

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND  
Form N-Q  
November 20, 2013

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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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, 2013  
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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a)  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	
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COMMON STOCKS - 48.2%		
BRAZIL - 7.5%		
125,316	Banco Bradesco S.A., ADR .....	\$
22,000	Lojas Renner S.A.....	
27,454	Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios S.A., Preference Shares .....	
93,000	Petroleo Brasileiro S.A., ADR .....	
66,500	Souza Cruz S.A.....	
58,267	Ultrapar Participacoes S.A.....	
84,104	Vale S.A., ADR .....	
21,842	Vale S.A., Preference Shares, ADR .....	
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CHILE - 0.8%		
32,728	Banco Santander Chile S.A., ADR .....	
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CHINA - 1.1%		
1,070,000	PetroChina Co., Ltd., Class H .....	
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HONG KONG - 5.9%		
311,600	AIA Group Ltd.....	
208,500	China Mobile Ltd.....	
202,000	Hang Lung Group Ltd.....	
640,000	Swire Pacific Ltd., B Shares .....	
89,600	Swire Properties Ltd.....	
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HUNGARY - 0.8%		
55,000	Richter Gedeon Nyrt .....	
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INDIA - 5.8%		
20,000	GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd.....	
13,000	Grasim Industries Ltd.....	
23,000	Hero Honda Motors Ltd.....	
78,000	Hindustan Unilever Ltd.....	
110,500	Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.....	
20,000	ICICI Bank Ltd.....	
23,668	Infosys Technologies Ltd.....	
112,173	ITC Ltd.....	
7,428	UltraTech Cement Ltd.....	
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INDONESIA - 1.1%		

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2,124,000	PT Astra International Tbk .....	
	ITALY - 1.2%	
28,600	Tenaris S.A., ADR .....	
	KAZAKHSTAN - 0.0%	
376	BTA Bank JSC (b).....	
	MALAYSIA - 1.0%	
226,400	CIMB Group Holdings Berhad .....	
120,000	Public Bank Berhad .....	

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) (CONTINUED)  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	
COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
	MEXICO - 3.6%	
15,700	Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR .....	\$
40,000	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR .....	
228,200	Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V., O Shares .....	
	PHILIPPINES - 1.5%	
1,400,000	Ayala Land, Inc.....	
342,672	Bank of the Philippine Islands .....	
	POLAND - 1.0%	
20,000	Bank Pekao S.A.....	
	RUSSIA - 2.0%	
25,500	LUKOIL, ADR .....	
10,600	Magnit OJSC .....	
	SOUTH AFRICA - 2.6%	
43,610	Massmart Holdings Ltd.....	
20,978	SABMiller PLC .....	
119,729	Truworths International Ltd.....	

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	SOUTH KOREA - 3.0%	
3,456	E-Mart Co., Ltd.....	
3,200	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Preference Shares .....	
	TAIWAN - 2.4%	
210,005	Taiwan Mobile Co., Ltd.....	
561,954	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	
	THAILAND - 2.5%	
161,000	PTT Exploration and Production Public Co., Ltd.....	
67,200	Siam Cement Public (The) Co., Ltd.....	
230,600	Siam Commercial Bank Public Co., Ltd.....	
	TURKEY - 2.5%	
134,635	Akbank TAS .....	
40,444	Bim Birlesik Magazalar AS .....	
181,150	Haci Omer Sabanci Holding A.S.....	
141,000	Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS .....	
	UNITED KINGDOM - 1.7%	
19,000	BHP Billiton PLC .....	

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) (CONTINUED)  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	
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COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
	UNITED KINGDOM (CONTINUED)	
56,608	Standard Chartered PLC .....	\$
	UNITED STATES - 0.2%	
3,500	Yum! Brands, Inc.....	
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .....	5
	(Cost \$38,453,002)	

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VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	(US
FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES - 39.8%				
650,000	ARMENIA - 0.6% Republic of Armenia (USD) (d) .....	6.00%	09/30/20	-----
220,000	BAHRAIN - 0.2% Bahrain Government International Bond (USD) (d) .....	6.13%	08/01/23	-----
650,000	BRAZIL - 6.4% Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social (USD) (d) .....	5.75%	09/26/23	-----
13,939,000	Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional, Series F (BRL) .....	10.00%	01/01/17	-----
370,000	Brazilian Government International Bond (BRL) .....	8.50%	01/05/24	-----
180,000	Brazilian Government International Bond (USD) .....	7.13%	01/20/37	-----
130,000,000	COLOMBIA - 0.1% Columbia Government International Bond (COP) .....	7.75%	04/14/21	-----
300,000	COSTA RICA - 0.2% Costa Rica Government International Bond (USD) .....	4.25%	01/26/23	-----
600,000	CROATIA - 0.6% Croatia Government International Bond (USD) .....	6.63%	07/14/20	-----
118,000	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 0.3% Dominican Republic International Bond (USD) .....	8.63%	04/20/27	-----
200,000	Dominican Republic International Bond (USD) .....	7.50%	05/06/21	-----

