 2,232 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         |  |       | 3,362 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | TAIWAN - 2.3%  |       |       |
| 108,005 | Taiwan Mobile Co., Ltd.....                            |       | 384   |
| 244,954 | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....       |       | 1,748 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         |  |       | 2,133 |
|         |  | ----- |       |
|         | THAILAND - 2.0%  |       |       |
| 61,200  | Siam Cement (The) PCL.....                             |       | 921   |

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COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)

| THAILAND (CONTINUED)  |                                    |    |        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----|--------|
| 201,100               | Siam Commercial Bank (The) PCL (c) | \$ | 922    |
|                       |                                    |    | 1,843  |
| TURKEY - 1.9%         |                                    |    |        |
| 179,135               | Akbank TAS                         |    | 472    |
| 32,444                | BIM Birlesik Magazalar A.S.        |    | 676    |
| 43,150                | Haci Omer Sabanci Holding A.S.     |    | 121    |
| 165,000               | Turkiye Garanti Bankasi A.S.       |    | 448    |
|                       |                                    |    | 1,718  |
| UNITED KINGDOM - 0.5% |                                    |    |        |
| 42,739                | Standard Chartered PLC (b)         |    | 424    |
|                       | TOTAL COMMON STOCKS                |    | 41,957 |
|                       | (Cost \$30,452,466)                |    |        |

| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY) | DESCRIPTION  | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY | VALUE<br>(US DOLLAR) |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES - 45.0% |  |                  |                    |                      |
| ARGENTINA - 2.9%                          |  |                  |                    |                      |
| 8,741,977                                 | Argentina POM Politica Monetaria,<br>Argentine Central Bank 7 day repo<br>reference rate (ARS) (d) | 26.25%           | 06/21/20           | 535                  |
| 14,569,524                                | Argentine Bonos del Tesoro (ARS)   | 16.00%           | 10/17/23           | 889                  |
| 426,000                                   | Argentine Republic Government<br>International Bond (USD)  | 5.63%            | 01/26/22           | 448                  |
| 266,387                                   | Argentine Republic Government<br>International Bond (USD)  | 8.28%            | 12/31/33           | 301                  |
| 464,000                                   | Argentine Republic Government<br>International Bond (USD)  | 7.13%            | 07/06/36           | 488                  |
|   |  |                  |                    | 2,663                |
| BAHRAIN - 0.6%                            |  |                  |                    |                      |
| 270,000                                   | Bahrain Government International Bond<br>(USD)   | 7.00%            | 01/26/26           | 286                  |
| 278,000                                   | Bahrain Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e)   | 7.00%            | 10/12/28           | 284                  |
|   |  |                  |                    | 570                  |
| BRAZIL - 4.2%                             |  |                  |                    |                      |
| 10,400,000                                | Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional,<br>Series F (BRL)  | 10.00%           | 01/01/25           | 3,379                |
| 1,560,000                                 | Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional,  |                  |                    |                      |

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|---------|--|--------|----------|-------|
|         | Series F (BRL) .....                                 | 10.00% | 01/01/27 | 502   |
|         |  |        |          | ----- |
|         |  |        |          | 3,882 |
|         |  |        |          | ----- |
|         | COSTA RICA - 0.3%                                    |        |          |       |
| 300,000 | Costa Rica Government International Bond (USD) ..... | 4.25%  | 01/26/23 | 298   |
|         |  |        |          | ----- |

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| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY)     | DESCRIPTION   | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY | VALUE<br>(US DOLLAR) |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| -----   | -----   | -----            | -----              | -----                |
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |   |                  |                    |                      |
|   | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 1.2%                             |                  |                    |                      |
| 53,000,000                                    | Dominican Republic Bond (DOP) (e) .....               | 10.50%           | 04/07/23           | \$ 1,135             |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |
|   | ECUADOR - 1.5%  |                  |                    |                      |
| 230,000                                       | Ecuador Government International Bond (USD) (e) ..... | 8.75%            | 06/02/23           | 238                  |
| 1,100,000                                     | Ecuador Government International Bond (USD) .....     | 9.65%            | 12/13/26           | 1,166                |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |
|   |   |                  |                    | 1,404                |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |
|   | EGYPT - 1.7%  |                  |                    |                      |
| 246,000                                       | Egypt Government International Bond (USD) (e) .....   | 6.13%            | 01/31/22           | 255                  |
| 200,000                                       | Egypt Government International Bond (USD) (e) .....   | 8.50%            | 01/31/47           | 223                  |
| 22,000,000                                    | Egypt Treasury Bills (EGP) .....                      | (f)              | 05/29/18           | 1,123                |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |
|   |   |                  |                    | 1,602                |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |
|   | EL SALVADOR - 0.6%                                    |                  |                    |                      |
| 280,000                                       | El Salvador Government International Bond (USD) ..... | 5.88%            | 01/30/25           | 275                  |
| 300,000                                       | El Salvador Government International Bond (USD) ..... | 7.65%            | 06/15/35           | 309                  |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |
|   |   |                  |                    | 585                  |
|   |   |                  |                    | -----                |

