

FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND

Form N-Q

March 29, 2018

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 811-22442

First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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registrant's telephone number, including area code: N30-765-8000

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2018

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has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

**First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)****Portfolio of Investments**

January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Principal Value	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES 86.5%</b>				
<b>Automotive 3.9%</b>				
\$ 4,025,000	Dana, Inc. (a)	5.50%	12/15/24	\$ 4,216,187
4,360,000	Gates Global LLC/Gates Global Co. (a) (b)	6.00%	07/15/22	4,453,086
1,275,000	Goodyear Tire & Rubber (The) Co.	5.00%	05/31/26	1,295,719
3,300,000	Goodyear Tire & Rubber (The) Co.	4.88%	03/15/27	3,304,125
3,144,000	Navistar International Corp. (b)	6.63%	11/01/25	3,294,283
1,970,000	Tenneco, Inc.	5.00%	07/15/26	1,992,163
2,535,000	ZF North America Capital, Inc. (b)	4.75%	04/29/25	2,620,556
				21,176,119
<b>Banking 1.6%</b>				
6,165,000	Ally Financial, Inc. (a)	8.00%	11/01/31	7,891,200
612,000	Ally Financial, Inc. (a)	8.00%	11/01/31	780,300
				8,671,500
<b>Basic Industry 10.7%</b>				
650,000	AK Steel Corp.	7.63%	10/01/21	677,625
1,000,000	AK Steel Corp.	7.50%	07/15/23	1,082,500
2,100,000	AK Steel Corp.	6.38%	10/15/25	2,084,250
725,000	Aleris International, Inc.	7.88%	11/01/20	727,972
2,425,000	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	8.75%	03/15/22	2,655,375
4,600,000	CalAtlantic Group, Inc.	8.38%	05/15/18	4,689,700
500,000	CalAtlantic Group, Inc.	5.88%	11/15/24	546,875
800,000	Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc.	4.88%	04/01/21	776,000
1,800,000	Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. (a) (b)	5.75%	03/01/25	1,768,500
2,720,000	Core & Main L.P. (b)	6.13%	08/15/25	2,754,000
1,000,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	3.55%	03/01/22	995,000
3,680,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	3.88%	03/15/23	3,675,400
960,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	4.55%	11/14/24	980,400

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1,695,000	Jeld-Wen, Inc. (b)	4.88%	12/15/27	1,701,356
2,979,000	KB Home	7.50%	09/15/22	3,399,784
1,100,000	Koppers, Inc. (a) (b)	6.00%	02/15/25	1,163,250
3,180,000	Meritage Homes Corp.	6.00%	06/01/25	3,442,350
1,000,000	Novelis Corp. (b)	6.25%	08/15/24	1,050,000
2,862,000	Novelis Corp. (b)	5.88%	09/30/26	2,956,704
2,045,000	Olin Corp.	5.13%	09/15/27	2,131,912
1,760,000	PQ Corp. (a) (b)	6.75%	11/15/22	1,887,600
565,000	PQ Corp. (b)	5.75%	12/15/25	583,363
4,570,000	PulteGroup, Inc. (a)	7.88%	06/15/32	5,701,075
	Shea Homes L.P./Shea Homes Funding Corp.			
2,025,000	(a) (b)	6.13%	04/01/25	2,113,594
4,250,000	Standard Industries, Inc. (a) (b)	5.00%	02/15/27	4,324,375
	TRI Pointe Group, Inc./TRI Pointe Homes, Inc.			
3,765,000	(a)	5.88%	06/15/24	4,007,089
				57,876,049

<b>Capital Goods 7.3%</b>				
3,045,000	Ball Corp.	4.00%	11/15/23	3,064,031
2,675,000	Berry Global, Inc. (b)	4.50%	02/15/26	2,674,198
4,100,000	BWAY Holding Co. (a) (b)	5.50%	04/15/24	4,258,875
	Crown Americas LLC/Crown Americas Capital			
3,500,000	Corp. IV	4.50%	01/15/23	3,587,500
4,645,000	KLX, Inc. (b)	5.88%	12/01/22	4,854,025
1,350,000	Orbital ATK, Inc.	5.50%	10/01/23	1,424,250
2,840,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc. (a) (b)	5.00%	01/15/22	2,974,900
5,700,000	Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc./Reynolds Group			
	Issuer LLC/Reynolds Group Issuer LU (a) (b)	5.13%	07/15/23	5,860,455
3,725,000	Sealed Air Corp. (b)	5.50%	09/15/25	4,023,000
3,770,000	Terex Corp. (b)	5.63%	02/01/25	3,873,675

