FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
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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

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 241-4141

Date of fiscal year end: DECEMBER 31

Date of reporting period: MARCH 31, 2008

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

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a)
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	STATED MATURITY	VA (US D
BONDS AND NOTES (b) - 58.9%				
	ARGENTINA - 4.1%			
760,000	Banco Hipotecario SA (USD)	9.75%	04/27/16	$
2,527,616	Republic of Argentina (ARS) (c)	2.00%	01/03/10	1
3,840,000	Republic of Argentina (USD)	7.00%	04/17/17	2
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	BRAZIL - 5.7%			
3,420,000	Brazil NTN - B Note (BRL)	6.00%	08/15/10	3
430,000	Independencia International Ltd. (USD)	9.88%	01/31/17	
1,000,000	Isa Capital do Brasil SA (USD)	7.88%	01/30/12	1
4,570,000	Nota do Tesouro Nacional (BRL)	10.00%	01/01/17	2
130,000	Odebrecht Finance Ltd. (USD)	7.50%	10/18/17	
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	CHINA - 1.4%			
630,000	Agile Property Holdings Ltd. (USD)	9.00%	09/22/13	
670,000	Parkson Retail Group Ltd. (USD)	7.88%	11/14/11	
540,000	Parkson Retail Group Ltd. (USD)	7.13%	05/30/12	
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	COLOMBIA - 3.0%			
380,000	EEB International Ltd. (USD)	8.75%	10/31/14	
3,140,000,000	Republic of Colombia (COP)	12.00%	10/22/15	1
1,430,000	Republic of Colombia (USD)	7.38%	09/18/37	1
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	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 1.8%			
820,000	Cerveceria Nacional Dominica (USD) (c)	16.00%	03/27/12	
1,310,000	Dominican Republic (USD)	8.63%	04/20/27	1
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	ECUADOR - 1.8%			
630,000	Republic of Ecuador (USD)	9.38%	12/15/15	
1,610,000	Republic of Ecuador (USD)	10.00%	08/15/30	1
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	EGYPT - 3.0%			
7,500,000	Arab Republic of Egypt (EGP)	8.75%	07/18/12	1
2,140,000	Egypt Government Bond (EGP)	9.10%	09/20/12	
10,000,000	Egypt Treasury Bill (EGP)	0.00%	04/29/08	1

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	EL SALVADOR - 1.6%			
420,000	Republic of El Salvador (USD)	8.25%	04/10/32	
1,350,000	Republic of El Salvador (USD)	7.65%	06/15/35	1

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	GABON - 1.3%			
1,480,000	Gabonese Republic (USD)	8.20%	12/12/17	1

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	STATED MATURITY	VA (US D
BONDS AND NOTES (b) - (CONTINUED)				
	GHANA - 1.1%			
1,330,000	Republic of Ghana (USD)	8.50%	10/04/17	$ 1

	INDIA - 1.9%			
65,000,000	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, Credit Linked Note (INR) (c)	8.07%	01/15/17	1
28,000,000	JPMorgan International Derivatives (GBP)	7.49%	09/08/08	

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	INDONESIA - 2.3%			
290,000	BLT Finance BV (USD)	7.50%	05/15/14	
4,200,000,000	Indonesian Government (IDR)	11.00%	12/15/12	
650,000,000	Indonesian Government (IDR)	12.50%	03/15/13	
1,850,000,000	Indonesian Recapitalization Bond (IDR)	13.40%	02/15/11	
4,650,000,000	Indonesian Recapitalization Bond (IDR)	13.45%	08/15/11	
700,000	Majapahit Holding BV (USD)	7.75%	10/17/16	
670,000	Majapahit Holding BV (USD)	7.25%	06/28/17	

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	MEXICO - 4.2%			
480,000	Desarrolladora Homex SA (USD)	7.50%	09/28/15	
8,080,000	Mexican Fixed Rate Bonds (MXN)	9.00%	12/20/12	
15,580,000	Mexican Fixed Rate Bonds (MXN)	9.50%	12/18/14	1
22,340,000	Mexican Fixed Rate Bonds (MXN)	8.00%	12/07/23	2

