

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND  
Form N-Q  
May 26, 2016

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  
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Wheaton, IL 60187

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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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: March 31, 2016  
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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)  
 MARCH 31, 2016 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES                | DESCRIPTION   |
|-----------------------|---|
| -----                 |   |
| COMMON STOCKS - 51.5% |   |
|                       |   |
| BRAZIL - 4.9%         |   |
| 148,779               | Banco Bradesco S.A., ADR.....                                       |
| 31,800                | BRF S.A.....  |
| 100,000               | Lojas Renner S.A.....   |
| 30,454                | Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios S.A., Preference Shares..... |
| 55,267                | Ultrapar Participacoes S.A.....                                     |
| 67,604                | Vale S.A., ADR.....   |
| 58,842                | Vale S.A., Preference Shares, ADR.....                              |
|                       |   |
| CHILE - 0.7%          |   |
| 30,459                | Banco Santander Chile S.A., ADR.....                                |
|                       |   |
| CHINA - 2.2%          |   |
| 115,000               | China Mobile Ltd.....   |
| 862,000               | PetroChina Co., Ltd., Class H.....                                  |
|                       |   |
| HONG KONG - 4.3%      |   |
| 247,000               | AIA Group Ltd.....  |
| 202,000               | Hang Lung Group Ltd.....  |
| 16,800                | Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd.....                           |
| 528,000               | Swire Pacific Ltd., B Shares.....                                   |
| 89,600                | Swire Properties Ltd.....   |
|                       |   |
| HUNGARY - 0.6%        |   |
| 27,000                | Richter Gedeon Nyrt.....  |
|                       |   |
| INDIA - 8.3%          |   |
| 17,000                | Grasim Industries Ltd.....  |
| 16,500                | Hero MotoCorp Ltd.....  |
| 57,000                | Hindustan Unilever Ltd.....   |
| 75,500                | Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.....                         |
| 200,000               | ICICI Bank Ltd.....   |
| 60,472                | Infosys Ltd.....  |
| 231,173               | ITC Ltd.....  |
| 7,428                 | UltraTech Cement Ltd.....   |

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|-----------|--|
|           | INDONESIA - 2.6%                       |
| 3,083,100 | Astra International Tbk PT.....        |
| 371,200   | Indocement Tungal Prakarsa Tbk PT..... |
|           | ITALY - 0.8%                           |
| 27,900    | Tenaris S.A., ADR.....                 |
|           | MALAYSIA - 1.0%                        |
| 234,167   | CIMB Group Holdings Bhd.....           |
| 120,000   | Public Bank Bhd.....                   |

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| SHARES                    | DESCRIPTION  |
|---------------------------|--|
| -----                     |  |
| COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) |  |
|                           | MEXICO - 4.5%  |
| 14,700                    | Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR.....           |
| 23,500                    | Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR..... |
| 238,200                   | Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V., O Shares.....        |
|                           | PHILIPPINES - 2.1%   |
| 1,400,000                 | Ayala Land, Inc.....   |
| 394,359                   | Bank of the Philippine Islands.....                            |
|                           | POLAND - 0.9%  |
| 18,196                    | Bank Pekao S.A.....  |
|                           | PORTUGAL - 0.7%  |
| 38,692                    | Jeronimo Martins SGPS S.A.....                                 |

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|---------|---|--|
|         | RUSSIA - 2.2%   |  |
| 25,500  | Lukoil PJSC, ADR.....                                 |  |
| 5,496   | Magnit PJSC.....                                      |  |
|         | SOUTH AFRICA - 3.1%                                   |  |
| 26,000  | BHP Billiton PLC.....                                 |  |
| 48,610  | Massmart Holdings Ltd.....                            |  |
| 40,215  | MTN Group Ltd.....                                    |  |
| 12,478  | SABMiller PLC.....                                    |  |
| 119,729 | Truworths International Ltd.....                      |  |
|         | SOUTH KOREA - 3.1%                                    |  |
| 3,500   | E-Mart, Inc.....                                      |  |
| 2,220   | Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Preference Shares..... |  |
|         | TAIWAN - 2.7%   |  |
| 132,005 | Taiwan Mobile Co., Ltd.....                           |  |
| 368,954 | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....      |  |
|         | THAILAND - 2.4%                                       |  |
| 81,200  | Siam Cement Public (The) Co., Ltd.....                |  |
| 230,600 | Siam Commercial Bank Public Co., Ltd.....             |  |
|         | TURKEY - 2.8%   |  |
| 188,635 | Akbank TAS.....                                       |  |
| 34,444  | BIM Birlesik Magazalar AS.....                        |  |
| 146,150 | Haci Omer Sabanci Holding AS.....                     |  |
| 192,000 | Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS.....                       |  |