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments

**First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)**

**Portfolio of Investments (Continued)**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Principal Value	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (Continued)</b>				
<b>Capital Goods (Continued)</b>				
\$ 2,925,000	Triumph Group, Inc. (a)	4.88%	04/01/21	\$ 2,888,437

39,483,346

<b>Consumer Goods 5.5%</b>				
4,895,000	B&G Foods, Inc.	5.25%	04/01/25	4,913,356
3,245,000	Cott Holdings, Inc. (b)	5.50%	04/01/25	3,313,956
1,920,000	First Quality Finance Co., Inc. (b)	5.00%	07/01/25	1,939,200
3,640,000	Kronos Acquisition Holdings, Inc. (b)	9.00%	08/15/23	3,585,400
1,915,000	Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc. (b)	4.63%	11/01/24	1,953,300
2,000,000	Pilgrim s Pride Corp. (b)	5.75%	03/15/25	2,025,000
1,765,000	Post Holdings, Inc. (b)	5.50%	03/01/25	1,822,363
3,610,000	Post Holdings, Inc. (b)	5.00%	08/15/26	3,533,288
3,910,000	Spectrum Brands, Inc.	5.75%	07/15/25	4,134,825
2,040,000	US Foods, Inc. (b)	5.88%	06/15/24	2,136,900

29,357,588

<b>Energy 7.1%</b>				
5,100,000	AmeriGas Partners L.P./AmeriGas Finance Corp. (a)	5.88%	08/20/26	5,304,000
1,875,000	Andeavor Logistics L.P./Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp. (a)	5.25%	01/15/25	1,969,125
2,426,000	California Resources Corp. (b)	8.00%	12/15/22	2,046,937
2,060,000	Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.	6.25%	04/15/23	2,137,250
1,320,000	Continental Resources, Inc.	5.00%	09/15/22	1,339,800
2,720,000	Crestwood Midstream Partners L.P./Crestwood Midstream Finance Corp.	6.25%	04/01/23	2,849,200
1,955,000	Hilcorp Energy I L.P./ Hilcorp Finance Co. (b)	5.00%	12/01/24	1,974,550
965,000	PDC Energy, Inc. (b)	5.75%	05/15/26	983,094
2,405,000	QEP Resources, Inc.	5.63%	03/01/26	2,462,119
2,245,000	Sanchez Energy Corp. (a)	6.13%	01/15/23	1,969,988
2,020,000	SM Energy Co.	5.63%	06/01/25	2,009,900
1,800,000	Suburban Propane Partners L.P./Suburban Energy Finance Corp.	5.75%	03/01/25	1,782,000
1,975,000	Suburban Propane Partners L.P./Suburban Energy Finance Corp.	5.88%	03/01/27	1,945,375
4,000,000	Targa Resources Partners L.P./Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp. (b)	5.00%	01/15/28	3,975,000
1,520,000	Ultra Resources, Inc. (b)	7.13%	04/15/25	1,521,900
1,380,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp.	5.75%	03/15/21	1,431,750
2,560,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp. (b)	6.63%	01/15/26	2,624,000
				38,325,988

<b>Financial Services 3.8%</b>				
6,855,000	Icahn Enterprises L.P./Icahn Enterprises Finance Corp. (a)	6.00%	08/01/20	7,020,034
2,885,000	MSCI, Inc. (b)	5.75%	08/15/25	3,072,525
3,640,000	OneMain Financial Holdings LLC (a) (b)	7.25%	12/15/21	3,769,675

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1,395,000	Springleaf Finance Corp. (a)	6.00%	06/01/20	1,449,056
4,555,000	Springleaf Finance Corp. (a)	7.75%	10/01/21	5,044,663
				20,355,953

<b>Healthcare 6.0%</b>				
3,825,000	Catalent Pharma Solutions, Inc. (b)	4.88%	01/15/26	3,834,562
1,580,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.	6.88%	02/01/22	1,131,675
3,400,000	Greatbatch Ltd. (b)	9.13%	11/01/23	3,706,714
3,910,000	Hologic, Inc. (a) (b)	5.25%	07/15/22	4,061,024
2,905,000	Hologic, Inc. (b)	4.38%	10/15/25	2,912,263
2,670,000	inVentiv Group Holdings, Inc./inVentiv Health, Inc./inVentiv Health Clinical, Inc. (b)	7.50%	10/01/24	2,910,300
3,665,000	MPH Acquisition Holdings LLC (b)	7.13%	06/01/24	3,944,456