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	NIGERIA - 1.2%			
1,000,000	GTB Finance BV (USD)	8.50%	01/29/12	
60,000,000	KfW Internatonal Finance (NGN)	8.50%	01/18/11	

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	PAKISTAN - 1.5%			
270,000	Islamic Republic of Pakistan (USD)	6.75%	02/19/09	
1,020,000	Islamic Republic of Pakistan (USD)	6.88%	06/01/17	
830,000	Pakistan Mobile Communication (USD)	8.63%	11/13/13	

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	PANAMA - 0.3%			
290,000	Republic of Panama (USD)	8.88%	09/30/27	

	PERU - 2.6%			
6,040,000	Peru Bono Soberano (PEN)	7.84%	08/12/20	2
790,000	Republic of Peru (USD)	6.55%	03/14/37	

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	PHILIPPINES - 0.9%			
480,000	Republic of Philippines (USD)	8.25%	01/15/14	
100,000	Republic of Philippines (USD)	8.00%	01/15/16	
330,000	Republic of Philippines (USD)	9.38%	01/18/17	

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	STATED MATURITY	VA (US D

BONDS AND NOTES (b) - (CONTINUED)

	RUSSIA - 3.7%			
830,000	Alfa Bond ISS (USD) (c)	8.64%	02/22/17	$
780,000	Evraz Group SA (USD)	8.25%	11/10/15	
10,400,000	GPB Eurobond Finance PLC (RUB)	7.25%	02/22/10	
41,981,119	Red Arrow International Leasing PLC (RUB)	8.38%	06/30/12	1
830,000	RS Finance (RSB) (USD)	7.50%	10/07/10	

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	SERBIA - 1.1%			
1,460,000	Republic of Serbia (USD) (d)	3.75%	11/01/24	1

	SOUTH AFRICA - 1.1%			
10,770,000	Republic of South Africa Government Bond (ZAR)	10.00%	02/28/09	1

	TURKEY - 2.1%			
1,380,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY)	10.00%	02/15/12	1
2,150,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY)	16.00%	03/07/12	1

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	UKRAINE - 3.8%			
800,000	Alfa Bank Ukraine (USD)	9.75%	12/22/09	
1,070,000	EX-IM Bank of Ukraine (USD)	7.65%	09/07/11	1
4,000,000	JSCB Ukrsotsbank, Credit Linked Note (USD)	12.00%	10/15/12	
500,000	UBS AG Jersey Branch (USD)	9.13%	06/21/10	
1,480,000	Ukraine Government International Bond (USD)	6.75%	11/14/17	1

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	URUGUAY - 3.2%			
1,390,000	Republic Orient Uruguay (USD)	7.63%	03/21/36	1
37,710,000	Republic Orient Uruguay (UYU)	5.00%	09/14/18	2
8,560,000	Republic Orient Uruguay (UYU)	4.25%	04/05/27	

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	VENEZUELA - 4.2%			
2,230,000	Petroleos de Venezuela SA (USD)	5.25%	04/12/17	1
359,000	Republic of Venezuela (USD)	10.75%	09/19/13	
1,140,000	Republic of Venezuela (USD)	8.50%	10/08/14	1
2,790,000	Republic of Venezuela (USD)	5.75%	02/26/16	2

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	TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES			72
	(Cost $71,620,316)			-----