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| SHARES                    | DESCRIPTION                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) |                             |
|                           | UNITED KINGDOM - 0.6%       |
| 70,040                    | Standard Chartered PLC..... |
|                           | UNITED STATES - 1.0%        |
| 10,500                    | Yum! Brands, Inc.....       |
|                           | TOTAL COMMON STOCKS.....    |
|                           | (Cost \$37,591,605)         |

| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY) | DESCRIPTION   | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES - 42.4% |   |                  |                    |
|   | ARGENTINA - 1.9%  |                  |                    |
| 320,000                                   | Argentina Bonar Bonds (USD) .....                                   | 7.00%            | 04/17/17           |
| 630,917                                   | Argentine Republic Government<br>International Bond (USD) (b) ..... | 8.28%            | 12/31/33           |
| 476,693                                   | Argentine Republic Government<br>International Bond (USD) (b) ..... | 8.28%            | 12/31/33           |
|   | ARMENIA - 0.5%  |                  |                    |
| 396,000                                   | Armenia International Bond (USD) (c).....                           | 6.00%            | 09/30/20           |
|   | AZERBAIJAN - 0.5%   |                  |                    |
| 422,000                                   | Southern Gas Corridor CJSC (USD) (c).....                           | 6.88%            | 03/24/26           |
|   | BRAZIL - 3.9%   |                  |                    |
| 3,573,000                                 | Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional,<br>Series F (BRL) .....           | 10.00%           | 01/01/17           |
| 10,389,000                                | Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional,<br>Series F (BRL) .....           | 10.00%           | 01/01/25           |
|   | COLOMBIA - 0.3%   |                  |                    |
| 240,000                                   | Colombia Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....               | 4.50%            | 01/28/26           |
|   | COSTA RICA - 0.3%   |                  |                    |
| 300,000                                   | Costa Rica Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....             | 4.25%            | 01/26/23           |
|   | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 1.0%   |                  |                    |

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|---------|--|-------|----------|
| 200,000 | Dominican Republic International Bond<br>(USD) ..... | 7.50% | 05/06/21 |
| 141,000 | Dominican Republic International Bond<br>(USD) ..... | 5.88% | 04/18/24 |
| 458,000 | Dominican Republic International Bond<br>(USD) ..... | 8.63% | 04/20/27 |

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| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY)     | DESCRIPTION  | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY |    |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|----|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |  |                  |                    |    |
|   | EGYPT - 0.6%   |                  |                    |    |
| 540,000                                       | Egypt Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c).....    | 5.88%            | 06/11/25           | \$ |
|   | ETHIOPIA - 0.9%  |                  |                    |    |
| 790,000                                       | Ethiopia International Bond (USD) (c)....                | 6.63%            | 12/11/24           |    |
|   | GEORGIA - 0.4%   |                  |                    |    |
| 350,000                                       | Georgian Oil and Gas Corp. JSC<br>(USD) (c).....         | 6.88%            | 05/16/17           |    |
|   | GHANA - 0.6%   |                  |                    |    |
| 300,000                                       | Ghana Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....       | 8.13%            | 01/18/26           |    |
| 350,000                                       | Ghana Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c).....    | 8.13%            | 01/18/26           |    |
|   | HONDURAS - 0.5%  |                  |                    |    |
| 410,000                                       | Honduras Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c)..... | 7.50%            | 03/15/24           |    |
|   | HUNGARY - 0.7%   |                  |                    |    |
| 131,000,000                                   | Hungary Government Bond (HUF) .....                      | 5.50%            | 06/24/25           |    |

