

FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND

Form DEF 14A

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FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

March 7, 2016

Dear Shareholder:

The accompanying materials relate to the Joint Annual Meetings of Shareholders (collectively, the "Meeting") of each fund listed above (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds"). The Meeting will be held at the offices of First Trust Advisors L.P., 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, on Friday, April 22, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

At the Meeting, you will be asked to vote on a proposal to elect two of the Trustees of your Fund (the "Proposal") and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. The Proposal is described in the accompanying Notice of Joint Annual Meetings of Shareholders and Joint Proxy Statement.

YOUR PARTICIPATION AT THE MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT. If you cannot attend the Meeting, you may participate by proxy. As a Shareholder, you cast one vote

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for each full share of a Fund that you own and a proportionate fractional vote for any fraction of a share that you own. Please take a few moments to read the enclosed materials and then cast your vote on the enclosed proxy card.

VOTING TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES. EACH SHAREHOLDER'S VOTE IS IMPORTANT. YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

After you have voted on the Proposal, please be sure to sign your proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

We appreciate your participation in this important Meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ James A. Bowen

James A. Bowen  
Chairman of the Boards

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARDS

The following general rules for signing proxy cards may be of assistance to you and will avoid the time and expense to your Fund involved in validating your vote if you fail to sign your proxy card properly.

1. Individual Accounts: Sign your name exactly as it appears in the registration on the proxy card.

2. Joint Accounts: Either party may sign, but the name of the party signing should conform exactly to the name shown in the registration.

3. All Other Accounts: The capacity of the individual signing the proxy should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration. For example:

REGISTRATION	VALID SIGNATURE
CORPORATE ACCOUNTS	
(1) ABC Corp.	ABC Corp.
(2) ABC Corp.	John Doe, Treasurer
(3) ABC Corp. c/o John Doe, Treasurer	John Doe
(4) ABC Corp. Profit Sharing Plan	John Doe, Trustee
TRUST ACCOUNTS	
(1) ABC Trust	Jane B. Doe, Trustee
(2) Jane B. Doe, Trustee u/t/d 12/28/78	Jane B. Doe
CUSTODIAL OR ESTATE ACCOUNTS	
(1) John B. Smith, Cust. f/b/o John B. Smith, Jr., UGMA	John B. Smith
(2) John B. Smith	John B. Smith, Jr., Executor

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120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

NOTICE OF JOINT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS  
To be held On April 22, 2016

March 7, 2016

To the Shareholders of the above Funds:

Notice is hereby given that the Joint Annual Meetings of Shareholders (collectively, the "Meeting") of Macquarie/First Trust Global Infrastructure/Utilities Dividend & Income Fund, First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund, First Trust Enhanced Equity Income Fund, First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund, First Trust Mortgage Income Fund, First Trust Strategic High Income Fund II, First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund, First Trust Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund, First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund, First Trust Energy Infrastructure Fund, First Trust MLP and Energy Income Fund, First Trust Intermediate Duration Preferred & Income Fund and First Trust New Opportunities MLP & Energy Fund (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds"), each a Massachusetts business trust, will be held at the offices of First Trust Advisors L.P., 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, on Friday, April 22, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Trustees (the Class III Trustees) of each Fund.
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The Board of Trustees of each Fund has fixed the close of business on January 29, 2016 as the record date for the determination of shareholders of such Fund entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

By Order of the Boards of Trustees,

/s/ W. Scott Jardine

W. Scott Jardine  
Secretary

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SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO PROMPTLY COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER EXECUTION OF PROXIES ARE

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SET FORTH ON THE INSIDE COVER OF THIS JOINT PROXY STATEMENT.

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JOINT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS  
April 22, 2016

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

JOINT PROXY STATEMENT  
March 7, 2016

THIS JOINT PROXY STATEMENT AND THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD WILL FIRST BE MAILED TO SHAREHOLDERS ON OR ABOUT MARCH 14, 2016.

This Joint Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Boards of Trustees of the funds listed above (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds"), each a Massachusetts business trust, for use at the Annual Meetings of Shareholders of the Funds to be held on Friday, April 22, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, at the offices of First Trust Advisors L.P., 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof (collectively, the "Meeting"). A Notice of Joint Annual Meetings of Shareholders and a proxy card accompany this Joint Proxy Statement. The Boards of Trustees of the Funds have determined that the use of this Joint Proxy Statement is in the best interests of each Fund in light of the same matter being considered and voted on by shareholders.

The principal offices of First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund, First Trust MLP and Energy Income Fund and First Trust New Opportunities MLP & Energy Fund are located at 10 Westport Road, Suite C101A, Wilton, Connecticut 06897. The principal offices of each of the other Funds are located at 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

Proxy solicitations will be made primarily by mail. However, proxy

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solicitations may also be made by telephone or personal interviews conducted by officers and service providers of the Funds, including any agents or affiliates of such service providers.

The costs incurred in connection with the preparation of this Joint Proxy Statement and its enclosures will be paid by the Funds. The Funds will also reimburse brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to the beneficial owners of Fund shares.

The close of business on January 29, 2016 has been fixed as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Each Fund has one class of shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, known as common shares ("Shares").