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**Portfolio of Investments (Continued)**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Principal Value	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (Continued)</b>				
<b>Healthcare (Continued)</b>				
\$ 731,000	Quintiles IMS, Inc. (b)	4.88%	05/15/23	\$ 760,240
3,000,000	Quintiles IMS, Inc. (b)	5.00%	10/15/26	3,067,500
2,750,000	Teleflex, Inc.	4.63%	11/15/27	2,750,000
3,245,000	West Street Merger Sub, Inc. (b)	6.38%	09/01/25	3,293,675
				32,372,409
<b>Leisure 5.0%</b>				
2,500,000	Boyd Gaming Corp.	6.38%	04/01/26	2,687,500
2,980,000	Churchill Downs, Inc. (b)	4.75%	01/15/28	2,953,925
3,500,000	Eldorado Resorts, Inc.	6.00%	04/01/25	3,670,625
3,400,000	ESH Hospitality, Inc. (b)	5.25%	05/01/25	3,434,000
1,680,000	GLP Capital L.P./GLP Financing II, Inc. (a)	5.38%	04/15/26	1,801,800
3,120,000	Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (b)	4.88%	11/01/24	3,190,200
4,825,000	MGM Resorts International (a)	6.75%	10/01/20	5,198,938
3,410,000	Scientific Games International, Inc.	10.00%	12/01/22	3,751,000
				26,687,988

**Media 4.3%**

2,000,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Series B	7.63%	03/15/20	1,992,500
2,841,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Series B	6.50%	11/15/22	2,938,929
1,250,000	CSC Holdings LLC (a) (b)	6.63%	10/15/25	1,340,625
2,325,000	CSC Holdings LLC (b)	5.50%	04/15/27	2,359,875
5,830,000	Dish DBS Corp. (a)	6.75%	06/01/21	6,121,500
3,665,000	iHeartCommunications, Inc.	9.00%	03/01/21	2,712,100
2,115,000	Lamar Media Corp.	5.75%	02/01/26	2,239,256
3,150,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc. (b)	5.38%	07/15/26	3,232,688
				22,937,473

**Retail 3.1%**

3,270,000	Dollar Tree, Inc.	5.75%	03/01/23	3,423,281
5,445,000	Hanesbrands, Inc. (a) (b)	4.63%	05/15/24	5,540,288
1,320,000	KFC Holding Co./Pizza Hut Holdings LLC/Taco Bell of America LLC (a) (b)	5.00%	06/01/24	1,339,800
3,300,000	KFC Holding Co./Pizza Hut Holdings LLC/Taco Bell of America LLC (b)	5.25%	06/01/26	3,374,250
2,975,000	Murphy Oil USA, Inc. (a)	6.00%	08/15/23	3,094,000
				16,771,619

**Services 8.6%**

4,000,000	Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. (b)	5.63%	11/15/24	4,140,000
1,500,000	Aramark Services, Inc. (b)	5.00%	02/01/28	1,533,750
2,125,000	CoreCivic, Inc. (a)	5.00%	10/15/22	2,220,625
1,090,000	GEO (The) Group, Inc. (a)	5.88%	10/15/24	1,125,425
2,385,000	GEO (The) Group, Inc. (a)	6.00%	04/15/26	2,444,625
1,440,000	H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (b)	5.63%	09/01/25	1,497,600
2,654,000	Herc Rentals, Inc. (b)	7.50%	06/01/22	2,863,002
958,000	Herc Rentals, Inc. (b)	7.75%	06/01/24	1,054,998
730,000	Iron Mountain, Inc.	5.75%	08/15/24	735,475
4,199,000	Iron Mountain, Inc. (b)	4.88%	09/15/27	4,036,289
1,845,000	Iron Mountain, Inc. (b)	5.25%	03/15/28	1,803,488
4,615,000	KAR Auction Services, Inc. (a) (b)	5.13%	06/01/25	4,684,225
3,055,000	ServiceMaster (The) Co. LLC (a) (b)	5.13%	11/15/24	3,070,275
3,650,000	Tempo Acquisition LLC/Tempo Acquisition Finance Corp. (b)	6.75%	06/01/25	3,732,125
1,400,000	United Rentals North America, Inc. (a)	5.50%	07/15/25	1,482,250
2,900,000	United Rentals North America, Inc. (a)	5.88%	09/15/26	3,117,500

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## Portfolio of Investments (Continued)