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|----------------|--|-------|----------|
|                | INDONESIA - 2.9%                                       |       |          |
| 470,000        | Indonesia Government International Bond (USD) (c)..... | 5.88% | 01/15/24 |
| 7,000,000,000  | Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....                    | 5.25% | 05/15/18 |
| 13,371,000,000 | Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....                    | 8.38% | 03/15/34 |
| 440,000        | Pertamina Persero PT (USD) (c).....                    | 4.30% | 05/20/23 |
|                | IRAQ - 0.7%  |       |          |
| 880,000        | Iraq International Bond (USD) .....                    | 5.80% | 01/15/28 |
|                | IVORY COAST - 0.5%                                     |       |          |
| 470,000        | Ivory Coast Government International Bond (USD) .....  | 5.75% | 12/31/32 |
|                | JAMAICA - 0.6%   |       |          |
| 477,000        | Jamaica Government International Bond (USD) .....      | 7.88% | 07/28/45 |
|                | KAZAKHSTAN - 1.4%                                      |       |          |
| 480,000        | KazMunayGas National Co., JSC (USD).....               | 9.13% | 07/02/18 |
| 603,000        | KazMunayGas National Co., JSC (USD).....               | 7.00% | 05/05/20 |

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| PRINCIPAL<br>VALUE<br>(LOCAL<br>CURRENCY)     | DESCRIPTION                                     | STATED<br>COUPON | STATED<br>MATURITY |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |   |                  |                    |
|   | KENYA - 0.2%                                    |                  |                    |
| 200,000                                       | Kenya Government International Bond (USD) ..... | 6.88%            | 06/24/24           |
|   | MEXICO - 3.1%                                   |                  |                    |
| 15,000,000                                    | Mexican Bonos (MXN) .....                       | 8.50%            | 12/13/18           |

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|-------------|--|--------|----------|
| 3,850,000   | Mexican Bonos (MXN) .....                                | 6.50%  | 06/09/22 |
| 20,590,000  | Mexican Bonos (MXN) .....                                | 8.50%  | 11/18/38 |
|             | MONGOLIA - 1.3%  |        |          |
| 340,000     | Development Bank of Mongolia LLC (USD)...                | 5.75%  | 03/21/17 |
| 230,000     | Mongolia Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c)..... | 10.88% | 04/06/21 |
| 700,000     | Mongolia Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....    | 5.13%  | 12/05/22 |
|             | PARAGUAY - 0.2%  |        |          |
| 200,000     | Paraguay Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c)..... | 5.00%  | 04/15/26 |
|             | PERU - 0.6%  |        |          |
| 1,750,000   | Peruvian Government International Bond<br>(PEN) .....    | 6.90%  | 08/12/37 |
|             | POLAND - 2.5%  |        |          |
| 4,050,000   | Poland Government Bond (PLN) .....                       | 4.75%  | 04/25/17 |
| 3,270,000   | Poland Government Bond (PLN) .....                       | 4.00%  | 10/25/23 |
|             | ROMANIA - 2.2%   |        |          |
| 3,300,000   | Romania Government Bond (RON) .....                      | 5.80%  | 07/26/27 |
| 700,000     | Romanian Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....    | 6.75%  | 02/07/22 |
|             | RUSSIA - 3.7%  |        |          |
| 211,500,000 | Russian Federal Bond - OFZ (RUB) .....                   | 7.05%  | 01/19/28 |
| 410,000     | Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance PLC<br>(USD) .....       | 6.90%  | 07/09/20 |
|             | RWANDA - 0.6%  |        |          |
| 300,000     | Rwanda International Government Bond<br>(USD) .....      | 6.63%  | 05/02/23 |
| 200,000     | Rwanda International Government Bond<br>(USD) (c).....   | 6.63%  | 05/02/23 |