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 22, 2016. THIS JOINT PROXY STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT [HTTP://WWW.FTPORTFOLIOS.COM/LOADCONTENT/GR3UYPB3GR4Y](http://www.ftportfolios.com/loadcontent/gr3uypb3gr4y). EACH FUND'S MOST RECENT ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT [HTTP://WWW.FTPORTFOLIOS.COM](http://www.ftportfolios.com). TO FIND A REPORT, SELECT YOUR FUND UNDER THE "CLOSED-END FUNDS" TAB, SELECT THE "NEWS & LITERATURE" LINK, AND GO TO THE "QUARTERLY/SEMI-ANNUAL OR ANNUAL REPORTS" HEADING. IN ADDITION, THE FUNDS WILL FURNISH, WITHOUT CHARGE, COPIES OF THEIR MOST RECENT ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS TO ANY SHAREHOLDER UPON REQUEST. TO REQUEST A COPY, PLEASE WRITE TO FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P. ("FIRST TRUST ADVISORS" OR THE "ADVISOR") AT 120 EAST LIBERTY DRIVE, SUITE 400, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187, OR CALL (800) 988-5891.

YOU MAY CALL (800) 988-5891 FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN DIRECTIONS TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND VOTE IN PERSON.

In order that your Shares may be represented at the Meeting, you are requested to:

- o indicate your instructions on the proxy card;
- o date and sign the proxy card;
- o mail the proxy card promptly in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage if mailed in the continental United States; and
- o allow sufficient time for the proxy card to be received BY 4:30 P.M. CENTRAL TIME, on FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016. (However, proxies received after this date may still be voted in the event the Meeting is adjourned or postponed to a later date.)

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### VOTING

As described further in the proposal, for each Fund, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the Shares present and entitled to vote at the Meeting will be required to elect the specified nominees as the Class III Trustees of that Fund provided a quorum is present. Abstentions and broker non-votes (i.e., Shares held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or the persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will

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have no effect on the approval of the proposal.

If the enclosed proxy card is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the Shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked thereon, or, if no instructions are marked thereon, will be voted in the discretion of the persons named on the proxy card. Accordingly, unless instructions to the contrary are marked thereon, a properly executed and returned proxy will be voted FOR the election of the specified nominees as the Class III Trustees and at the discretion of the named proxies on any other matters that may properly come before the Meeting, as deemed appropriate. Any shareholder who has given a proxy has the right to revoke it at any time prior to its exercise either by attending the Meeting and voting his or her Shares in person, or by timely submitting a letter of revocation or a later-dated proxy to the applicable Fund at its address above. A list of shareholders entitled to notice of and to be present and to vote at the Meeting will be available at 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187 for inspection by any shareholder during regular business hours prior to the Meeting. Shareholders will need to show valid identification and proof of Share ownership to be admitted to the Meeting or to inspect the list of shareholders.

Under the By-Laws of each Fund, a quorum is constituted by the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) of the voting power of the outstanding Shares entitled to vote on a matter. For the purposes of establishing whether a quorum is present with respect to a Fund, all Shares present and entitled to vote, including abstentions and broker non-votes, shall be counted. Any meeting of shareholders may be postponed prior to the meeting with notice to the shareholders entitled to vote at that meeting. Any meeting of shareholders may, by action of the chairman of the meeting, be adjourned to permit further solicitation of proxies without further notice with respect to one or more matters to be considered at such meeting to a designated time and place, whether or not a quorum is present with respect to such matter. In addition, upon motion of the chairman of the meeting, the question of adjournment may be submitted to a vote of the shareholders, and in that case, any adjournment must be approved by the vote of holders of a majority of the Shares present and entitled to vote with respect to the matter or matters adjourned, and without further notice. Unless a proxy is otherwise limited in this regard, any Shares present and entitled to vote at a meeting, including broker non-votes, may, at the discretion of the proxies named therein, be voted in favor of such an adjournment.

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OUTSTANDING SHARES

On the Record Date, each Fund had the following number of Shares outstanding:

FUND	TOTAL SHARES
MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND	
FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND	
FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND	

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 FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II  
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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND  
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FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
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FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND  
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FIRST TRUST ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND  
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FIRST TRUST MLP AND ENERGY INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST INTERMEDIATE DURATION PREFERRED & INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND  
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1 The Shares of each of the Funds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") except for the Shares of First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund, which are listed on the NYSE MKT LLC ("NYSE MKT").

Shareholders of record on the Record Date are entitled to one vote for each full Share the shareholder owns and a proportionate fractional vote for any fraction of a Share the shareholder owns.

To the knowledge of the Board of Trustees of each Fund, as of the Record Date, no single shareholder or "group" (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act")) beneficially owned more than 5% of the Fund's outstanding Shares, except as described in the following table. A control person is one who owns, either directly or indirectly, more than 25% of the voting securities of a Fund or acknowledges the existence of control. A party that controls a Fund may be able to significantly affect the outcome of any item presented to shareholders for approval. Information as to beneficial ownership of Shares, including percentage of outstanding Shares beneficially owned, is based on securities position listing reports as of the Record Date and reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") by shareholders. The Funds do not have any knowledge of the identity of the ultimate beneficiaries of the Shares listed below.