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|----------------|--|--------|----------|-------|--|
|                | ETHIOPIA - 0.6%  |        |          |       |  |
| 540,000        | Ethiopia International Bond (USD) (e)...                   | 6.63%  | 12/11/24 | 556   |  |
|                | GHANA - 0.9%   |        |          |       |  |
| 2,150,000      | Ghana Government Bond (GHS) .....                          | 21.50% | 03/09/20 | 525   |  |
| 300,000        | Ghana Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....         | 8.13%  | 01/18/26 | 319   |  |
|                |  |        |          | 845   |  |
|                | HONDURAS - 0.5%  |        |          |       |  |
| 410,000        | Honduras Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) .....  | 7.50%  | 03/15/24 | 468   |  |
|                | HUNGARY - 1.4%   |        |          |       |  |
| 276,800,000    | Hungary Government Bond (HUF) .....                        | 5.50%  | 06/24/25 | 1,291 |  |
|                | INDONESIA - 1.9%   |        |          |       |  |
| 470,000        | Indonesia Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) ..... | 5.88%  | 01/15/24 | 540   |  |
| 14,700,000,000 | Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....                        | 8.38%  | 03/15/34 | 1,204 |  |
|                |  |        |          | 1,744 |  |
|                | IRAQ - 0.8%  |        |          |       |  |
| 200,000        | Iraq International Bond (USD) (e) .....                    | 6.75%  | 03/09/23 | 199   |  |
| 610,000        | Iraq International Bond (USD) .....                        | 5.80%  | 01/15/28 | 572   |  |
|                |  |        |          | 771   |  |

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| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY)     | DESCRIPTION                         | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY | VALUE<br>(US DOLLAR) |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |                                     |                  |                    |                      |
|   | KENYA - 0.2%                        |                  |                    |                      |
| 200,000                                       | Kenya Government International Bond |                  |                    |                      |

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|-------------|---|--------|----------|--------|
|             | (USD) .....   | 6.88%  | 06/24/24 | \$ 205 |
|             | LEBANON - 0.3%  |        |          |        |
| 300,000     | Lebanon Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....                  | 6.85%  | 03/23/27 | 299    |
|             | MEXICO - 2.8%   |        |          |        |
| 41,200,000  | Mexican Bonos (MXN) .....   | 8.50%  | 11/18/38 | 2,579  |
|             | MONGOLIA - 0.3%   |        |          |        |
| 290,000     | Mongolia Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....                 | 5.13%  | 12/05/22 | 282    |
|             | NIGERIA - 0.3%  |        |          |        |
| 200,000     | Nigeria Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) .....              | 7.88%  | 02/16/32 | 219    |
|             | PERU - 2.4%   |        |          |        |
| 6,320,000   | Peruvian Government International Bond<br>(PEN) .....                 | 6.90%  | 08/12/37 | 2,176  |
|             | POLAND - 1.5%   |        |          |        |
| 4,800,000   | Republic of Poland Government Bond<br>(PLN) .....                     | 4.00%  | 10/25/23 | 1,394  |
|             | RUSSIA - 5.1%   |        |          |        |
| 264,000,000 | Russian Federal Bond - OFZ (RUB) .....                                | 7.05%  | 01/19/28 | 4,457  |
| 200,000     | Russian Foreign Bond - Eurobond (USD)...                              | 5.88%  | 09/16/43 | 229    |
|             |   |        |          | 4,686  |
|             | RWANDA - 0.6%   |        |          |        |
| 200,000     | Rwanda International Government Bond<br>(USD) (e) .....               | 6.63%  | 05/02/23 | 209    |
| 300,000     | Rwanda International Government Bond<br>(USD) .....                   | 6.63%  | 05/02/23 | 313    |
|             |   |        |          | 523    |
|             | SENEGAL - 0.5%  |        |          |        |
| 380,000     | Senegal Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....                  | 8.75%  | 05/13/21 | 439    |
|             | SOUTH AFRICA - 4.0%   |        |          |        |
| 14,400,000  | Republic of South Africa Government<br>Bond (ZAR) .....               | 10.50% | 12/21/26 | 1,194  |
| 31,500,000  | Republic of South Africa Government<br>Bond (ZAR) .....               | 6.25%  | 03/31/36 | 1,681  |
| 820,000     | Republic of South Africa Government<br>International Bond (USD) ..... | 4.88%  | 04/14/26 | 828    |
|             |   |        |          | 3,705  |