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|---|---|------------------|--------------------|----|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |   |                  |                    |    |
|   | SENEGAL - 0.5%  |                  |                    |    |
| 380,000                                       | Senegal Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....      | 8.75%            | 05/13/21           | \$ |
|   | SOUTH AFRICA - 3.5%                                       |                  |                    |    |
| 210,000                                       | Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd. (USD) (c) .....                   | 6.75%            | 08/06/23           |    |
| 6,813,023                                     | South Africa Government Bond (ZAR) .....                  | 10.50%           | 12/21/26           |    |
| 7,860,000                                     | South Africa Government Bond (ZAR) .....                  | 8.00%            | 01/31/30           |    |
| 30,300,000                                    | South Africa Government Bond (ZAR) .....                  | 6.25%            | 03/31/36           |    |
| 380,000                                       | South Africa Government International<br>Bond (USD) ..... | 5.88%            | 09/16/25           |    |
|   | TANZANIA - 0.3%   |                  |                    |    |
| 266,667                                       | Tanzania Government International Bond<br>(USD) (d) ..... | 6.89%            | 03/09/20           |    |
|   | TURKEY - 3.4%   |                  |                    |    |
| 3,010,000                                     | Turkey Government Bond (TRY) .....                        | 6.30%            | 02/14/18           |    |
| 2,650,000                                     | Turkey Government Bond (TRY) .....                        | 10.40%           | 03/20/24           |    |
| 800,000                                       | Turkey Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....       | 6.25%            | 09/26/22           |    |
|   | UKRAINE - 1.2%  |                  |                    |    |
| 297,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c) .....  | 7.75%            | 09/01/20           |    |
| 115,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c) .....  | 7.75%            | 09/01/21           |    |
| 635,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c) .....  | 7.75%            | 09/01/24           |    |
| 188,000                                       | Ukraine Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c) .....  | 0.00%            | 05/31/40           |    |
|   | URUGUAY - 0.5%  |                  |                    |    |

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|-----------|--|-------|----------|
| 183,000   | Uruguay Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....                             | 7.63% | 03/21/36 |
| 6,993,905 | Uruguay Government International Bond,<br>Inflation Adjusted Bond (UYU) (e)..... | 5.00% | 09/14/18 |
|           | VENEZUELA - 0.2%   |       |          |
| 550,000   | Venezuela Government International Bond<br>(USD) .....                           | 7.75% | 10/13/19 |
|           | ZAMBIA - 0.2%  |       |          |
| 240,000   | Zambia Government International Bond<br>(USD) (c).....                           | 8.97% | 07/30/27 |

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|---|--|------------------|--------------------|----|
| FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED) |  |                  |                    |    |
|   | TOTAL FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES.....             |                  |                    | \$ |
|   | (Cost \$38,657,559)                                      |                  |                    |    |
| FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (F) - 12.3% |  |                  |                    |    |
|   | BANGLADESH - 0.3%  |                  |                    |    |
| 250,000                                       | Banglalink Digital Communications Ltd.<br>(USD) (c)..... | 8.63%            | 05/06/19           |    |
|   | BARBADOS - 0.3%  |                  |                    |    |
| 250,000                                       | Sagicor Finance 2015 Ltd. (USD) (c).....                 | 8.88%            | 08/11/22           |    |
|   | BRAZIL - 1.9%  |                  |                    |    |
| 520,000                                       | Marfrig Overseas Ltd. (USD) .....                        | 9.50%            | 05/04/20           |    |
| 350,000                                       | OAS Finance Ltd. (USD) (b) (c) (g) (h)...                | 8.88%            | (i)                |    |
| 200,000                                       | OAS Investments GmbH (USD) (b) (c) (g)...                | 8.25%            | 10/19/19           |    |
| 280,000                                       | Petrobras Global Finance BV (USD) .....                  | 5.75%            | 01/20/20           |    |
| 610,000                                       | Petrobras Global Finance BV (USD) .....                  | 5.38%            | 01/27/21           |    |
| 460,908                                       | QGOG Atlantic/Alaskan Rigs Ltd. (USD) ...                | 5.25%            | 07/30/18           |    |

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|           | GEORGIA - 0.6%   |       |          |
| 480,000   | Georgian Railway JSC (USD) .....                               | 7.75% | 07/11/22 |
|           | GUATEMALA - 0.7%   |       |          |
| 200,000   | Comcel Trust via Comunicaciones<br>Celulares SA (USD) (c)..... | 6.88% | 02/06/24 |
| 400,000   | Industrial Subordinated Trust (USD) .....                      | 8.25% | 07/27/21 |
|           | HONG KONG - 0.3%   |       |          |
| 260,000   | Shimao Property Holdings Ltd. (USD) .....                      | 8.38% | 02/10/22 |
|           | INDIA - 0.3%   |       |          |
| 260,000   | ICICI Bank Ltd. (USD) (h).....                                 | 6.38% | 04/30/22 |
|           | KAZAKHSTAN - 0.9%  |       |          |
| 480,000   | Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Finance BV<br>(USD) .....               | 6.38% | 10/06/20 |
| 400,000   | Zhaikmunai LLP (USD) (c).....                                  | 7.13% | 11/13/19 |
|           | MEXICO - 1.7%  |       |          |
| 270,000   | Alfa SAB de CV (USD) .....                                     | 6.88% | 03/25/44 |
| 230,000   | Cemex SAB de CV (USD) (c).....                                 | 7.75% | 04/16/26 |
| 4,800,000 | Petroleos Mexicanos (MXN) .....                                | 7.19% | 09/12/24 |
| 400,000   | Sixsigma Networks Mexico S.A. de CV<br>(USD) (c).....          | 8.25% | 11/07/21 |
| 290,000   | Unifin Financiera SAPI de CV SOFOM ENR<br>(USD) .....          | 6.25% | 07/22/19 |