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BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	% OF O BENE
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MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND:		
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Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.  
 2423 E. Lincoln Drive

643,248 Shares



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Phoenix, AZ 85016

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 First Clearing, LLC  
 2801 Market Street  
 St. Louis, MO 63103  
 766,276 Shares

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 Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Safekeeping  
 4804 Deer Lake Drive E.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32246  
 824,373 Shares

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 National Financial Services, LLC  
 499 Washington Blvd.  
 Jersey City, NJ 07310  
 949,463 Shares

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 Pershing LLC  
 1 Pershing Plaza  
 Jersey City, NJ 07399  
 618,178 Shares

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 Raymond James & Associates, Inc.  
 880 Carillon Parkway  
 St. Petersburg, FL 33716  
 540,949 Shares

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 RBC Capital Markets LLC  
 60 S. 6th Street - P09  
 Minneapolis, MN 55402  
 487,379 Shares

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 TD Ameritrade Clearing, Inc.  
 1005 N. Ameritrade Place  
 Bellevue, NE 68005  
 887,141 Shares

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FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND:

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The Bank of New York Mellon  
 525 William Penn Place  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15259  
 1,792,132 Shares

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 Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.  
 2423 E. Lincoln Drive  
 Phoenix, AZ 85016  
 1,297,170 Shares

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 First Clearing, LLC  
 2801 Market Street  
 St. Louis, MO 63103  
 2,664,039 Shares

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 Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Safekeeping  
 4804 Deer Lake Drive E.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32246  
 968,012 Shares

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 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC  
 1300 Thames Street  
 Baltimore, MD 21231  
 2,022,151 Shares

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 National Financial Services, LLC  
 499 Washington Blvd.  
 Jersey City, NJ 07310  
 1,485,487 Shares

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 Pershing LLC  
 1 Pershing Plaza  
 Jersey City, NJ 07399  
 1,262,993 Shares

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 Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.  
 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue

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19th Floor  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

1,095,553 Shares

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FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND:

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The Bank of New York Mellon  
525 William Penn Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15259

1,557,584 Shares

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	% OF O BENE
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First Clearing, LLC  
2801 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

4,933,048 Shares

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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC  
1300 Thames Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

2,027,728 Shares

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National Financial Services, LLC  
499 Washington Blvd.  
Jersey City, NJ 07310

1,168,769 Shares

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Raymond James & Associates, Inc.  
880 Carillon Parkway  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

2,656,751 Shares

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Advisors Asset Management, Inc.(1)  
18925 Base Camp Road  
Monument, CO 80132

1,248,321 Shares

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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND:

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Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.  
2423 E. Lincoln Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

938,684 Shares

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First Clearing, LLC  
2801 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

1,315,841 Shares

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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC  
1300 Thames Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

1,355,328 Shares

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National Financial Services, LLC  
499 Washington Blvd.  
Jersey City, NJ 07310

1,517,823 Shares

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U.S. Bank N.A.  
1555 N. Rivercenter Drive  
Suite 302  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

1,201,916 Shares

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Karpus Management, Inc., d/b/a Karpus Investment  
 Management (2)  
 183 Sully's Trail  
 Pittsford, NY 14534

2,018,317 Shares

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FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND:

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The Bank of New York Mellon/Mellon Trust of  
 New England  
 525 William Penn Place  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15259

229,087 Shares

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National Financial Services, LLC  
 499 Washington Blvd.  
 Jersey City, NJ 07310

388,810 Shares

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The Northern Trust Company  
 801 S. Canal Street  
 Chicago, IL 60607

682,376 Shares

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State Street Bank and Trust Co.  
 1776 Heritage Drive  
 North Quincy, MA 02171

574,713 Shares

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- 1 Information is according to Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016. The entity listed indicated that it had (a) sole voting power with respect to 1,243,987 Shares and (b) sole dispositive power with respect to 1,248,321 Shares.
- 2 Information is according to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 8, 2016.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	% OF O BENE
Sit Investment Associates, Inc. Sit Fixed Income Advisors II, LLC(1) 3300 IDS Center 80 South Eighth Street Minneapolis, MN 55402	1,215,872 Shares	
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1607 Capital Partners, LLC(2) 13 S. 13th Street, Suite 400 Richmond, VA 23219	747,810 Shares	
and		
The Walt Disney Company Retirement Plan Master Trust 500 South Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA 91521-0500	326,069 Shares	
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FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II:		
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Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 2423 E. Lincoln Drive Phoenix, AZ 85016	768,055 Shares	
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First Clearing, LLC 2801 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63103	676,633 Shares
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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 1300 Thames Street Baltimore, MD 21231	420,320 Shares
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National Financial Services, LLC 499 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07310	1,113,356 Shares
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Pershing LLC 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	615,210 Shares
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TD Ameritrade Clearing, Inc. 1005 N. Ameritrade Place Bellevue, NE 68005	418,567 Shares
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Advisors Asset Management, Inc.(3) 18925 Base Camp Road Monument CO 80132	303,084 Shares
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===== FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND: =====	
The Bank of New York Mellon/Mellon Trust of New England 525 William Penn Place Pittsburgh, PA 15259	1,161,137 Shares
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First Clearing, LLC 2801 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63103	701,512 Shares
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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 1300 Thames Street Baltimore, MD 21231	306,192 Shares
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The Northern Trust Company 801 S. Canal Street Chicago, IL 60607	482,957 Shares
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- 1 Information is according to Schedule 13D filed with the SEC pursuant to a joint filing agreement on March 19, 2015.
  