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| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY)     | DESCRIPTION  | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY | VALUE<br>(US DOLLAR) |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |  |                  |                    |                      |
|   | SRI LANKA - 0.7%   |                  |                    |                      |
| 570,000                                       | Sri Lanka Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) .....                     | 6.20%            | 05/11/27           | \$ 599               |
|   | SURINAME - 0.3%  |                  |                    |                      |
| 270,000                                       | Republic of Suriname (USD) (e) .....   | 9.25%            | 10/26/26           | 292                  |
|   | TANZANIA - 0.2%  |                  |                    |                      |
| 166,668                                       | Tanzania Government International Bond,<br>6 Mo. LIBOR + 6.00% (USD) (d) ..... | 7.45%            | 03/09/20           | 174                  |
|   | TURKEY - 4.7%  |                  |                    |                      |
| 339,000                                       | Hazine Mustesarligi Varlik Kiralama AS<br>(USD) (e) .....                      | 5.00%            | 04/06/23           | 349                  |
| 1,750,000                                     | Turkey Government Bond (TRY) .....   | 6.30%            | 02/14/18           | 482                  |
| 12,650,000                                    | Turkey Government International Bond<br>(TRY) .....                            | 10.40%           | 03/20/24           | 3,516                |
|   |  |                  |                    | 4,348                |
|   | UKRAINE - 1.2%   |                  |                    |                      |
| 115,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) .....                       | 7.75%            | 09/01/21           | 122                  |
| 865,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) .....                       | 7.75%            | 09/01/24           | 905                  |
| 188,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (e) (i) .....                   | (f)              | 05/31/40           | 102                  |
|   |  |                  |                    | 1,129                |
|   | URUGUAY - 0.4%   |                  |                    |                      |
| 190,000                                       | Uruguay Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....                           | 4.38%            | 10/27/27           | 205                  |

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| 5,257,000                                     | Uruguay Government International Bond<br>(UYU) (e) .....                       | 9.88% | 06/20/22 | 196    |
|   |  |       |          | 401    |
| 1,050,000                                     | VENEZUELA - 0.4%<br>Venezuela Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....     | 9.25% | 05/07/28 | 363    |
|   | TOTAL FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES.....<br>(Cost \$39,818,119)            |       |          | 41,640 |
| FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (g) - 14.3% |  |       |          |        |
| 200,000                                       | ARGENTINA - 0.2%<br>Genneia S.A. (USD) (e) .....                               | 8.75% | 01/20/22 | 219    |
| 495,000                                       | AZERBAIJAN - 0.6%<br>Southern Gas Corridor CJSC (USD) (e) ...                  | 6.88% | 03/24/26 | 558    |
| 250,000                                       | BANGLADESH - 0.3%<br>Banglalink Digital Communications Ltd.<br>(USD) (e) ..... | 8.63% | 05/06/19 | 262    |

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|---|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (g) (CONTINUED) |   |                  |                    |                      |
| 250,000   | BARBADOS - 0.3%<br>Sagicor Finance 2015 Ltd. (USD) (e) .... | 8.88%            | 08/11/22           | \$ 285               |
| 350,000   | BRAZIL - 2.4%<br>OAS Finance Ltd. (USD) (h) (i) (j) (l) ..  | 8.88%            | (k)                | 29                   |
| 200,000   | OAS Investments GmbH (USD) (h) (j) (l) ..                   | 8.25%            | 10/19/19           | 16                   |
| 844,688   | Petrobras Global Finance BV (e) .....                       | 5.30%            | 01/27/25           | 844                  |
| 650,000   | Petrobras Global Finance BV (USD) .....                     | 8.75%            | 05/23/26           | 782                  |
| 206,088   | QGOG Atlantic/Alaskan Rigs Ltd. (USD) ..                    | 5.25%            | 07/30/18           | 202                  |
| 300,000   | Vale Overseas Ltd. (USD) .....                              | 6.88%            | 11/21/36           | 345                  |