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| FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (F) (CONTINUED) |             |                  |                    |

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|---------|---|-------|----------|----|
|         | MOZAMBIQUE - 0.6%   |       |          |    |
| 574,000 | EMATUM Via Mozambique EMATUM Finance<br>2020 BV (USD) ..... | 6.31% | 09/11/20 | \$ |
|         | NIGERIA - 0.4%  |       |          |    |
| 400,000 | Zenith Bank PLC (USD) (c).....                              | 6.25% | 04/22/19 |    |
|         | PARAGUAY - 0.4%   |       |          |    |
| 350,000 | Banco Regional SAECA (USD) (c).....                         | 8.13% | 01/24/19 |    |
|         | PERU - 0.4%   |       |          |    |
| 160,000 | InRetail Consumer (USD) (c).....                            | 5.25% | 10/10/21 |    |
| 200,000 | Union Andina de Cementos SAA (USD) .....                    | 5.88% | 10/30/21 |    |
|         | RUSSIA - 1.8%   |       |          |    |
| 400,000 | Alfa Bank AO Via Alfa Bond Issuance PLC<br>(USD) .....      | 7.75% | 04/28/21 |    |
| 430,000 | Evrax Group S.A. (USD) (c).....                             | 6.50% | 04/22/20 |    |
| 350,000 | Lukoil International Finance BV (USD) ...                   | 4.56% | 04/24/23 |    |
| 310,000 | Sberbank of Russia Via SB Capital S.A.<br>(USD) .....       | 6.13% | 02/07/22 |    |
|         | TURKEY - 0.6%   |       |          |    |
| 200,000 | Arcelik AS (USD) (c).....                                   | 5.00% | 04/03/23 |    |
| 300,000 | Yasar Holdings AS (USD) (c).....                            | 8.88% | 05/06/20 |    |
|         | UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - 0.8%                                 |       |          |    |
| 600,000 | Jafz Sukuk Ltd. (USD) .....                                 | 7.00% | 06/19/19 |    |
|         | VENEZUELA - 0.3%  |       |          |    |
| 193,333 | Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (USD) .....                     | 8.50% | 11/02/17 |    |
| 270,000 | Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (USD) .....                     | 9.00% | 11/17/21 |    |
|         | TOTAL FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES.....                |       |          |    |
|         | (Cost \$11,176,537)   |       |          |    |
|         | TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 106.2%.....                             |       |          |    |
|         | (Cost \$87,425,701) (j)                                     |       |          |    |
|         | OUTSTANDING LOAN - (6.8%).....                              |       |          |    |
|         | NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 0.6%.....                |       |          |    |
|         | NET ASSETS - 100.0%.....                                    |       |          | \$ |

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- (a) All of these securities are available to serve as collateral for the outstanding loans.
- (b) This issuer is in default and interest is not being accrued by the Fund.
- (c) 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 the Fund's investment advisor. At March 31, 2016, securities noted as such amounted to \$9,552,533 or 11.2% of net assets.
- (d) Floating rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at March 31, 2016.
- (e) Security whose principal value is adjusted in accordance with changes to the country's Consumer Price Index. Interest is calculated on the basis of the current adjusted principal value.
- (f) Portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the Fund's investment sub-advisor.
- (g) This borrower has filed for protection in federal bankruptcy court.
- (h) Fixed-to-floating or fixed-to-variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the fixed rate in effect at March 31, 2016. At a predetermined date, the fixed rate will change to a floating rate or a variable rate.
- (i) Perpetual maturity
- (j) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of March 31, 2016, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$14,354,980 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$11,264,373.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

Currency Abbreviations:

|     |                |     |                  |
|-----|----------------|-----|------------------|
| ARS | Argentine Peso | PEN | Peruvian New Sol |
| BRL | Brazilian Real | PHP | Philippines Peso |
| EUR | Euro           | PLN | Polish Zloty     |