- 2 Information is according to Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC pursuant to a joint filing agreement on February 16, 2016. The Schedule 13G/A states that (a) 1607 Capital Partners, LLC, an investment adviser, is the beneficial owner of Shares based on having voting power which includes the power to vote, or to direct the voting of, such securities and investment power which includes the power to dispose, or to direct the disposition of, such securities and (b) The Walt Disney Company Retirement Plan Master Trust is a client of 1607 Capital Partners, LLC and is the beneficial owner of Shares solely due to being able to terminate without condition the investment management agreement with 1607 Capital Partners, LLC in less than sixty days.
  
- 3 Information is according to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 7, 2013.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	% OF O BENE
State Street Bank and Trust Co. 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	299,644 Shares	
City of London Investment Group PLC(1) City of London Investment Management Company Limited 77 Gracechurch Street London EC3V 0AS England	955,932 Shares	
Lazard Asset Management LLC(2) 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112	903,494 Shares	
1607 Capital Partners, LLC(3) 13 S. 13th Street, Suite 400 Richmond, VA 23219	340,394 Shares	
FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND:		
First Clearing, LLC 2801 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63103	5,881,012 Shares	
National Financial Services, LLC 499 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07310	1,317,858 Shares	
Pershing LLC 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	732,915 Shares	
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated 200 Regency Forest Drive Cary, NC 27518	1,206,554 Shares	
FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND:		
First Clearing, LLC 2801 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63103	4,574,034 Shares	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Safekeeping 4804 Deer Lake Drive E. Jacksonville, FL 32246	2,070,869 Shares	
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 1300 Thames Street Baltimore, MD 21231	11,186,676 Shares	
National Financial Services, LLC 499 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07310	1,907,677 Shares	

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 Raymond James & Associates, Inc.  
 880 Carillon Parkway  
 St. Petersburg, FL 33716  
 1,906,553 Shares  
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State Street Bank and Trust Co.  
 1776 Heritage Drive  
 North Quincy, MA 02171  
 2,343,943 Shares  
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- 1 Information is according to Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2016. The entities listed filed the Schedule 13G jointly and indicated that, with respect to the Shares held, they had (a) shared power to vote or to direct the vote and (b) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition.
- 2 Information is according to Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 8, 2016. The entity listed indicated that it had (a) sole voting power with respect to 882,794 Shares and (b) sole dispositive power with respect to 903,494 Shares.
- 3 Information is according to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 16, 2016.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	% OF O BENE
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FIRST TRUST ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:		
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The Bank of New York Mellon 525 William Penn Place Pittsburgh, PA 15259	1,485,270 Shares	
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First Clearing, LLC 2801 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63103	2,538,444 Shares	
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Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Safekeeping 4804 Deer Lake Drive E. Jacksonville, FL 32246	1,318,592 Shares	
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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 1300 Thames Street Baltimore, MD 21231	4,495,446 Shares	
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RBC Capital Markets LLC 60 S. 6th Street - P09 Minneapolis, MN 55402	1,228,809 Shares	
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FIRST TRUST MLP AND ENERGY INCOME FUND:		
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The Bank of New York Mellon 525 William Penn Place Pittsburgh, PA 15259	2,787,741 Shares	
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First Clearing, LLC		

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2801 Market Street 2,475,223 Shares  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 19,240,607 Shares  
1300 Thames Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

RBC Capital Markets LLC 2,810,548 Shares  
60 S. 6th Street - P09  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

FIRST TRUST INTERMEDIATE DURATION PREFERRED & INCOME FUND:

First Clearing, LLC 4,013,879 Shares  
2801 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Safekeeping 4,723,438 Shares  
4804 Deer Lake Drive E.  
Jacksonville, FL 32246

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 22,694,899 Shares  
1300 Thames Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

Pershing LLC 4,419,940 Shares  
1 Pershing Plaza  
Jersey City, NJ 07399

RBC Capital Markets LLC 4,668,068 Shares  
60 S. 6th Street - P09  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND:

American Enterprise Investment Services Inc. 2,986,815 Shares  
682 AMP Financial Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55474

First Clearing, LLC 1,739,163 Shares  
2801 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 10,857,269 Shares  
1300 Thames Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

Pershing LLC 1,237,746 Shares  
1 Pershing Plaza  
Jersey City, NJ 07399

PROPOSAL: ELECTION OF TWO (2) CLASS III TRUSTEES OF EACH FUND

TWO (2) CLASS III TRUSTEES ARE TO BE ELECTED BY HOLDERS OF SHARES OF EACH FUND. CURRENT TRUSTEES JAMES A. BOWEN AND NIEL B. NIELSON ARE THE NOMINEES FOR

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ELECTION AS THE CLASS III TRUSTEES BY SHAREHOLDERS OF EACH FUND FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

Each Fund has established a staggered Board of Trustees pursuant to its By-Laws, and, accordingly, Trustees are divided into the following three (3) classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. James A. Bowen and Niel B. Nielson are currently the Class III Trustees of each Fund for a term expiring at the Meeting or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. If elected, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Nielson will hold office for a three-year term expiring at each Fund's 2019 annual meeting of shareholders. Robert F. Keith, Richard E. Erickson and Thomas R. Kadlec are current and continuing Trustees. Mr. Keith is the Class I Trustee for a term expiring at each Fund's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders. Dr. Erickson and Mr. Kadlec are Class II Trustees for a term expiring at each Fund's 2018 annual meeting of shareholders. Each Trustee serves until his successor is elected and qualified, or until he earlier resigns or is otherwise removed.