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	COMMON STOCKS - 45.0%	
	ARGENTINA - 1.2%	
29,200	Tenaris SA, ADR	$ 1,455,620
	BRAZIL - 7.1%	
52,300	Banco Bradesco SA, ADR	1,451,848
68,000	Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, ADR	1,982,200
56,370	Lojas Renner SA	1,048,565
18,946	Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR	1,604,537
43,000	Souza Cruz SA	1,110,104
28,000	Telecomunicacoes de Sao Paulo SA	621,212
24,600	Ultrapar Participacoes SA, Preference Shares	841,029
		8,659,495
	CHILE - 1.2%	
29,000	Banco Santander Chile SA, ADR	1,515,540
	CHINA - 5.5%	
95,000	China Mobile Ltd.	1,413,529
190,000	CLP Holdings Ltd.	1,563,671
350,000	Dah Sing Banking Group Ltd.	594,528
200,000	Hang Lung Group Ltd.	944,409
920,000	PetroChina Company Ltd., H Shares	1,149,018
490,000	Swire Pacific Ltd., B Shares	1,091,737
		6,756,892
	CZECH REPUBLIC - 1.1%	
9,000	Erste Bank der Oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG	592,898
3,000	Komercni Banka AS	716,958
		1,309,856
	HUNGARY - 0.9%	
5,300	Richter Gedeon, Sponsored GDR	1,098,193
	INDIA - 3.5%	
60,000	Gail India Ltd.	636,266
20,000	Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	520,040
8,000	Grasim Industries Ltd.	513,519
40,000	Hero Honda Motors Ltd.	692,473
11,500	Housing Development Finance Corp. Ltd.	682,132
27,000	ICICI Bank Ltd.	517,792
74,000	Satyam Computer Services Ltd.	731,054
		4,293,276

	INDONESIA - 1.8%	
300,000	PT Astra International Tbk	790,331
1,800,000	PT Unilever Indonesia Tbk	1,349,267
		2,139,598
	MALAYSIA - 2.2%	
85,000	British American Tobacco Malaysia Berhad	1,129,436
455,000	Public Bank Berhad	1,550,571
		2,680,007

 See Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)
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SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	COMMON STOCKS - (CONTINUED)	
	MEXICO - 5.5%	
48,900	Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V., Sponsored ADR	$ 2,043,042
34,000	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR	758,200
361,000	Grupo Continental, S.A.B.	873,435
297,000	Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V., O Shares	1,287,598
274,000	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V., A Shares	1,215,432
390,000	SARE Holding S.A.B de C.V., B Shares (e)	538,677
		6,716,384
	PHILIPPINES - 1.0%	
970,000	Bank of the Philippine Islands	1,230,788
	QATAR - 0.6%	
16,000	Qatar Insurance Company	712,381
	RUSSIA - 1.1%	
15,000	LUKOIL, ADR	1,282,500
	SOUTH AFRICA - 1.7%	
177,000	Massmart Holdings Ltd.	1,457,904
188,000	Truworths International Ltd.	591,122
		2,049,026

	SOUTH KOREA - 3.3%	
55,000	Pusan Bank	688,645
6,300	Samsung Electronics Company Ltd., Preference Shares	2,837,179
850	Shinsegae Company Ltd.	535,568
		4,061,392
	TAIWAN - 3.6%	
890,000	Fubon Financial Holdings Company, Ltd.	1,010,714
866,451	Taiwan Mobile Company, Ltd.	1,668,473
823,599	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	1,710,664
		4,389,851
	THAILAND - 2.0%	
220,000	PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Ltd.	1,055,106
200,000	Siam Cement Public (The) Company Ltd.	1,384,786
		2,439,892
	TURKEY - 1.7%	
249,000	Aksigorta AS	906,947
9,000	Bim Birlesik Magazalar AS	708,237
35,350	Migros Turk TAS	519,269
		2,134,453
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost $44,346,374)	54,925,144

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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 103.9% (Cost $115,966,690) (f)	$ 126,950,905
LOAN OUTSTANDING - (6.5)%	(8,000,000
NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 2.6%	3,220,363
NET ASSETS - 100.0%	$ 122,171,268

(a) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.

(b) Fixed-income portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the investment sub-advisor.

(c) Variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at March 31, 2008.

(d) Step-up security. A security where the coupon increases or steps up at a predetermined date. Interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at March 31, 2008.

(e) Non-income producing security.

(f) Aggregate cost for federal income tax and financial reporting purposes.