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|         |   |       |          |  |       |
|---------|---|-------|----------|--|-------|
|         |   |       |          |  | 2,220 |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | COLOMBIA - 0.2%   |       |          |  |       |
| 207,000 | Banco GNB Sudameris S.A. (USD) (e) (i) ..   | 6.50% | 04/03/27 |  | 215   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 0.5%   |       |          |  |       |
| 460,000 | AES Andres BV / Dominican Power<br>Partners / Empresa Generadora de<br>Electricidad Itabo (USD) (e) ..... | 7.95% | 05/11/26 |  | 500   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | EL SALVADOR - 0.4%  |       |          |  |       |
| 310,000 | Grupo Unicomer Co., Ltd. (USD) (e) .....  | 7.88% | 04/01/24 |  | 338   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | GEORGIA - 1.5%  |       |          |  |       |
| 200,000 | BGEO Group JSC (USD) (e) .....  | 6.00% | 07/26/23 |  | 206   |
| 350,000 | Georgian Oil and Gas Corp. JSC (USD)<br>(e) .....   | 6.75% | 04/26/21 |  | 373   |
| 680,000 | Georgian Railway JSC (USD) .....  | 7.75% | 07/11/22 |  | 758   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         |   |       |          |  | 1,337 |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | GUATEMALA - 0.5%  |       |          |  |       |
| 400,000 | Comcel Trust via Comunicaciones<br>Celulares S.A. (USD) (e) .....   | 6.88% | 02/06/24 |  | 428   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | HONDURAS - 0.3%   |       |          |  |       |
| 280,000 | Inversiones Atlantida S.A. (USD) (e) ...  | 8.25% | 07/28/22 |  | 288   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | HONG KONG - 0.3%  |       |          |  |       |
| 260,000 | Shimao Property Holdings Ltd. (USD) ....  | 8.38% | 02/10/22 |  | 287   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | INDIA - 0.3%  |       |          |  |       |
| 275,000 | Vedanta Resources PLC (USD) (e) .....   | 6.13% | 08/09/24 |  | 279   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         | KAZAKHSTAN - 0.8%   |       |          |  |       |
| 390,000 | Nostrum Oil & Gas Finance BV (USD) (e) ..   | 8.00% | 07/25/22 |  | 407   |
| 308,000 | Tengizchevroil Finance Co. International<br>Ltd. (USD) (e) .....  | 4.00% | 08/15/26 |  | 306   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |
|         |   |       |          |  | 714   |
|         |   |       |          |  | ----- |

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| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY)         | DESCRIPTION  | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY | VALUE<br>(US DOLLAR)                            |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|---|
| FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (g) (CONTINUED) |  |                  |                    |   |
| MEXICO - 1.2%                                     |  |                  |                    |   |
| 270,000   | Alfa SAB de CV (USD) .....                               | 6.88%            | 03/25/44           | \$ 305  |
| 230,000   | Cemex SAB de CV (USD) (e) .....                          | 7.75%            | 04/16/26           | 264   |
| 4,800,000   | Petroleos Mexicanos (MXN) .....                          | 7.19%            | 09/12/24           | 241   |
| 270,000   | Unifin Financiera SAB de CV SOFOM ENR<br>(USD) (e) ..... | 7.25%            | 09/27/23           | 282   |
|   |  |                  |                    | -----<br>1,094<br>-----                         |
| NIGERIA - 1.2%                                    |  |                  |                    |   |
| 290,000   | Access Bank PLC (USD) (e) .....                          | 10.50%           | 10/19/21           | 321   |
| 290,000   | IHS Netherlands Holdco BV (USD) (e) ....                 | 9.50%            | 10/27/21           | 304   |
| 270,000   | United Bank for Africa PLC (USD) (e) ...                 | 7.75%            | 06/08/22           | 269   |
| 200,000   | Zenith Bank PLC (USD) (e) .....                          | 7.38%            | 05/30/22           | 207   |
|   |  |                  |                    | -----<br>1,102<br>-----                         |
| PARAGUAY - 0.4%                                   |  |                  |                    |   |
| 350,000   | Banco Regional SAECA (USD) (e) .....                     | 8.13%            | 01/24/19           | 371   |
| RUSSIA - 1.3%                                     |  |                  |                    |   |
| 310,000   | Credit Bank of Moscow Via CBOM<br>Finance PLC (i) .....  | 7.50%            | 10/05/27           | 273   |
| 394,000   | Evraz Group S.A. (USD) (e) .....                         | 5.38%            | 03/20/23           | 405   |
| 200,000   | GTH Finance BV (USD) (e) .....                           | 7.25%            | 04/26/23           | 227   |
| 237,000   | Polyus Finance PLC (USD) (e) .....                       | 5.25%            | 02/07/23           | 248   |
|   |  |                  |                    | -----<br>1,154<br>-----                         |
| TURKEY - 0.9%                                     |  |                  |                    |   |
| 280,000   | Odea Bank AS (USD) (e) (i) .....                         | 7.63%            | 08/01/27           | 268   |
| 288,000   | Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi TAO (USD) .....                 | 6.00%            | 11/01/22           | 289   |
| 300,000   | Yasar Holdings AS (USD) (e) .....                        | 8.88%            | 05/06/20           | 310   |
|   |  |                  |                    | -----<br>868<br>-----                           |
| UKRAINE - 0.3%                                    |  |                  |                    |   |
| 280,000   | Ukreximbank Via Biz Finance PLC (USD)...                 | 9.63%            | 04/27/22           | 300   |
| VENEZUELA - 0.4%                                  |  |                  |                    |   |
| 1,300,000   | Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (USD) .....                  | 6.00%            | 05/16/24           | 398   |
|   | TOTAL FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES.....             |                  |                    | -----<br>13,227<br>-----<br>(Cost \$12,920,507) |