**REQUIRED VOTE:** For each Fund, each nominee for election as a Class III Trustee must be elected by the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the Shares of the Fund, cast in person or by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote thereon, provided a quorum is present. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the approval of the proposal. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of seats open for election.

Unless you give contrary instructions on your proxy card, your Shares will be voted FOR the election of each nominee listed if your proxy card has been properly executed and timely received by the applicable Fund. If either nominee should withdraw or otherwise become unavailable for election prior to the Meeting, the proxies named on your proxy card intend to vote FOR any substitute nominee recommended by the Funds' Boards of Trustees in accordance with the Funds' procedures.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EACH FUND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH NOMINEE.

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### MANAGEMENT

#### MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS

The general supervision of the duties performed for each Fund under its respective investment management agreement with the Advisor is the responsibility of that Fund's Board of Trustees. The Trustees set broad policies for the Funds and choose the Funds' officers. The following is a list of the Trustees and executive officers of each Fund and a statement of their present positions and principal occupations during the past five years, the number of portfolios each Trustee oversees and the other directorships each Trustee holds, if applicable. As noted above, each Fund has established a staggered Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) Trustees divided into three (3) classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. The length of the term of office of each Trustee is generally three years, and when each Trustee's term begins and ends depends on the Trustee's designated class. The officers of the Funds serve indefinite terms. James A. Bowen is deemed an "interested person" (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act")) ("Interested Trustee") of the Funds due to his position as Chief Executive Officer of the Advisor. Except for Mr. Bowen, each Trustee is not an "interested person" (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) and is therefore referred to as an "Independent Trustee."



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INTERESTED TRUSTEE

NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUNDS	TERM OF AND OFFICE (2) LENGTH OF TIME SERVED (3)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS	P
James A. Bowen(1) 120 East Liberty Drive Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 9/55	Chairman of the Board and Trustee	Class III Nominee  Since 2004	Chief Executive Officer, First Trust Advisors L.P. and First Trust Portfolios L.P.; Chairman of the Board of Directors, BondWave LLC (Software Development Company/Investment Advisor) and Stonebridge Advisors LLC (Investment Advisor)	12

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUNDS	TERM OF AND OFFICE (2) LENGTH OF TIME SERVED (3)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS	P
Richard E. Erickson c/o First Trust Advisors L.P. 120 East Liberty Drive Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 4/51	Trustee	Class II  Since 2004	Physician; President, Wheaton Orthopedics; Limited Partner, Gundersen Real Estate Limited Partnership; Member, Sportsmed LLC	12
Thomas R. Kadlec c/o First Trust Advisors L.P. 120 East Liberty Drive Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 11/57	Trustee	Class II  Since 2004	President, ADM Investor Services, Inc. (Futures Commission Merchant)	12
Robert F. Keith c/o First Trust Advisors L.P.	Trustee	Class I  Since 2006	President, Hibs Enterprises (Financial and Management Consulting)	12

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120 East Liberty Drive  
Suite 400  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
DOB: 11/56

Niel B. Nielson c/o First Trust Advisors L.P. 120 East Liberty Drive Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 3/54	Trustee	Class III Nominee  Since 2004	Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer (January 2015 to present), Pelita Harapan Education Foundation (Educational Products and Services); President and Chief Executive Officer (June 2012 to September 2014), Servant Interactive LLC (Educational Products and Services); President and Chief Executive Officer (June 2012 to September 2014), Dew Learning LLC (Educational Products and Services); President (June 2002 to June 2012), Covenant College	12
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUNDS	TERM OF OFFICE (2) AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED (3)	PREVIOUS DU
James M. Dykas 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 1/66	President and Chief Executive Officer	Indefinite  Since January 2012	Managing Director (January 2016 to to January 2016), to January 2016), First Trust Portf
Donald Swade 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 8/72	Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	Indefinite  Since January 2016	Vice President (A Advisors L.P. and President (Septem Funds Investment Inc.
W. Scott Jardine 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 5/60	Secretary and Chief Legal Officer	Indefinite  Since 2004	General Counsel, Trust Portfolios to Present) (Soft Advisor); Secreta (Investment Advis
Daniel J. Lindquist 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187 DOB: 2/70	Vice President	Indefinite  Since 2005	Managing Director Vice President (S Trust Advisors L.