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PRINCIPAL  
VALUE

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(LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	(US
FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED)				
	GEORGIA - 0.3%			
350,000	Georgian Oil and Gas Corp. (USD) (d).....	6.88%	05/16/17	\$
	GHANA - 0.3%			
330,000	Republic of Ghana (USD) (d) .....	7.88%	08/07/23	
	HONDURAS - 0.6%			
840,000	Honduras Government International Bond (USD) (d).....	7.50%	03/15/24	
	HUNGARY - 2.3%			
513,000,000	Hungary Government Bond (HUF) .....	6.75%	11/24/17	
30,000	Hungary Government International Bond (USD) .....	4.13%	02/19/18	
	INDONESIA - 1.2%			
4,000,000,000	Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....	10.00%	07/15/17	
4,500,000,000	Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....	7.00%	05/15/27	
2,000,000,000	Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....	6.13%	05/15/28	
5,500,000,000	Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR) .....	10.50%	08/15/30	
	IRAQ - 0.2%			
280,000	Republic of Iraq (USD) .....	5.80%	01/15/28	
	IVORY COAST - 0.5%			
600,000	Ivory Coast Government International Bond (USD) .....	5.75%	12/31/32	
	MEXICO - 3.4%			
36,500,000	Mexican Bonos (MXN) .....	7.50%	06/03/27	
4,000,000	Mexican Bonos (MXN) .....	7.75%	11/13/42	
400,000	Mexico Government International Bond (USD) .....	6.05%	01/11/40	
	MONGOLIA - 0.4%			
490,000	Development Bank of Mongolia LLC (USD)...	5.75%	03/21/17	
	NIGERIA - 2.1%			
295,000,000	Nigeria Government Bond (NGN) .....	15.10%	04/27/17	
450,000	Nigeria Government International Bond (USD) (d) .....	5.13%	07/12/18	

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	PAKISTAN - 0.1%		
130,000	Pakistan Government International Bond (USD) .....	6.88%	06/01/17

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PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	(US
FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED)				
	PERU - 1.8%			
2,620,000	Peru Government Bond (PEN) .....	7.84%	08/12/20	\$
577,000	Peruvian Government International Bond (PEN) .....	5.20%	09/12/23	
1,740,000	Peruvian Government International Bond (PEN) .....	6.95%	08/12/31	
	ROMANIA - 0.9%			
910,000	Romanian Government International Bond (USD) .....	6.75%	02/07/22	
	RUSSIA - 3.0%			
46,000,000	Russian Federal Bond - OFZ (RUB) .....	7.50%	02/27/19	
9,850,000	Russian Federal Bond - OFZ (RUB) .....	7.00%	01/25/23	
50,000,000	Russian Foreign Bond - Eurobond (RUB) ...	7.85%	03/10/18	
	RWANDA - 0.2%			
200,000	Rwanda International Government Bond (USD) (d) .....	6.63%	05/02/23	
	SERBIA - 2.9%			
600,000	Republic of Serbia (USD) .....	5.25%	11/21/17	
850,000	Republic of Serbia (USD) .....	7.25%	09/28/21	
200,000	Republic of Serbia (USD) (d) .....	7.25%	09/28/21	
137,000,000	Serbia Treasury Bills (RSD) .....	(e)	01/23/14	

SOUTH AFRICA - 2.9%

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500,000	Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd. (USD) (d) .....	6.75%	08/06/23
16,970,000	South Africa Government Bond (ZAR) .....	10.50%	12/21/26
3,300,000	South Africa Government Bond (ZAR) .....	7.00%	02/28/31
400,000	South Africa Government International Bond (USD) .....	5.88%	09/16/25
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SOUTH KOREA - 0.6%			
41,000,000	Export-Import Bank of Korea (INR) (d) ...	6.00%	02/27/14
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TANZANIA - 0.6%			
680,000	Tanzania Government International Bond (USD) (f).....	6.39%	03/09/20
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TURKEY - 3.0%			
3,400,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY) .....	9.00%	01/27/16
1,600,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY) .....	6.30%	02/14/18
1,300,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY) .....	3.00%	02/23/22