January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Principal Value	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (Continued)</b>				
<b>Services (Continued)</b>				
\$ 2,250,000	United Rentals North America, Inc.	4.88%	01/15/28	\$ 2,252,812
2,310,000	Waste Pro USA, Inc. (b)	5.50%	02/15/26	2,361,975
1,975,000	Wrangler Buyer Corp. (b)	6.00%	10/01/25	2,049,062
				46,205,501
<b>Technology &amp; Electronics 6.8%</b>				
2,595,000	CDK Global, Inc. (b)	4.88%	06/01/27	2,606,963
590,000	CDW LLC/CDW Finance Corp.	5.50%	12/01/24	639,781
145,000	CDW LLC/CDW Finance Corp.	5.00%	09/01/25	148,081
3,700,000	CommScope Technologies LLC (a) (b)	5.00%	03/15/27	3,695,375
2,800,000	CommScope, Inc. (b)	5.00%	06/15/21	2,863,000
4,166,000	Dell International LLC/EMC Corp. (a) (b)	8.35%	07/15/46	5,484,495
4,030,000	First Data Corp. (b)	7.00%	12/01/23	4,254,189
2,038,000	First Data Corp. (b)	5.00%	01/15/24	2,099,140
2,870,000	Match Group, Inc. (a)	6.38%	06/01/24	3,113,950
4,015,000	NCR Corp.	6.38%	12/15/23	4,225,787
3,019,000	PTC, Inc.	6.00%	05/15/24	3,207,688
3,825,000	Qorvo, Inc. (a)	7.00%	12/01/25	4,150,125
				36,488,574
<b>Telecommunications 9.0%</b>				
4,260,000	CenturyLink, Inc., Series P	7.60%	09/15/39	3,764,775
4,420,000	CyrusOne L.P./CyrusOne Finance Corp.	5.38%	03/15/27	4,607,850
3,025,000	Equinix, Inc. (a)	5.88%	01/15/26	3,221,625
2,500,000	Equinix, Inc.	5.38%	05/15/27	2,631,250
400,000	Frontier Communications Corp.	6.25%	09/15/21	329,500
2,990,000	Frontier Communications Corp. (a)	11.00%	09/15/25	2,350,887
1,956,000	Hughes Satellite Systems Corp.	5.25%	08/01/26	1,982,895
3,070,000	Level 3 Financing, Inc.	5.38%	01/15/24	3,062,325
2,900,000	Level 3 Financing, Inc.	5.25%	03/15/26	2,852,875
1,850,000	Qualitytech L.P./QTS Finance Corp. (b)	4.75%	11/15/25	1,873,125
6,930,000	Sprint Capital Corp.	8.75%	03/15/32	8,212,050
570,000	Sprint Communications, Inc. (a)	9.25%	04/15/22	689,700
6,295,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc.	6.00%	03/01/23	6,604,399
2,925,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc.	6.00%	04/15/24	3,116,851
3,375,000	Zayo Group LLC/Zayo Capital, Inc. (b)	5.75%	01/15/27	3,438,450
				48,738,557



**Transportation 3.2%**

2,000,000	American Airlines Group, Inc.	6.13%	06/01/18	2,024,200
146,917	Continental Airlines 2003-ERJ1 Pass Through Trust	7.88%	07/02/18	150,590
1,063,819	Continental Airlines 2005-ERJ1 Pass Through Trust (a)	9.80%	04/01/21	1,143,925
2,000,000	United Continental Holdings, Inc.	6.00%	12/01/20	2,145,000
5,324,121	US Airways 2000-3C Pass Through Trust	8.39%	03/01/22	5,843,223
5,775,000	XPO Logistics, Inc. (a) (b)	6.50%	06/15/22	6,033,431
				17,340,369

**Utility 0.6%**

3,420,000	Calpine Corp.	5.75%	01/15/25	3,249,000
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**Total Corporate Bonds and Notes**

466,038,033

(Cost \$452,486,544)

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Principal Value (Local Currency)	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value (US Dollars)
<b>FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES 23.9%</b>				
<b>Automotive 0.1%</b>				
650,000	Dana Financing Luxembourg Sarl (USD) (b)	5.75%	04/15/25	\$ 684,125
<b>Banking 0.7%</b>				
1,320,000	Barclays PLC (USD)	4.84%	05/09/28	1,354,801
2,400,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC (USD)	5.13%	05/28/24	2,511,051
				3,865,852
<b>Basic Industry 7.0%</b>				
7,652,000	ArcelorMittal (USD) (a)	7.50%	10/15/39	9,909,340
1,700,000	Cemex SAB de CV (USD) (b)	7.75%	04/16/26	1,929,500
2,345,000	FMG Resources (August 2006) Pty Ltd. (USD) (b)	9.75%	03/01/22	2,588,997