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Kristi A. Maher  
120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
DOB: 12/66

Assistant Secretary Indefinite  
and Chief  
Compliance Officer Assistant  
Secretary since  
July 2004 and  
Chief Compliance  
Officer since  
January 2011

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- 1 Mr. Bowen is deemed an "interested person" of the Funds due to his position as Chief Executive Officer of First Trust Advisors L.P., investment advisor of the Funds.
  - 2 Currently, James A. Bowen and Niel B. Nielson, as Class III Trustees, are each serving a term for each of the Funds until the Meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified. Robert F. Keith, as the Class I Trustee, is serving a term for each of the Funds until the Funds' 2017 annual meetings of shareholders or until his successor is elected and qualified. Richard E. Erickson and Thomas R. Kadlec, as Class II Trustees, are each serving a term for each of the Funds until the Funds' 2018 annual meetings of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. Executive officers of the Funds have an indefinite term.
  - 3 For executive officers, unless otherwise specified, length of time served represents the year the person first became an executive officer of a Fund. Except as otherwise provided below, all Trustees and executive officers were elected or appointed (i) in 2004 for the then-existing Funds, (ii) in 2005 for First Trust Mortgage Income Fund, (iii) in 2006 for First Trust Strategic High Income Fund II and First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund, (iv) in 2007 for First Trust Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund, (v) in 2010 for First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund, (vi) in 2011 for First Trust Energy Infrastructure Fund, (vii) in 2012 for First Trust MLP and Energy Income Fund and (viii) in 2013 for First Trust Intermediate Duration Preferred & Income Fund and First Trust New Opportunities MLP & Energy Fund. Robert F. Keith was appointed Trustee of all then-existing funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the then-existing Funds, in June 2006. James M. Dykas was elected (a) Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer of all then-existing funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the then-existing Funds, in January 2012, effective January 23, 2012 and (b) President and Chief Executive Officer of all then-existing funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the Funds, in December 2015, effective January 2016. Donald Swade was elected Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer of all then-existing funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the Funds, in December 2015, effective January 2016. Daniel J. Lindquist was elected Vice President of all then-existing funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the then-existing Funds, on December 12, 2005. Kristi A. Maher was elected Chief Compliance Officer of all then-existing funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the then-existing Funds, in December 2010, effective January 1, 2011; before January 1, 2011, W. Scott Jardine served as Chief Compliance Officer.

### UNITARY BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

The same five persons serve as Trustees on each Fund's Board of Trustees and on the boards of all other funds in the First Trust Fund Complex (the "First Trust Funds"), which is known as a "unitary" board leadership structure. The unitary board structure was adopted for the First Trust Funds because of the efficiencies it achieves with respect to the governance and oversight of the First Trust Funds. Each First Trust Fund is subject to the rules and regulations

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of the 1940 Act (and other applicable securities laws), which means that many of the First Trust Funds face similar issues with respect to certain of their fundamental activities, including risk management, portfolio liquidity, portfolio valuation and financial reporting. In addition, all of the First Trust Funds that are closed-end funds (the "First Trust Closed-end Funds") are managed by the Advisor and, except for First Trust Intermediate Duration Preferred & Income Fund and one other First Trust Closed-end Fund, they employ common

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service providers for custody, fund accounting, administration and transfer agency that provide substantially similar services to the First Trust Closed-end Funds pursuant to substantially similar contractual arrangements. Because of the similar and often overlapping issues facing the First Trust Funds, including among the First Trust Closed-end Funds, the Board of Trustees of each of the First Trust Funds (such Boards of Trustees referred to herein collectively as the "Board") believes that maintaining a unitary board structure promotes efficiency and consistency in the governance and oversight of all First Trust Funds and reduces the costs, administrative burdens and possible conflicts that may result from having multiple boards. In adopting a unitary board structure, the Trustees seek to provide effective governance through establishing a board the overall composition of which will, as a body, possess the appropriate skills, diversity, independence and experience to oversee the business of the First Trust Funds.

Annually, the Board reviews its governance structure and the committee structures, their performance and functions and reviews any processes that would enhance Board governance over the Funds' business. The Board has determined that its leadership structure, including the unitary board and committee structure, is appropriate based on the characteristics of the funds it serves and the characteristics of the First Trust Fund Complex as a whole. The Board is composed of four Independent Trustees and one Interested Trustee. The Interested Trustee serves as the Chairman of the Board of each Fund. An individual who is not a Trustee serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of each Fund.

In order to streamline communication between the Advisor and the Independent Trustees and create certain efficiencies, the Board has a Lead Independent Trustee who is responsible for: (i) coordinating activities of the Independent Trustees; (ii) working with the Advisor, Fund counsel and the independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees to determine the agenda for Board meetings; (iii) serving as the principal contact for and facilitating communication between the Independent Trustees and the Funds' service providers, particularly the Advisor; and (iv) any other duties that the Independent Trustees may delegate to the Lead Independent Trustee. The Lead Independent Trustee is selected by the Independent Trustees and serves a three-year term or until his successor is selected. Thomas R. Kadlec currently serves as the Lead Independent Trustee.

The Board has established four standing committees (as described below) and has delegated certain of its responsibilities to those committees. The Board and its committees meet frequently throughout the year to oversee the Funds' activities, review contractual arrangements with and performance of service providers, oversee compliance with regulatory requirements, and review Fund performance. The Independent Trustees are represented by independent legal counsel at all Board and committee meetings other than meetings of the Executive Committee. Generally, the Board acts by majority vote of all the Trustees, except where a different vote is required by applicable law.