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PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	(US
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FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED)				
TURKEY (CONTINUED)				
250,000	Turkey Government International Bond (USD) .....	6.25%	09/26/22	\$
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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - 1.2%				
1,090,000	Emirate of Dubai Government International Bonds (USD) .....	7.75%	10/05/20	
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URUGUAY - 1.0%				
22,773,898	Uruguay Government International Bond, Inflation Adjusted Bond (UYU) (g).....	5.00%	09/14/18	
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VENEZUELA - 1.7%				
2,150,000	Venezuela Government International Bond (USD) .....	5.75%	02/26/16	
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VIETNAM - 0.2%				
200,000	Vietnam Government International Bond			



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	(USD) .....	6.88%	01/15/16	----
	TOTAL FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES .....			4
	(Cost \$46,234,994)			----
FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (c) - 14.8%				
BRAZIL - 1.2%				
200,000	Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul SA			
	(USD) (d) .....	7.38%	02/02/22	
350,000	OAS Financial Ltd. (USD) (d) .....	8.88%	12/29/49	
200,000	OAS Investments GmbH (USD) (d) .....	8.25%	10/19/19	
150,000	Odebrecht Finance Ltd. (USD) .....	7.50%	09/14/15	
250,000	Odebrecht Offshore Drilling Finance Ltd.			
	(USD) (d) .....	6.75%	10/01/22	
200,000	U.S.J. Acucar e Alcool S.A. (USD) .....	9.88%	11/09/19	----
CHILE - 0.1%				
200,000	SACI Falabella (USD) (d) .....	3.75%	04/30/23	----
CHINA - 0.5%				
200,000	COSL Finance BVI Ltd. (USD) (d) .....	3.25%	09/06/22	
350,000	Longfor Properties Co., Ltd. (USD) .....	6.88%	10/18/19	----
COLOMBIA - 0.3%				
300,000	Ecopetrol SA (USD) .....	5.88%	09/18/23	----
COSTA RICA - 0.2%				
200,000	Banco de Costa Rica (USD) (d) .....	5.25%	08/12/18	----

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PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	(US
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FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (c) (CONTINUED)				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 0.3%				
350,000	AES Andres Dominicana, Ltd. / Itabo Dominicana, Ltd. (USD) .....	9.50%	11/12/20	\$
EL SALVADOR - 0.4%				
450,000	Telemovil Finance Co., Ltd. (USD) .....	8.00%	10/01/17	

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	GUATEMALA - 0.4%		
400,000	Industrial Subordinated Trust (USD) .....	8.25%	07/27/21
	INDIA - 0.3%		
400,000	Bharti Airtel International Netherlands B.V. (USD) (d).....	5.13%	03/11/23
	INDONESIA - 0.5%		
150,000	Adaro Indonesia PT (USD) .....	7.63%	10/22/19
440,000	Pertamina Persero PT (USD) (d) .....	4.30%	05/20/23
	KAZAKHSTAN - 0.6%		
300,000	Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Finance B.V. (USD) (d).....	6.95%	07/10/42
400,000	Zhaikmunai LLP (USD) (d).....	7.13%	11/13/19
	MEXICO - 1.9%		
350,000	BEVA Bancomer S.A. (USD) (d).....	6.75%	09/30/22
500,000	CEMEX Espana Luxembourg (USD) .....	9.88%	04/30/19
650,000	Offshore Drilling Holding S.A. (USD) (d)	8.38%	09/20/20
160,000	Petroleos Mexicanos (USD) .....	6.50%	06/02/41
360,000	Tenedora Nemark S.A. de C.V. (USD) (d)....	5.50%	02/28/23
	MULTINATIONAL - 1.1%		
76,200,000	European Bank For Reconstruction & Development (INR) .....	5.25%	02/07/14
	NIGERIA - 0.3%		
310,000	GTB Finance B.V. (USD) .....	7.50%	05/19/16
	RUSSIA - 4.5%		
450,000	Alfa Bank OJSC Via Alfa Bond Issuance PLC (USD) .....	7.88%	09/25/17
200,000	Alfa Bank OJSC Via Alfa Bond Issuance PLC (USD) .....	7.75%	04/28/21
400,000	EuroChem Mineral & Chemical Co. OJSC via EuroChem GI Ltd. (USD) (d).....	5.13%	12/12/17
230,000	Evraz Group S.A. (USD) (d) .....	6.50%	04/22/20
200,000	Gazprom OAO Via Gaz Capital S.A. (USD) .....	4.95%	07/19/22
400,000	Metalloinvest Finance Ltd. (USD) (d) .....	5.63%	04/17/20