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3,340,000	FMG Resources (August 2006) Pty Ltd. (USD) (b)	5.13%	05/15/24	3,394,275
1,900,000	James Hardie International Finance DAC (USD) (b)	5.00%	01/15/28	1,928,500
2,825,000	MMC Norilsk Nickel OJSC via MMC Finance DAC (USD) (b)	6.63%	10/14/22	3,154,537
1,625,000	SPCM S.A. (USD) (b)	4.88%	09/15/25	1,633,125
4,200,000	Stora Enso OYJ (USD) (a) (b)	7.25%	04/15/36	5,229,000
2,505,000	Teck Resources Ltd. (USD)	6.00%	08/15/40	2,796,206
1,795,000	Teck Resources Ltd. (USD)	6.25%	07/15/41	2,088,931
2,975,000	Trinseo Materials Operating SCA/Trinseo Materials Finance, Inc. (USD) (b)	5.38%	09/01/25	3,055,920
				37,708,331
<b>Capital Goods 1.9%</b>				
5,100,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh Holdings USA, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	7.25%	05/15/24	5,500,095
535,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh Holdings USA, Inc. (USD) (b)	6.00%	02/15/25	553,725
890,000	Bombardier, Inc. (USD) (b)	6.00%	10/15/22	894,450
3,288,000	Bombardier, Inc. (USD) (b)	6.13%	01/15/23	3,337,320
				10,285,590
<b>Consumer Goods 0.6%</b>				
2,925,000	Minerva Luxembourg S.A. (USD) (b)	6.50%	09/20/26	2,957,029
<b>Energy 2.4%</b>				
2,350,000	Gazprom OAO Via Gaz Capital S.A. (USD) (a) (b)	8.63%	04/28/34	3,252,517
4,350,000	Petrobras Global Finance B.V. (USD) (a)	6.88%	01/20/40	4,488,156
2,120,000	Petrobras Global Finance B.V. (USD)	7.25%	03/17/44	2,258,860
3,350,000	Weatherford International Ltd. (USD)	4.50%	04/15/22	3,182,500
				13,182,033
<b>Healthcare 2.8%</b>				
2,275,000	Endo Dac./Endo Finance LLC/Endo Finco, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	6.00%	02/01/25	1,721,902
3,625,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	7.50%	07/15/21	3,647,656
5,319,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	5.88%	05/15/23	4,818,748
3,724,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	6.13%	04/15/25	3,347,690
1,320,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (USD) (b)	9.00%	12/15/25	1,359,191

				14,895,187
	<b>Insurance 1.0%</b>			
1,800,000	Aviva PLC (GBP) (c)	6.13%	11/14/36	3,093,337
2,220,000	Oil Insurance Ltd., 3 Mo. LIBOR + 2.98% (USD) (b) (d)	4.67%	(e)	2,158,950
				5,252,287

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**First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)****Portfolio of Investments (Continued)****January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

<b>Principal Value (Local Currency)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Stated Coupon</b>	<b>Stated Maturity</b>	<b>Value (US Dollars)</b>
<b>FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (Continued)</b>				
	<b>Leisure 1.2%</b>			
3,205,000	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (USD) (a)	7.50%	10/15/27	\$ 4,037,446
2,360,000	Wynn Macau Ltd. (USD) (b)	4.88%	10/01/24	2,342,300
				6,379,746
	<b>Media 1.5%</b>			
3,695,000	UPCB Finance IV Ltd. (USD) (b)	5.38%	01/15/25	3,778,137
2,800,000	Virgin Media Finance PLC (GBP)	6.38%	10/15/24	4,268,778
				8,046,915
	<b>Retail 0.5%</b>			
2,720,000	1011778 BC ULC/New Red Finance, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	4.25%	05/15/24	2,679,200
	<b>Services 1.2%</b>			
2,040,000	GFL Environmental, Inc. (USD) (b)	5.63%	05/01/22	2,121,600
3,940,000	Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc. (USD) (a) (b)	5.38%	01/15/25	4,058,200
				6,179,800

**Technology & Electronics 1.1%**

2,500,000	NXP B.V./NXP Funding LLC (USD) (b)	4.63%	06/01/23	2,613,250
3,060,000	Sensata Technologies UK Financing Co., PLC (USD) (a) (b)	6.25%	02/15/26	3,304,800
				5,918,050

**Telecommunications 1.9%**

4,280,000	Telecom Italia Capital S.A. (USD) (a)	7.72%	06/04/38	5,594,816
4,850,000	VEON Holdings B.V. (USD) (a) (b)	4.95%	06/16/24	4,881,525
				10,476,341

**Total Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes**

128,510,486

(Cost \$118,420,713)