The three committee chairmen and the Lead Independent Trustee currently

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rotate every three years in serving as Chairman of the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee or the Valuation Committee, or as Lead Independent Trustee. The Lead Independent Trustee and the immediate past Lead Independent Trustee also serve on the Executive Committee with the Interested Trustee.

In addition to the Funds, the First Trust Fund Complex includes: three closed-end funds advised by First Trust Advisors; First Trust Series Fund, an open-end management investment company with four portfolios advised by First Trust Advisors; First Trust Variable Insurance Trust, an open-end management investment company with three portfolios advised by First Trust Advisors; and

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First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund, First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund II, First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund III, First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund IV, First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund V, First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VI, First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VII, First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX(R) Fund and First Trust Exchange-Traded AlphaDEX(R) Fund II, each an exchange-traded fund with 19, 14, 8, 8, 1, 10, 1, 21, and 19 portfolios (each such portfolio, an "ETF" and each such exchange-traded fund, an "ETF Trust"), respectively, advised by First Trust Advisors.

The four standing committees of the Board are: the Executive Committee (and Dividend and Pricing Committee), the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Valuation Committee and the Audit Committee. The Executive Committee, which meets between Board meetings, is authorized to exercise all powers of and to act in the place of the Board of Trustees to the extent permitted by each Fund's Declaration of Trust and By-Laws. The members of the Executive Committee of a Fund also serve as a special committee of the Board known as the Dividend and Pricing Committee which is authorized to exercise all of the powers and authority of the Board in respect of the issuance and sale, through an underwritten public offering, of the Shares of the Fund and all other such matters relating to such financing, including determining the price at which such Shares are to be sold, approval of the final terms of the underwriting agreement, and approval of the members of the underwriting syndicate. Such Committee is also responsible for the declaration and setting of dividends. Mr. Kadlec, Mr. Keith and Mr. Bowen are members of the Executive Committee. The number of meetings of the Executive Committee held for each Fund during its last fiscal year is shown on Schedule 1 hereto.

The Nominating and Governance Committee of each Fund is responsible for appointing and nominating persons to the Board of Trustees of that Fund. Messrs. Erickson, Kadlec, Keith and Nielson are members of the Nominating and Governance Committee, and each is an Independent Trustee who is also an "independent director" within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE or NYSE MKT, as applicable. The Nominating and Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted and approved by the Board, a copy of which is available on the Funds' website at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>. If there is no vacancy on the Board of Trustees of a Fund, the Board will not actively seek recommendations from other parties, including shareholders. In 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted a mandatory retirement age of 75 for Trustees, beyond which age Trustees are ineligible to serve. The Nominating and Governance Committee Charter provides that the Committee will not consider new trustee candidates who are 72 years of age or older or will turn 72 years old during the initial term. When a vacancy on the Board of Trustees of a Fund occurs and nominations are sought to fill such vacancy, the Nominating and Governance Committee may seek nominations from those sources it deems appropriate in its discretion, including shareholders of the applicable Fund. The Nominating and Governance Committee may

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retain a search firm to identify candidates. To submit a recommendation for nomination as a candidate for a position on the Board of Trustees of a Fund, shareholders of the applicable Fund shall mail such recommendation to W. Scott Jardine, Secretary, at 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Such recommendation shall include the following information: (i) evidence of Fund ownership of the person or entity recommending the candidate (if a Fund shareholder); (ii) a full description of the proposed candidate's background, including their education, experience, current employment and date of birth; (iii) names and addresses of at least three professional references for the candidate; (iv) information as to whether the candidate is an "interested person" in relation to the Fund, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act, and such other information that may be considered to impair the candidate's independence; and (v) any other information that may be helpful to the Committee in evaluating the candidate (see also "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS" below). If a recommendation is received with satisfactorily completed information regarding a candidate during a time when a vacancy exists on the

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Board or during such other time as the Nominating and Governance Committee is accepting recommendations, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee and the counsel to the Independent Trustees. Recommendations received at any other time will be kept on file until such time as the Nominating and Governance Committee is accepting recommendations, at which point they may be considered for nomination. In connection with the evaluation of candidates, the review process may include, without limitation, personal interviews, background checks, written submissions by the candidates and third party references. Under no circumstances shall the Nominating and Governance Committee evaluate nominees recommended by a shareholder of a Fund on a basis substantially different than that used for other nominees for the same election or appointment of Trustees. The number of meetings of the Nominating and Governance Committee held for each Fund during its last fiscal year is shown on Schedule 1 hereto.

The Valuation Committee of each Fund is responsible for the oversight of the valuation procedures of that Fund (the "Valuation Procedures"), for determining the fair value of that Fund's securities or other assets under certain circumstances as described in the Valuation Procedures, and for evaluating the performance of any pricing service for that Fund. Messrs. Erickson, Kadlec, Keith and Nielson are members of the Valuation Committee. The number of meetings of the Valuation Committee held for each Fund during its last fiscal year is shown on Schedule 1 hereto.