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|     |                        |     |                      |
|-----|------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| GBP | British Pound Sterling | RON | Romanian Leu         |
| HKD | Hong Kong Dollar       | RUB | Russian Ruble        |
| HUF | Hungarian Forint       | THB | Thailand Baht        |
| IDR | Indonesian Rupiah      | TRY | Turkish Lira         |
| INR | Indian Rupee           | TWD | Taiwan New Dollar    |
| KRW | South Korean Won       | USD | United States Dollar |
| MXN | Mexican Peso           | UYU | Uruguayan Peso       |
| MYR | Malaysian Ringgit      | ZAR | South African Rand   |

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 VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2016 is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

ASSETS TABLE

|   | TOTAL<br>VALUE AT<br>3/31/2016 | LEVEL 1<br>QUOTED<br>PRICES | LEVEL 2<br>SIGNIFICANT<br>OBSERVABLE<br>INPUTS |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| -----                                     | -----                          | -----                       | -----  |
| Common Stocks*.....                       | \$ 43,868,855                  | \$ 43,868,855               | \$ --  |
| Foreign Sovereign Bonds and Notes*.....   | 36,142,697                     | --                          | 36,142,697                                     |
| Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes*.....   | 10,504,756                     | --                          | 10,504,756                                     |
| -----                                     | -----                          | -----                       | -----  |
| Total Investments.....                    | \$ 90,516,308                  | \$ 43,868,855               | \$ 46,647,453                                  |
| -----                                     | =====                          | =====                       | =====  |
| Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**..... | 70,344                         | --                          | 70,344   |
| -----                                     | -----                          | -----                       | -----  |
| Total.....                                | 90,586,652                     | --                          | 46,717,797                                     |
| -----                                     | =====                          | =====                       | =====  |

LIABILITIES TABLE

|   | TOTAL<br>VALUE AT<br>3/31/2016 | LEVEL 1<br>QUOTED<br>PRICES | LEVEL 2<br>SIGNIFICANT<br>OBSERVABLE<br>INPUTS |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| -----                                     | -----                          | -----                       | -----  |
| Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**..... | \$ (96,561)                    | \$ --                       | \$ (96,561)                                    |
| -----                                     | =====                          | =====                       | =====  |

\* See Portfolio of Investments for country breakout.

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\*\* 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 be transferred on the last day of the period at their current value. As of March 31, 2016, the Fund transferred common stocks valued at \$32,458,686 from Level 2 to Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The common stocks that transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 did so as a result of being valued based on quoted prices at March 31, 2016. Previously, these common stocks were fair valued using a factor provided by a pricing service due to the change in value between the foreign markets' close and the New York Stock Exchange close on December 31, 2015 exceeding a certain threshold.

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| CURRENCY EXPOSURE<br>DIVERSIFICATION | % OF TOTAL<br>INVESTMENTS # |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| USD                                  | 39.2%                       |
| INR                                  | 8.3                         |
| BRL                                  | 6.5                         |
| HKD                                  | 6.1                         |
| ZAR                                  | 5.6                         |
| TRY                                  | 4.8                         |
| MXN                                  | 4.7                         |
| IDR                                  | 4.2                         |
| PLN                                  | 3.2                         |
| KRW                                  | 3.0                         |
| TWD                                  | 2.5                         |
| RUB                                  | 2.4                         |
| THB                                  | 2.2                         |
| PHP                                  | 2.0                         |
| HUF                                  | 1.2                         |
| RON                                  | 1.1                         |
| MYR                                  | 1.0                         |
| EUR                                  | 0.7                         |
| PEN                                  | 0.6                         |
| GBP                                  | 0.5                         |
| UYU                                  | 0.2                         |
| Total                                | 100.0%                      |
|                                      | =====                       |

# The weightings include the impact of currency forwards.

| INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION | % OF TOTAL<br>INVESTMENTS |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sovereigns              | 36.3%                     |
| Banks                   | 12.0                      |