Par Amount (Local Currency)	Description	Stated Rate	Stated Maturity	Value (US Dollars)
<b>CAPITAL PREFERRED SECURITIES 7.7%</b>				
<b>Automotive 0.8%</b>				
3,935,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Series A (USD) (c)	5.75%	(e)	4,072,725
<b>Banking 4.0%</b>				
5,155,000	Bank of America Corp., Series DD (USD) (a) (c)	6.30%	(e)	5,786,488
2,475,000	Citigroup, Inc., Series M (USD) (c)	6.30%	(e)	2,623,500
2,775,000	Dresdner Funding Trust I (USD) (a) (b)	8.15%	06/30/31	3,739,313
4,370,000	Goldman Sachs Group (The), Inc., Series P (USD) (c)	5.00%	(e)	4,296,234
2,400,000	HBOS Capital Funding L.P. (GBP) (c)	6.46%	(e)	3,543,007
1,450,000	RBS Capital Trust II (USD) (c)	6.43%	(e)	1,826,275
				21,814,817

**Capital Goods 0.5%**

3,210,000	Textron Financial Corp., 3 Mo. LIBOR + 1.74% (USD) (b) (d)	3.15%	02/15/42	2,889,000
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**Insurance 2.4%**

2,700,000	Chubb (The) Corp., 3 Mo. LIBOR + 2.25% (USD) (d)	3.97%	03/29/67	2,696,625
6,950,000	Hartford Financial Services Group (The), Inc., 3 Mo. LIBOR + 2.13% (USD) (a) (b) (d)	3.54%	02/12/47	6,810,305

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**First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)****Portfolio of Investments (Continued)****January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

<b>Par Amount (Local Currency)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Stated Rate</b>	<b>Stated Maturity</b>	<b>Value (US Dollars)</b>
<b>CAPITAL PREFERRED SECURITIES (Continued)</b>				
<b>Insurance (Continued)</b>				
3,500,000	Lincoln National Corp., 3 Mo. LIBOR + 2.36% (USD) (a) (d)	3.78%	05/17/66	\$ 3,373,125
				12,880,055
<b>Total Capital Preferred Securities</b>				41,656,597
(Cost \$39,479,377)				
<b>Principal Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate (f)</b>	<b>Stated Maturity (g)</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>SENIOR FLOATING-RATE LOAN INTERESTS 1.1%</b>				
<b>Healthcare 1.1%</b>				
\$ 6,089,150	Ortho-Clinical Term Loan B3, 3 Mo. LIBOR + 3.75%, 1.00% Floor	5.44%	06/30/21	6,140,542
(Cost \$6,061,649)				
<b>Principal Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Stated Coupon</b>	<b>Stated Maturity</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES 0.9%</b>				
<b>Collateralized Mortgage Obligations 0.2%</b>				
17,624	Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2007-6XS, Class 2A1S, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.11% (d)	1.66%	02/25/47	17,672
1,295,994	Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Series 2006-AR7 Trust, Class 2A4 (h)	3.34%	05/25/36	1,321,489
				1,339,161
<b>Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities 0.7%</b>				
31,990		1.61%	10/25/36	32,042

	Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2006-NC4, Class A5, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.06% (d)			
7,877,017	Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust Series 2006-FR4, Class A2A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.08% (d)	1.63%	08/25/36	3,490,852
				3,522,894
	<b>Total Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>			4,862,055
	(Cost \$6,309,710)			
	<b>ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 0.1%</b>			
616,607	Keycorp Student Loan Trust, Series 2000-A, Class A2, 3 Mo. LIBOR + 0.32% (d)	1.64%	05/25/29	613,689
	(Cost \$578,700)			
	<b>Total Investments 120.2%</b>			647,821,402
	(Cost \$623,336,693) (i)			
	<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS SOLD SHORT (17.7)%</b>			
(101,950,000)	United States Treasury Note	1.38%	09/30/23	(95,466,662)
	(Proceeds \$98,822,755)			
	<b>CORPORATE BONDS SOLD SHORT (1.8)%</b>			
	<b>Energy (0.9)%</b>			
(2,400,000)	Noble Energy, Inc.	4.15%	12/15/21	(2,490,539)
(2,100,000)	Noble Energy, Inc.	3.90%	11/15/24	(2,149,966)
				(4,640,505)

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**First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)****Portfolio of Investments (Continued)****January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Principal Value	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value
	<b>CORPORATE BONDS SOLD SHORT (Continued)</b>			
	<b>Media (0.9)%</b>			
\$ (5,145,000)	Netflix, Inc.	4.38%	11/15/26	\$ (5,053,368)

**Total Corporate Bonds Sold Short** (9,693,873)

(Proceeds \$9,150,271)

**FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS SOLD SHORT (1.2)%**

**Media (1.2)%**

(6,500,000) SFR Group S.A. (b) 7.38% 05/01/26 (6,426,875)

(Proceeds \$6,511,046)

**Total Investments Sold Short (20.7)%** (111,587,410)

(Proceeds \$114,484,072)

**Outstanding Loan (3.7)%** (19,845,562)

**Net Other Assets and Liabilities 4.2%** 22,351,777

**Net Assets 100.0%** \$ 538,740,207

**Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**

**Settlement**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Counterparty</b>	<b>Amount Purchased</b>	<b>Amount Sold</b>	<b>Purchase Value as of 1/31/2018</b>	<b>Sale Value as of 1/31/2018</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation</b>
05/02/18	JPM	USD 11,251,118	GBP 7,860,000	\$11,251,118	\$11,200,188	\$50,930

Counterparty Abbreviations

JPM JPMorgan Chase

See Note 2D Forward Foreign Currency Contracts in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

- (a) This security or a portion of this security is segregated as collateral for investments sold short.
- (b) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, 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 MacKay Shields LLC, the Fund's sub-advisor. Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. At January 31, 2018, securities noted as such amounted to \$316,263,107 of total investments and \$(6,426,875) of total investments sold short, or 58.7% and (1.2)% of net assets, respectively.
- (c) Fixed-to-floating or fixed-to-variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the fixed rate in effect at January 31, 2018. At a predetermined date, the fixed rate will change to a floating rate or a variable rate.
- (d) Floating or variable rate security.
- (e) Perpetual maturity.
- (f) Senior Floating-Rate Loan Interests ( Senior Loans ) in which the Fund invests pay interest at rates which are periodically predetermined by reference to a base lending rate plus a premium. These base lending rates are generally (i) the lending rate offered by one or more major European banks, such as the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), (ii) the prime rate offered by one or more United States banks or (iii) the certificate of deposit rate. Certain Senior Loans are subject to a LIBOR floor that establishes a minimum LIBOR rate.

- (g) Senior Loans generally are subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment. As a result, the actual remaining maturity of Senior Loans may be substantially less than the stated maturities shown.
- (h) Collateral Strip Rate security. Interest is based on the weighted net interest rate of the investments underlying collateral. The interest rate resets periodically.
- (i) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of January 31, 2018, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$34,382,423 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$6,950,122. The net unrealized appreciation was \$27,432,301. The amounts presented are inclusive of investments sold short and derivative contracts.

GBP British Pound Sterling  
LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate  
USD United States Dollar

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### First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)

#### Portfolio of Investments (Continued)

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#### Valuation Inputs

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2018 is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

	ASSETS TABLE			
	Total		Level 2	Level 3
	Value at	Level 1	Significant	Significant
	1/31/2018	Quoted	Observable	Unobservable
		Prices	Inputs	Inputs
Corporate Bonds and Notes*	\$ 466,038,033	\$	\$ 466,038,033	\$
Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes*	128,510,486		128,510,486	
Capital Preferred Securities*	41,656,597		41,656,597	
Senior Floating-Rate Loan Interests*	6,140,542		6,140,542	
Mortgage-Backed Securities	4,862,055		4,862,055	
Asset-Backed Securities	613,689		613,689	
Total Investments	647,821,402		647,821,402	
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts	50,930		50,930	



Total	\$ 647,872,332	\$	\$ 647,872,332	\$
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**LIABILITIES TABLE**

	<b>Total</b>		<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
	<b>Value at</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Significant</b>
	<b>1/31/2018</b>	<b>Quoted</b>	<b>Observable</b>	<b>Unobservable</b>
		<b>Prices</b>	<b>Inputs</b>	<b>Inputs</b>
U.S. Government Bonds Sold Short	\$ (95,466,662)	\$	\$ (95,466,662)	\$
Corporate Bonds Sold Short*	(9,693,873)		(9,693,873)	
Foreign Corporate Bonds Sold Short*	(6,426,875)		(6,426,875)	
Total	\$ (111,587,410)	\$	\$ (111,587,410)	\$

\* See Portfolio of Investments for industry breakout.

All transfers in and out of the Levels during the period are assumed to occur on the last day of the period at their current value. There were no transfers between Levels at January 31, 2018.

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**Notes to Portfolio of Investments****First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

**1. Organization**

First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on June 18, 2010, 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 FSD on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

The Fund is considered an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance under Financial Accounting Standards Board 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 Fund's 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 the 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. (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, notes, capital preferred securities, U.S. government securities, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and other debt securities are fair valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by a third-party pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which may use the following valuation inputs when available:

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

Shares of open-end funds are valued at fair value which is based on NAV per share.