ADR American Depositary Receipt
GDR Global Depositary Receipt
RSB Russian Standard Bank

CURRENCY

ARS Argentine Peso
BRL Brazilian Real
COP Colombian Peso
EGP Egyptian Pound
GBP British Pound Sterling
IDR Indonesian Rupiah
INR Indian Rupee
MXN Mexican Peso
NGN Nigerian Naira
PEN Peruvian New Sol
RUB Russian Ruble
TRY Turkish Lira
USD United States Dollar
UYU Uruguayan Peso
ZAR South African Rand

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS TO BUY

	CONTRACTS TO RECEIVE					
EXPIRATION DATE	LOCAL CURRENCY (a)		VALUE IN U.S. $	IN EXCHANGE FOR U.S. $	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION OF CONTRACTS U.S. $	NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION OF CONTRACTS U.S. $
04/17/08	INR	83,830,000	$2,085,909	$2,109,992	$ --	$ (24,083)
04/17/08	MXN	15,844,000	1,485,340	1,461,591	23,749	--
04/17/08	TRY	2,751,000	2,048,736	2,200,109	--	(151,373)

$ 23,749	$ (175,456)

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS TO SELL
CONTRACTS TO DELIVER

EXPIRATION DATE	LOCAL CURRENCY (a)		VALUE IN U.S. $	IN EXCHANGE FOR U.S. $	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION OF CONTRACTS U.S. $	NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION OF CONTRACTS U.S. $
04/17/08	BRL	7,157,000	$4,065,239	$3,929,117	$ --	$ (136,122)
04/17/08	COP	3,267,714,000	1,778,493	1,633,857	--	(144,636)
04/17/08	INR	89,855,000	2,235,827	2,263,635	27,808	--
04/17/08	MXN	23,750,000	2,226,510	2,155,592	--	(70,918)
04/17/08	RUB	51,314,000	2,180,779	2,075,851	--	(104,928)
04/17/08	TRY	4,533,000	3,375,833	3,646,235	270,402	--
04/17/08	ZAR	9,944,000	1,220,788	1,358,377	137,589	--
					$ 435,799	$ (456,604)
Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)					$ 459,548	$ (632,060)
Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)						$ (172,512)

(a) Please see page 6 for currency descriptions.

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
PORTFOLIO COMPONENTS (a)
MARCH 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

PORTFOLIO COMPONENTS -- BY INDUSTRY

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A BAR CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

Government Bonds and Notes	41.0%
Commercial Banks	11.6%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	5.2%
Diversified Financial Services	5.1%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	3.6%
Beverages	3.0%
Food & Staples Retailing	2.5%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	2.4%
Electric Utilities	2.3%
Metals & Mining	2.2%
Household Products	2.0%
Real Estate Management & Development	2.0%
Tobacco	1.8%
Multiline Retail	1.7%

Construction Materials	1.5%
Insurance	1.3%
Pharmaceuticals	1.3%
Automobiles	1.2%
Energy Equipment & Services	1.1%
Specialty Retail	1.1%
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	1.1%
Export/Import Bank	0.8%
Household Durables	0.8%
Transportation Infrastructure	0.6%
IT Services	0.6%
Telecommunications	0.6%
Gas Utilities	0.5%
Diversified Telecommunication	0.5%
Capital Markets	0.4%
Transportation	0.1%
Construction & Chemicals	0.1%

(a) Percentages are based on total investments. Please note that the percentages on the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.

 See Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
PORTFOLIO COMPONENTS (a) (b) - (CONTINUED)
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PORTFOLIO COMPONENTS -- BY COUNTRY

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A BAR CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

Brazil	12.3%
Mexico	9.3%
China	6.6%
India	5.2%
Argentina	5.1%
Russia	4.6%
Venezuela	4.0%
Indonesia	3.9%
Turkey	3.7%
Ukraine	3.7%
Taiwan	3.5%
South Korea	3.2%
Uruguay	3.0%
Colombia	2.9%
Egypt	2.9%
South Africa	2.7%
Peru	2.5%
Malaysia	2.1%
Thailand	1.9%
Philippines	1.8%
Dominican Republic	1.8%
Ecuador	1.7%
El Salvador	1.5%
Pakistan	1.5%
Gabon	1.2%
Chile	1.2%
Nigeria	1.1%
Ghana	1.1%

Serbia	1.1%
Czech Republic	1.1%
Hungary	0.9%
Qatar	0.6%
Panama	0.3%

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(b) Fixed-income portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the investment sub-advisor.

NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND
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1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund (the "Fund") is determined daily as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. 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), 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 the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value according to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. A majority of the Fund's assets are valued using market information supplied by third parties. In addition, structured products, including currency linked notes and credit linked notes, as well as interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, are valued using a pricing service or quotes provided by the selling dealer or financial institution. In the event that market quotations are not readily available, the pricing service does not provide a valuation for a particular asset, or the valuations are deemed unreliable, First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") may use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and other investments. Additionally, if events occur after the close of the principal market for particular securities (e.g., domestic debt and foreign securities), but before the Fund values its assets, that could materially affect NAV, First Trust may use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and other investments. The use of fair value pricing by the Fund is governed by valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees and in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and ask prices on such day. Securities traded on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price as determined by NASDAQ. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Portfolio securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities trading on the NASDAQ, are valued at the closing bid prices. Fixed income securities with a remaining maturity of 60 days or more will be valued by the Fund using a pricing service. Short-term investments that mature in less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157"), effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 became effective for the Fund as of January 1, 2008, the beginning of its current fiscal year. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157 are described below:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of March 31, 2008 is as follows:

VALUATION INPUTS	INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES	OTHER FINANCIAL I
Level 1 - Quoted Prices- Investments	$ 54,925,144	$ (172,
Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs ...	72,025,761	
Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	--	
TOTAL	$ 126,950,905	$ (172,

(a) Other financial instruments are forward foreign currency contracts not reflected in the Portfolio of Investments, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on the contracts.

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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 or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date; interest income on such securities is not accrued until settlement date. The Fund maintains liquid assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued or delayed-delivery purchase commitments. At March 31, 2008, the Fund had no when-issued or delayed-delivery purchase commitments.

C. CREDIT LINKED NOTES:

The Fund invests in credit linked notes. Credit linked notes are securities that are collateralized by one or more designated securities that are referred to as "reference securities". Through the purchase of a credit linked note, the buyer assumes the risk of the default or, in some cases, other declines in credit quality of the reference securities. The buyer also takes on exposure to the issuer of the credit linked note in the full amount of the purchase price of the note. The issuer of a credit linked note normally will have hedged its risk on the reference securities without acquiring any additional credit exposure. The Fund has the right to receive periodic interest payments from the issuer of the credit linked note at an agreed-upon interest rate and, if there has been no default or, if applicable, other declines in credit quality, a return of principal at the maturity date.

Credit linked notes are subject to credit risk of the reference securities underlying the credit linked notes. If one of the underlying reference securities defaults or suffers certain other declines in credit quality, the Fund may, instead of receiving repayment of principal in whole or in part, receive the security that has defaulted.

Credit linked notes typically are privately negotiated transactions between two or more parties. The Fund bears the risk that the issuer of the credit linked note will default or become bankrupt. The Fund bears the risk of loss of the principal amount it invested, and the periodic interest payments expected to be received for the duration of its investment in the credit linked note.

The market for credit linked notes may suddenly become illiquid. The other parties to the transaction may be the only investors with sufficient understanding of the derivative to be interested in bidding for it. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for credit linked notes. In certain cases, a market price for a credit linked note may not be available.

D. FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS:

Forward foreign currency contracts are agreements to exchange one currency for another at a future date and at a specified price. The Fund may use 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 in Net Other Assets and Liabilities on 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 up to the entire contract amount, which may exceed the net unrealized value shown in the Schedule of Forward Foreign Currency Contracts.

E. 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 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 and foreign currency transactions.

2. UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)

As of March 31, 2008, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was $14,667,641 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was $3,683,426.

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

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ JAMES A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board,
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date MAY 27, 2008

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 A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board,
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date MAY 27, 2008

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ MARK R. BRADLEY

Mark R. Bradley, Treasurer, Controller,
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
(principal financial officer)

Date MAY 27, 2008

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