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|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Real Estate Management & Development       | 3.7    |
| Food & Staples Retailing                   | 3.5    |
| Construction Materials                     | 3.3    |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels                | 2.9    |
| Automobiles                                | 2.7    |
| Wireless Telecommunications Services       | 2.5    |
| Beverages                                  | 2.4    |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 2.4    |
| Semiconductors                             | 2.1    |
| Exploration & Production                   | 1.9    |
| Insurance                                  | 1.4    |
| Inegrated Oils                             | 1.4    |
| Thrifths & Mortgage Finance                | 1.4    |
| Metals & Mining                            | 1.3    |
| Tobacco                                    | 1.3    |
| Government Agencies                        | 1.2    |
| IT Services                                | 1.2    |
| Transportation Infrastructure              | 1.2    |
| Railroad                                   | 1.1    |
| Real Estate                                | 1.1    |
| Diversified Financial Services             | 1.0    |
| Financial Services                         | 1.0    |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure              | 0.9    |
| Pipeline                                   | 0.9    |
| Specialty Retail                           | 0.9    |
| Government Development Banks               | 0.8    |
| Household Products                         | 0.8    |
| Energy Equipment & Services                | 0.8    |
| Food & Beverage                            | 0.6    |
| Multiline Retail                           | 0.6    |
| Pharmaceuticals                            | 0.6    |
| Construction Materials Manufacturing       | 0.5    |
| Food Products                              | 0.5    |
| Oil & Gas Services & Equipment             | 0.4    |
| Software & Services                        | 0.4    |
| Chemicals                                  | 0.3    |
| Wireline Telecommunications Services       | 0.3    |
| Home Improvement                           | 0.2    |
| Supermarkets & Pharmacies                  | 0.2    |
| Industrial Other                           | 0.0*   |
| -----                                      |        |
| Total                                      | 100.0% |
|  | =====  |

\* Amount is less than 0.1%

| CREDIT QUALITY (1) | % OF TOTAL<br>FIXED-INCOME<br>INVESTMENTS |
|--------------------|---|
| A                  | 10.9%                                     |
| A-                 | 1.1                                       |
| BBB+               | 1.1                                       |
| BBB                | 15.8                                      |
| BBB-               | 20.0                                      |
| BB+                | 15.4                                      |
| BB                 | 1.2                                       |
| BB-                | 7.5                                       |
| B+                 | 10.3                                      |
| B                  | 8.2                                       |



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|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| B-        | 2.2    |
| CCC       | 0.9    |
| Not Rated | 5.4    |
| -----     |        |
| Total     | 100.0% |
|           | =====  |

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(1) The credit quality and ratings information presented above reflects the ratings assigned by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs), 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 ratings are 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.

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS (SEE NOTE 2C - FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS IN THE NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS):

| FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS |              |                      |                 |                                     |                                 |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| SETTLEMENT DATE                    | COUNTERPARTY | AMOUNT PURCHASED (a) | AMOUNT SOLD (a) | PURCHASE VALUE AS OF MARCH 31, 2016 | SALE VALUE AS OF MARCH 31, 2016 |  |  |
| 05/24/16                           | JPM          | INR 62,674,000       | USD 901,654     | \$ 936,885                          | \$ 901,654                      |  |  |
| 05/24/16                           | JPM          | USD 437,147          | INR 30,456,000  | 437,147                             | 455,200                         |  |  |
| 05/24/16                           | JPM          | ARS 6,935,000        | USD 424,159     | 447,769                             | 424,159                         |  |  |
| 05/24/16                           | JPM          | USD 1,372,919        | RUB 98,960,000  | 1,372,919                           | 1,451,300                       |  |  |
| 05/24/16                           | JPM          | USD 459,272          | ARS 6,935,000   | 459,272                             | 447,769                         |  |  |

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) .....

(a) Please see Portfolio of Investments for currency descriptions.

Counterparty Abbreviations:  
 JPM JPMorgan Chase

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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, which is an investment company within the scope of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update 2013-08, follows accounting and reporting guidance under 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:

Corporate bonds, corporate notes and other debt securities are valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by an independent 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 accretions 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;
- 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.

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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 an independent 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) for which a 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 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;
- 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 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 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 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 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.

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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 share 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

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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, 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 March 31, 2016, 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 March 31, 2016, 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.

#### 3. DERIVATIVES TRANSACTIONS

For the fiscal year-to-date period (January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016), notional values of forward foreign currency contracts opened and closed were \$13,894,315 and \$8,705,945, 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 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

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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: May 19, 2016  
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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: May 19, 2016  
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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: May 19, 2016  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.