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FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (c) (CONTINUED)				
RUSSIA (CONTINUED)				
86,400,000	Russian Railways via RZD Capital PLC (RUB) .....	8.30%	04/02/19	\$
420,000	VimpelCom Holdings B.V. (USD) (d).....	5.95%	02/13/23	
SOUTH AFRICA - 0.2%				
220,000	Myriad International Holdings B.V. (USD) (d) .....	6.00%	07/18/20	
TURKEY - 0.6%				
200,000	Arcelik AS (USD) (d).....	5.00%	04/03/23	
200,000	Turkiye Sise Ve Cam Fabrikalari AS (USD) (d) .....	4.25%	05/09/20	
300,000	Yasar Holdings S.A. via Willow No. 2 (USD) .....	9.63%	10/07/15	
UKRAINE - 0.8%				
350,000	Metinvest B.V. (USD) .....	8.75%	02/14/18	
370,000	MHP S.A. (USD) (d).....	8.25%	04/02/20	
360,000	Mriya Agro Holding PLC (USD) (d) .....	9.45%	04/19/18	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - 0.6%				
600,000	Jafz Sukuk Ltd. (USD) .....	7.00%	06/19/19	
	TOTAL FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES .....			1
	(Cost \$17,162,531)			
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 102.8% .....			11
	(Cost \$101,850,527) (h)			
	OUTSTANDING LOAN - (5.2%) .....			(5
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 2.4% .....			
	NET ASSETS - 100.0% .....			\$ 11

(a) All of these securities within the Portfolio of Investments, except for the BTA Bank JSC common stock, are available to serve as collateral for the outstanding loan.

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- (b) Non-income producing security.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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 September 30, 2013, securities noted as such amounted to \$11,858,158 or 10.59% of net assets.
- (e) Zero coupon bond.

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- (f) Floating rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at September 30, 2013.
- (g) 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.
- (h) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of September 30, 2013, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$18,975,070 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$5,798,360.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

Currency Abbreviations

BRL	Brazilian Real	PEN	Peruvian New Sol
COP	Columbian Peso	PHP	Philippines Peso
GBP	British Pound Sterling	PLN	Polish Zloty
HKD	Hong Kong Dollar	RSD	Serbian Dinar
HUF	Hungarian Forint	RUB	Russian Ruble
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	THB	Thailand Baht
INR	Indian Rupee	TRY	Turkish Lira
KRW	South Korean Won	TWD	Taiwan New Dollar
KZT	Kazakhstan Tenge	USD	United States Dollar
MXN	Mexican Peso	UYU	Uruguayan Peso
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	ZAR	South African Rand
NGN	Nigerian Naira		

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VALUATION INPUTS

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A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2013 is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments):

ASSETS TABLE			
INVESTMENTS	TOTAL VALUE AT 9/30/2013	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS
Common Stocks*	\$ 53,961,182	\$ 53,961,182	\$ --
Foreign Sovereign Bonds and Notes*	44,577,348	--	44,577,348
Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes*	16,488,707	--	16,488,707
Total Investments	115,027,237	53,961,182	61,066,055
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**	58,133	--	58,133
Total	\$ 115,085,370	\$ 53,961,182	\$ 61,124,188

LIABILITIES TABLE			
	TOTAL VALUE AT 3/31/2013	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**	\$ (311,132)	\$ --	\$ (311,132)

\* See the Portfolio of Investments for country breakout.

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

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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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 September 30, 2013, the Fund transferred common stocks valued at \$32,740,198 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 foreign equities that are now being valued based on quoted prices that were previously 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, 2012 exceeding a certain threshold.

% OF TOTAL

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INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION	INVESTMENTS
Sovereigns	36.5%
Commercial Banks	9.5
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	5.8
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	3.9
Real Estate Management & Development	3.8
Wireless Telecommunication Services	2.7
Food & Staples Retailing	2.6
Railroad	2.6
Metals & Mining	2.4
Beverages	2.3
Banking	1.7
Automobiles	1.7
Construction Materials	1.6
Pharmaceuticals	1.5
Industrial Other	1.4
Insurance	1.3
Tobacco	1.2
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	1.2
Energy Equipment & Services	1.2
Chemicals	1.1
Supranationals	1.0
Government Agencies	1.0
Exploration & Production	1.0
IT Services	1.0
Specialty Retail	0.9
Transportation Infrastructure	0.9
Real Estate	0.9
Diversified Financial Services	0.8
Wireless Telecom Services	0.7
Food & Beverage	0.7
Household Products	0.7
Consumer Finance	0.6
Government Development Banks	0.6
Multiline Retail	0.5
Integrated Oils	0.4
Utilities	0.3
Pipeline	0.3
Wireline Telecom Services	0.3
Automotive	0.3
Manufactured Goods	0.3
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	0.2
Media Non-Cable	0.2
Oil & Gas Services	0.2
Retail Discretionary	0.1
Home Improvement	0.1