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|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 104.7%.....              | 96,825    |
| (Cost \$83,191,092) (m)                      |           |
| OUTSTANDING LOANS - (6.3%).....              | (5,800)   |
| NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 1.6%..... | 1,492     |
| NET ASSETS - 100.0%.....                     | \$ 92,517 |

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FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS (See Note 2C - Forward Foreign Currency  
 Contracts in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

| FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS |              |                     |                |                                      |             |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| SETTLEMENT<br>DATE                 | COUNTERPARTY | AMOUNT<br>PURCHASED | AMOUNT<br>SOLD | PURCHASE<br>VALUE AS OF<br>9/30/2017 | VALU<br>9/3 |  |  |
| 10/13/2017                         | JPM          | USD 814,083         | ZAR 11,063,000 | \$ 814,083                           | \$          |  |  |
| 10/13/2017                         | MS           | USD 725,681         | ZAR 9,815,000  | 725,681                              |             |  |  |
| 11/22/2017                         | BAR          | INR 32,218,000      | USD 497,659    | 490,054                              |             |  |  |

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation).....

Counterparty Abbreviations:

BAR Barclays Bank  
 JPM JPMorgan Chase  
 MS Morgan Stanley

- (a) All of these securities are available to serve as collateral for the outstanding loans.
- (b) Non-income producing security.
- (c) This security is fair valued by the Advisor's Pricing Committee in accordance with procedures adopted by the Trust's Board of Trustees and in accordance with provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. At September 30, 2017, securities noted as such are valued at

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\$922,588 or 1.0% of net assets.

- (d) Floating rate security.
- (e) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be liquid by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. (the "Sub-Advisor"). At September 30, 2017, securities noted as such amounted to \$15,892,564 or 17.2% of net assets.
- (f) Zero coupon bond.
- (g) Portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by the Sub-Advisor.
- (h) This issuer is in default and interest is not being accrued by the Fund nor paid by the issuer.
- (i) Fixed-to-floating or fixed-to-variable rate security. At a predetermined date, the fixed rate will change to a floating rate or a variable rate.
- (j) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration normally to qualified institutional buyers. (See Note 2E - Restricted Securities in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments.)
- (k) Perpetual maturity.
- (l) This issuer has filed for bankruptcy protection in a Sao Paulo state court.
- (m) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of September 30, 2017, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$17,824,740 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$4,196,603. The net unrealized appreciation was \$13,628,137. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

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VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30,

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2017 is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

|   | ASSETS TABLE                   |                             |  |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|   | TOTAL<br>VALUE AT<br>9/30/2017 | LEVEL 1<br>QUOTED<br>PRICES | LEVEL 2<br>SIGNIFICANT<br>OBSERVABLE<br>INPUTS |
|   | -----                          | -----                       | -----  |
| Common Stocks:                            |                                |                             |  |
| Thailand.....                             | \$ 1,843,799                   | \$ 921,211                  | \$ 922,588                                     |
| Other Country Categories*.....            | 40,113,960                     | 40,113,960                  | --   |
| Total Common Stocks.....                  | 41,957,759                     | 41,035,171                  | 922,588  |
| Foreign Sovereign Bonds and Notes*.....   | 41,640,250                     | --                          | 41,640,250                                     |
| Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes*.....   | 13,227,537                     | --                          | 13,227,537                                     |
| Total Investments.....                    | 96,825,546                     | 41,035,171                  | 55,790,375                                     |
| Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**..... | 2,425                          | --                          | 2,425  |
| Total.....                                | 96,827,971                     | 41,035,171                  | 55,792,800                                     |
|   | =====                          | =====                       | =====  |

### LIABILITIES TABLE

|   | TOTAL<br>VALUE AT<br>9/30/2017 | LEVEL 1<br>QUOTED<br>PRICES | LEVEL 2<br>SIGNIFICANT<br>OBSERVABLE<br>INPUTS |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|   | -----                          | -----                       | -----  |
| Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**..... | \$ (8,742)                     | \$ --                       | \$ (8,742)                                     |
|   | =====                          | =====                       | =====  |

\* See Portfolio of Investments for country breakout.

\*\* See the Forward Foreign Currency Contracts table for contract and currency detail.