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.

The Senior Floating-Rate Loan interests (Senior Loans)(1) held in the Fund are not listed on any securities exchange or board of trade. Senior Loans are typically bought and sold by institutional investors in individually negotiated private transactions that function in many respects like an over-the-counter secondary market, although typically no formal market-makers exist. This market, while having grown substantially since its inception, generally has fewer trades and less liquidity than the secondary market for other types of securities. Some Senior Loans have few or no trades, or trade infrequently, and information regarding a specific Senior Loan may not be widely available or may be incomplete. Accordingly, determinations of the market value of Senior Loans may be based on infrequent and dated information. Because there is less reliable, objective data available, elements of judgment may play a greater role in valuation of Senior Loans than for other types of securities. Typically, Senior Loans are fair valued using information provided by a third-party pricing service. The third-party pricing service primarily uses over-the-counter pricing from dealer runs and broker quotes from indicative sheets to value the Senior Loans.

(1) The terms security and securities used throughout the Notes to Portfolio of Investments include Senior Loans.

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

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

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

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 third-party pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market or fair value price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of the Fund's NAV or make it difficult or impossible to obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the third-party pricing service, does not reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the current fair value of a security would appear to be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. When fair value prices are used, generally they will differ from market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchanges. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) the fundamental business data relating to the borrower/issuer;
- 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 a security;
- 4) the financial statements of the borrower/issuer;
- 5) the credit quality and cash flow of the borrower/issuer, 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 borrower/issuer, including any ability to obtain money or resources from a parent or affiliate and an assessment of the borrower's/issuer's management;

- 11) the prospects for the borrower's/issuer's industry, and multiples (of earnings and/or cash flows) being paid for similar businesses in that industry;
- 12) the borrower's/issuer's competitive position within the industry;
- 13) the borrower's/issuer's ability to access additional liquidity through public and/or private markets; and
- 14) other relevant factors.

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:

**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.

**Level 2** Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, and include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets.

#### **Notes to Portfolio of Investments (Continued)**

##### **First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)**

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- 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.
- 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).
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

**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 January 31, 2018, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

#### ***B. Securities Transactions and Investment Income***

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

### ***C. Unfunded Loan Commitments***

The Fund may enter into certain credit agreements, all or a portion of which may be unfunded. The Fund is obligated to fund these loan commitments at the borrower's discretion. The Fund did not have any unfunded delayed draw loan commitments as of January 31, 2018.

### ***D. 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, 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.

### ***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 investments and items of income and expense are translated on the respective dates of such transactions.

### ***F. Short Sales***

Short sales are utilized for investment and risk management purposes and are transactions in which securities or other instruments (such as options, forwards, futures or other derivative contracts) are sold by the Fund, but are not currently owned in the Fund's portfolio. When the Fund engages in a short sale, the Fund must borrow the security sold short and deliver the security to the counterparty. Short selling allows the Fund to profit from a decline in a market price to the extent such decline exceeds the transaction costs and the costs of borrowing the securities. The Fund will pay a fee or premium to borrow the securities sold short and is obligated to repay the lenders of the securities. Any dividends or interest that accrues on the securities during the period of the loan are due to the lenders. A gain, limited to the price at which the security was sold short, or a loss, unlimited in size, will be recognized upon the termination of the short sale; which is affected by the Fund purchasing the security sold short and delivering the security to the lender. Any such gain or loss may be offset, completely or in part, by the change in the value of the long portion of the Fund's portfolio. The Fund is subject to the risk that it may be unable to reacquire a security to terminate a short position except at a price substantially in excess of the last quoted price. Also, there is the risk that the counterparty to a short sale may fail to honor its contractual terms, causing a loss to the Fund.

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### **First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (FSD)**

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The Fund has established an account with Pershing, LLC ( Pershing ) for the purpose of purchasing or borrowing securities on margin. At January 31, 2018, the Fund had \$19,845,562 in borrowings associated with investments sold short and \$111,587,410 of investments sold short as shown on the Portfolio of Investments.

**3. Derivative Transactions**

During the fiscal year-to-date period (November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018), the notional values of forward foreign currency contracts opened and closed were \$26,447,916 and \$28,573,199, respectively.

**Item 2. Controls and Procedures.**

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 (a) 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)).

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 (b) 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 High  
Income  
Long/Short Fund

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

Date March 29, 2018

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  
James M. Dykas, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date March 29, 2018

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Donald P. Swade  
Donald P. Swade, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer  
and Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date March 29, 2018

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