Total 100.0%

CURRENCY EXPOSURE	% OF TOTAL
DIVERSIFICATION	INVESTMENTS #
USD	43.6%
INR	7.2
HKD	6.8
BRL	6.3
ZAR	5.0
TRY	3.9
MXN	3.8
RUB	3.3

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KRW	2.9
THB	2.5
TWD	2.3
HUF	2.0
NGN	1.7
PHP	1.4
RSD	1.4
GBP	1.2
IDR	1.1
MYR	1.0
PLN	1.0
UYU	1.0
PEN	0.5
COP	0.1
KZT	0.0 ##
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Total	100.0%
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# The weightings include the impact of currency forwards.  
## Amount is less than 0.1%.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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CREDIT QUALITY(1)	% OF TOTAL FIXED-INCOME INVESTMENTS #
AAA	2.0%
AA-	1.0
A	0.3
A-	20.6
BBB+	13.5
BBB	9.9
BBB-	15.0
BB+	2.2
BB	6.0
BB-	15.7
B+	5.0
B	5.2
B-	0.2
NR	3.4
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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 foreign sovereign and foreign corporate bonds and notes in the Fund, and not to

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the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings are subject to change.

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 SCHEDULE OF FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (UNAUDITED)

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS							
SETTLEMENT DATE	COUNTERPARTY		AMOUNT PURCHASED (a)		AMOUNT SOLD (a)	PURCHASE VALUE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013	SALE VALUE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2013
10/21/13	CIT	ZAR	4,718,000	USD	476,021	\$ 468,359	\$ 47
12/05/13	JPM	USD	2,553,112	BRL	6,153,000	2,553,112	2,73
10/21/13	JPM	USD	1,083,552	HUF	245,327,000	1,083,552	1,11
12/05/13	JPM	USD	1,320,157	IDR	15,525,045,000	1,320,157	1,32
10/21/13	RBS	USD	370,939	MXN	4,763,000	370,939	36
12/05/13	JPM	USD	1,412,261	PEN	4,020,000	1,412,261	1,43
12/05/13	JPM	USD	2,267,581	RUB	76,549,000	2,267,581	2,33
10/21/13	GSI	USD	774,881	TRY	1,519,000	774,881	74
10/21/13	JPM	USD	76,121	TRY	152,000	76,121	7
10/21/13	RBS	USD	529,871	TRY	1,050,000	529,871	51
10/21/13	HSBC	USD	479,742	ZAR	4,718,000	479,742	46

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).....

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

Counterparty Abbreviations:

- CIT Citibank, NA
- GSI Goldman Sachs International
- HSBC HSBC Banking Corp.
- JPM JPMorgan Chase
- RBS Royal Bank of Scotland

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NOTES TO QUARTERLY 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



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Commission ("SEC") 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").

### 2. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

#### A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund's Common Shares 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 in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees and in accordance with provisions of the 1940 Act. Market quotations and prices used to value the Fund's investments are primarily obtained from third party pricing services. The Fund's securities will be valued as follows:

Bond, 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.

Common stocks and other securities listed on any national or foreign exchange (excluding the NASDAQ(R) 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 valued at the midpoint between the bid and the asked price, if available, and otherwise at their closing bid prices.

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.

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Debt securities having a remaining maturity of sixty days or less when purchased are valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts.

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 at fair value. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities which may 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 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. The use of fair value prices by a Fund generally results in prices used by the Fund that may differ from current market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchange. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities.

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

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- 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 the sub-advisor'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.

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, 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.

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- 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 methodology 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, 2013, 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, 2013, 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 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

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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 Schedule of Forward Foreign Currency Contracts. 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 Schedule of Forward Foreign Currency Contracts.

For the fiscal year to date period (January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013), the amount of notional values of forward foreign currency contracts opened and closed were \$32,681,960 and \$68,229,748, respectively.

### 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 investment securities and items of income and expense are translated on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized foreign 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.

### 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 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/ Mark R. Bradley

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Mark R. Bradley, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: November 20, 2013

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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/ Mark R. Bradley

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Mark R. Bradley, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: November 20, 2013

By (Signature and Title)\*

/s/ James M. Dykas

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James M. Dykas, Treasurer,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date: November 20, 2013

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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.