All transfers in and out of the Levels during the period are assumed to occur on the last day of the period at their current value. There were no transfers between Levels at September 30, 2017.

|                    | % OF TOTAL<br>FIXED INCOME<br>INVESTMENTS |
|--------------------|---|
| CREDIT QUALITY (1) | -----                                     |
| A                  | 7.7%                                      |
| A-                 | 4.0                                       |
| BBB                | 1.6                                       |
| BBB-               | 29.5                                      |
| BB+                | 5.0                                       |
| BB                 | 10.9                                      |
| BB-                | 8.1                                       |
| B+                 | 9.0                                       |
| B                  | 9.4                                       |

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|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| B-        | 7.8    |
| CCC+      | 1.1    |
| CCC-      | 1.4    |
| Not Rated | 4.5    |
| -----     |        |
| Total     | 100.0% |
|           | =====  |

(1) The credit quality and ratings information presented reflects the ratings assigned by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO), including Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Fitch Ratings or a comparably rated NRSRO. For situations in which a security is rated by more than one NRSRO and the ratings are not equivalent, the highest rating is used. The credit ratings shown relate to the credit worthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities in the Fund, and not to the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings are subject to change.

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| INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION                    | % OF TOTAL INVESTMENTS |
|--|------------------------|
| -----                                      |                        |
| Sovereigns                                 | 43.0%                  |
| Banks                                      | 10.8                   |
| Real Estate Management & Development       | 3.7                    |
| Construction Materials                     | 3.2                    |
| Wireless Telecommunications Services       | 3.2                    |
| Food & Staples Retailing                   | 2.5                    |
| Integrated Oils                            | 2.3                    |
| Metals & Mining                            | 2.3                    |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 2.3                    |
| Beverages                                  | 1.9                    |
| Automobiles                                | 1.8                    |
| Semiconductors                             | 1.8                    |
| Thrifts & Mortgage Finance                 | 1.7                    |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels                | 1.6                    |
| Insurance                                  | 1.5                    |
| Multiline Retail                           | 1.4                    |
| Transportation Infrastructure              | 1.3                    |
| Internet Software & Services               | 1.2                    |
| Pipeline                                   | 1.0                    |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure              | 0.9                    |
| Tobacco                                    | 0.9                    |
| Household Products                         | 0.8                    |
| Railroad                                   | 0.8                    |
| Exploration & Production                   | 0.7                    |
| Capital Markets                            | 0.6                    |
| Food Products                              | 0.5                    |



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|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| IT Services                          | 0.5    |
| Pharmaceuticals                      | 0.5    |
| Specialty Retail                     | 0.5    |
| Utilities                            | 0.5    |
| Personal Products                    | 0.4    |
| Retail - Consumer Discretionary      | 0.4    |
| Chemicals                            | 0.3    |
| Commercial Finance                   | 0.3    |
| Communications Equipment             | 0.3    |
| Construction Materials Manufacturing | 0.3    |
| Diversified Financial Services       | 0.3    |
| Energy Equipment & Services          | 0.3    |
| Food & Beverage                      | 0.3    |
| Government Development Banks         | 0.3    |
| Life Insurance                       | 0.3    |
| Real Estate                          | 0.3    |
| Oil & Gas Services & Equipment       | 0.2    |
| Power Generation                     | 0.2    |
| Industrial Other                     | 0.1    |
| -----                                |        |
| Total                                | 100.0% |
|                                      | =====  |

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| -----             |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| CURRENCY EXPOSURE | % OF TOTAL    |
| DIVERSIFICATION   | INVESTMENTS # |
| -----             |               |
| USD               | 34.6%         |
| BRL               | 7.6           |
| HKD               | 7.0           |
| INR               | 7.0           |
| TRY               | 5.9           |
| RUB               | 5.5           |
| MXN               | 4.1           |
| IDR               | 3.6           |
| KRW               | 3.5           |
| ZAR               | 3.0           |
| PEN               | 2.3           |
| TWD               | 2.2           |
| THB               | 1.9           |
| HUF               | 1.8           |
| PLN               | 1.8           |
| PHP               | 1.7           |
| ARS               | 1.5           |
| DOP               | 1.2           |
| EGP               | 1.2           |
| CLP               | 0.5           |
| EUR               | 0.5           |
| GHS               | 0.5           |
| MYR               | 0.5           |

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|       |       |        |
|-------|-------|--------|
| GBP   |       | 0.4    |
| UYU   |       | 0.2    |
| ----- |       |        |
|       | Total | 100.0% |
|       |       | =====  |

# The weightings include the impact of currency forwards.

### Currency Abbreviations

|     |                        |
|-----|------------------------|
| ARS | Argentine Peso         |
| BRL | Brazilian Real         |
| CLP | Chilean Peso           |
| DOP | Dominican Peso         |
| EGP | Egyptian Pound         |
| EUR | Euro                   |
| GBP | British Pound Sterling |
| GHS | Ghanaian Cedi          |
| HKD | Hong Kong Dollar       |
| HUF | Hungarian Forint       |
| IDR | Indonesian Rupiah      |
| INR | Indian Rupee           |
| KRW | South Korean Won       |
| MXN | Mexican Peso           |
| MYR | Malaysian Ringgit      |
| PEN | Peruvian New Sol       |
| PHP | Philippines Peso       |
| PLN | Polish Zloty           |
| RUB | Russian Ruble          |
| THB | Thailand Baht          |
| TRY | Turkish Lira           |
| TWD | Taiwan New Dollar      |
| USD | United States Dollar   |
| UYU | Uruguayan Peso         |
| ZAR | South African Rand     |

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### NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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#### 1. ORGANIZATION

First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on May 16, 2006 and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund trades under the ticker symbol FEO on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

The Fund is considered an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, "Financial Services-Investment Companies."

2. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of the Fund is determined daily, as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. If the NYSE closes early on a valuation day, the NAV is determined as of that time. Domestic debt securities and foreign securities are priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. The NAV per Common Share is calculated by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends declared but unpaid and any borrowings of the Fund), by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value. Market value prices represent last sale or official closing prices from a national or foreign exchange (i.e., a regulated market) and are primarily obtained from third-party pricing services. Fair value prices represent any prices not considered market value prices and are either obtained from a third-party pricing service or are determined by the Pricing Committee of the Fund's investment advisor, First Trust Advisors L.P.'s ("First Trust" or the "Advisor"), in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with provisions of the 1940 Act. Investments valued by the Advisor's Pricing Committee, if any, are footnoted as such in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. The Fund's investments are valued as follows:

Bonds, notes and other debt securities are valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by a third-party pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which may use the following valuation inputs when available:

- 1) benchmark yields;
- 2) reported trades;
- 3) broker/dealer quotes;
- 4) issuer spreads;
- 5) benchmark securities;
- 6) bids and offers; and
- 7) reference data including market research publications.

Fixed income and other debt securities having a remaining maturity of sixty days or less when purchased are fair valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts (amortized cost), provided the Advisor's Pricing Committee has determined that the use of amortized cost is an appropriate reflection of fair value given market and issuer-specific conditions existing at the time of the determination. Factors that may be considered in determining the appropriateness of the use of amortized cost include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) the credit conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 2) the liquidity conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;

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- 3) the interest rate conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto (such as significant changes in interest rates);
- 4) issuer-specific conditions (such as significant credit deterioration); and
- 5) any other market-based data the Advisor's Pricing Committee considers relevant. In this regard, the Advisor's Pricing Committee may use last-obtained market-based data to assist it when valuing portfolio securities using amortized cost.

Common stocks and other securities listed on any national or foreign exchange (excluding The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC ("Nasdaq") and the London Stock Exchange Alternative Investment Market ("AIM")) are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which they are principally traded or, for Nasdaq and AIM securities, the official closing price. Securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price or official closing price, as applicable, at the close of the securities exchange representing the principal market for such securities.

Securities traded in an over-the-counter market are fair valued at the mean of their most recent bid and asked price, if available, and otherwise at their closing bid price.

### NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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Forward foreign currency contracts are valued at the current day's interpolated foreign exchange rate, as calculated using the current day's spot rate, and the thirty, sixty, ninety and one-hundred eighty day forward rates provided by a third-party pricing service.

Certain securities may not be able to be priced by pre-established pricing methods. Such securities may be valued by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its delegate, the Advisor's Pricing Committee, at fair value. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "1933 Act")) for which a third-party pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market or fair value price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of a Fund's NAV or make it difficult or impossible to obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the third-party pricing service, does not reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the current fair value of a security would appear to be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. When fair value prices are used, generally they will differ from market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchanges. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) the fundamental business data relating to the issuer, or economic data relating to the country of issue;

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- 2) an evaluation of the forces which influence the market in which these securities are purchased and sold;
- 3) the type, size and cost of the security;
- 4) the financial statements of the issuer, or the financial condition of the country of issue;
- 5) the credit quality and cash flow of the issuer, or country of issue, based on Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.'s ("Aberdeen" or the "Sub-Advisor") or external analysis;
- 6) the information as to any transactions in or offers for the security;
- 7) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities (or equity securities) of the issuer/borrower, or comparable companies;
- 8) the coupon payments;
- 9) the quality, value and salability of collateral, if any, securing the security;
- 10) the business prospects of the issuer, including any ability to obtain money or resources from a parent or affiliate and an assessment of the issuer's management (for corporate debt only);
- 11) the economic, political and social prospects/developments of the country of issue and the assessment of the country's governmental leaders/officials (for sovereign debt only);
- 12) the prospects for the issuer's industry, and multiples (of earnings and/or cash flows) being paid for similar businesses in that industry (for corporate debt only); and
- 13) other relevant factors.

Fair valuation of an equity security will be based on the consideration of all available information, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) the type of security;
- 2) the size of the holding;
- 3) the initial cost of the security;
- 4) transactions in comparable securities;
- 5) price quotes from dealers and/or third-party pricing services;
- 6) relationships among various securities;
- 7) information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, or the appropriate stock exchange;
- 8) an analysis of the issuer's financial statements; and
- 9) the existence of merger proposals or tender offers that might affect the value of the security.

If the equity security in question is a foreign security, the following

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additional information may be considered:

- 1) the value of similar foreign securities traded on other foreign markets;
- 2) ADR trading of similar securities;
- 3) closed-end fund trading of similar securities;
- 4) foreign currency exchange activity;
- 5) the trading prices of financial products that are tied to baskets of foreign securities;
- 6) factors relating to the event that precipitated the pricing problem;
- 7) whether the event is likely to recur; and
- 8) whether the effects of the event are isolated or whether they affect entire markets, countries or regions.

### NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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Because foreign markets may be open on different days than the days during which investors may transact in the shares of the Fund, the value of the Fund's securities may change on the days when investors are not able to transact in the shares of the Fund. The value of securities denominated in foreign currencies is converted into U.S. dollars using exchange rates determined daily as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

The Fund is subject to fair value accounting standards that define fair value, establish the framework for measuring fair value and provide a three-level hierarchy for fair valuation based upon the inputs to the valuation as of the measurement date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- o Level 1 - Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. An active market is a market in which transactions for the investment occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- o Level 2 - Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, and include the following:
  - o Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets.
  - o Quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where there are few transactions for the investment, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.
  - o Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the investment (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities,

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prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).

- o Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- o Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the investment.

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2017, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis.

Securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitment basis may have extended settlement periods. The value of the security so purchased is subject to market fluctuations during this period. The Fund maintains liquid assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments until payment is made. At September 30, 2017, the Fund had no when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments.

### C. FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

The Fund is subject to foreign currency risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. Forward foreign currency contracts are agreements between two parties ("Counterparties") to exchange one currency for another at a future date and at a specified price. The Fund uses forward foreign currency contracts to facilitate transactions in foreign securities and to manage the Fund's foreign currency exposure. These contracts are valued daily, and the Fund's net equity therein, representing unrealized gain or loss on the contracts as measured by the difference between the forward foreign exchange rates at the dates of entry into the contracts and the forward rates at the reporting date, is included on the Forward Foreign Currency Contracts table in the Portfolio of Investments. Risks arise from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from movement in currency and securities values and interest rates. Due to the risks, the Fund could incur losses in excess of the net unrealized value shown on the Forward Foreign Currency Contracts table in the Portfolio of Investments. In the event of default by the Counterparty, the Fund will provide notice to the Counterparty of the Fund's intent to convert the currency held by the Fund into the currency that the Counterparty agreed to exchange with the Fund. If a Counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances.

### D. FOREIGN CURRENCY

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period. Purchases and sales of investments and items of income and expense are translated on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized foreign

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currency gains and losses include the effect of changes in exchange rates between trade date and settlement date on investment security transactions, foreign currency transactions and interest and dividends received.

E. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

The Fund invests in restricted securities, which are securities that may not be offered for public sale without first being registered under the 1933 Act. Prior to registration, restricted securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, normally to qualified institutional buyers. As of September 30, 2017, the Fund held restricted securities as shown in the following table that Aberdeen has deemed illiquid pursuant to procedures adopted by the Trust's Board of Trustees. Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security-specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. The Fund does not have the right to demand that such securities be registered. These securities are valued according to the valuation procedures as stated in the Portfolio Valuation note (Note 2A) and are not expressed as a discount to the carrying value of a comparable unrestricted security. There are no unrestricted securities with the same maturity date and yield for these issuers.

| SECURITY                              | ACQUISITION<br>DATE | PAR AMOUNT | CURRENT<br>PRICE | CA |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|----|
| OAS Finance Ltd, 8.88%                | 4/18/2013           | 350,000    | \$ 8.38          | \$ |
| OAS Investments GmbH, 8.25%, 10/19/19 | 10/15/2012          | 200,000    | 8.38             | \$ |

3. DERIVATIVES TRANSACTIONS

For the fiscal year-to-date period (January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017), notional values of forward foreign currency contracts opened and closed were \$45,126,859 and \$60,602,257, respectively.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR



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270.30a-3(c)) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund  
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By (Signature and Title) /s/ James M. Dykas  
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James M. Dykas, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: November 20, 2017  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ James M. Dykas  
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James M. Dykas, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: November 20, 2017  
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By (Signature and Title) /s/ Donald P. Swade  
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Donald P. Swade, Treasurer,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date: November 20, 2017

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