The Audit Committee of each Fund is responsible for overseeing that Fund's accounting and financial reporting process, the system of internal controls, audit process and evaluating and appointing independent auditors (subject also to Board approval). The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted and approved by the Board, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto, and is available on the Funds' website at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>. Messrs. Erickson, Kadlec, Keith and Nielson, all of whom are "independent directors" within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE or NYSE MKT, as applicable, serve on the Audit Committee. Messrs. Kadlec and Keith have each been determined to qualify as an "Audit Committee Financial Expert" as such term is defined in Form N-CSR. The number of meetings of the Audit Committee held for each Fund during its last fiscal year is shown in Schedule 1 hereto.

In carrying out its responsibilities, as described below under "INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' FEES--Pre-Approval," the Audit Committee pre-approves all audit services and permitted non-audit services for each Fund (including the

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fees and terms thereof) and non-audit services to be performed for the Advisor by Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche"), the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm ("independent auditors"), if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Funds.

### RISK OVERSIGHT

As part of the general oversight of each Fund, the Board is involved in the risk oversight of the Funds. The Board has adopted and periodically reviews policies and procedures designed to address the Funds' risks. Oversight of investment and compliance risk, including oversight of sub-advisors, is performed primarily at the Board level in conjunction with the Advisor's investment oversight group and the Funds' Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"). Oversight of other risks also occurs at the Committee level. The Advisor's investment oversight group reports to the Board at quarterly meetings regarding, among other things, Fund performance and the various drivers of such performance as well as information related to sub-advisors and their operations and processes. The Board reviews reports on the Funds' and the service providers' compliance policies and procedures at each quarterly Board meeting and receives

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an annual report from the CCO regarding the operations of the Funds' and the service providers' compliance program. In addition, the Independent Trustees meet privately each quarter with the CCO. The Audit Committee reviews with the Advisor the Funds' major financial risk exposures and the steps the Advisor has taken to monitor and control these exposures, including the Funds' risk assessment and risk management policies and guidelines. The Audit Committee also, as appropriate, reviews in a general manner the processes other Board committees have in place with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Nominating and Governance Committee monitors all matters related to the corporate governance of the Funds. The Valuation Committee monitors valuation risk and compliance with the Funds' Valuation Procedures and oversees the pricing services and actions by the Advisor's Pricing Committee with respect to the valuation of portfolio securities.

Not all risks that may affect the Funds can be identified nor can controls be developed to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. It may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, the processes and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness, and some risks are simply beyond the reasonable control of the Funds or the Advisor or other service providers. For instance, as the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent, the Funds and their service providers have become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cyber security (generally, intentional and unintentional events that may cause a Fund or a service provider to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity). There can be no guarantee that any risk management systems established by the Funds, their service providers, or issuers of the securities in which the Funds invest to reduce cyber security risks will succeed, and the Funds cannot control such systems put in place by service providers, issuers or other third parties whose operations may affect the Funds and/or their shareholders. Moreover, it is necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment related risks) to achieve a Fund's goals. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Funds' ability to manage risk is subject to substantial limitations.

### BOARD DIVERSIFICATION AND TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS

As described above, the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board

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oversees matters related to the nomination of Trustees. The Nominating and Governance Committee seeks to establish an effective Board with an appropriate range of skills and diversity, including, as appropriate, differences in background, professional experience, education, vocations, and other individual characteristics and traits in the aggregate. Each Trustee must meet certain basic requirements, including relevant skills and experience, time availability, and if qualifying as an Independent Trustee, independence from the Advisor, sub-advisors, underwriters or other service providers, including any affiliates of these entities.

Listed below for each current Trustee and the nominees are the experiences, qualifications and attributes that led to the conclusion, as of the date of this Joint Proxy Statement, that each current Trustee and the nominees should serve as a trustee.

### Independent Trustees

Richard E. Erickson, M.D., is an orthopedic surgeon and President of Wheaton Orthopedics. He also has been a co-owner and director of a fitness center and a limited partner of two real estate companies. Dr. Erickson has served as a Trustee of each Fund since its inception and of the First Trust Funds since 1999. Dr. Erickson has also served as the Lead Independent Trustee (2008 - 2009), Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee (2003 - 2007), Chairman of the Valuation Committee (June 2006 - 2007 and 2010 - 2011)

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and Chairman of the Audit Committee (2012 - 2013) of the First Trust Funds. He currently serves as Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee (since January 1, 2014) of the First Trust Funds.

Thomas R. Kadlec is President of ADM Investor Services Inc. ("ADMIS"), a futures commission merchant and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Archer Daniels Midland Company ("ADM"). Mr. Kadlec has been employed by ADMIS and its affiliates since 1990 in various accounting, financial, operations and risk management capacities. Mr. Kadlec serves on the boards of several international affiliates of ADMIS and is a member of ADM's Integrated Risk Committee, which is tasked with the duty of implementing and communicating enterprise-wide risk management. In 2014, Mr. Kadlec was elected to the board of the Futures Industry Association. Mr. Kadlec has served as a Trustee of each Fund since its inception. Mr. Kadlec also served on the Executive Committee from the organization of the first First Trust Closed-end Fund in 2003 until he was elected as the first Lead Independent Trustee in December 2005, serving as such through 2007. He also served as Chairman of the Valuation Committee (2008 - 2009), Chairman of the Audit Committee (2010 - 2011) and Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee (2012 - 2013) of the First Trust Funds. He currently serves as Lead Independent Trustee and as a member of the Executive Committee and the Dividend and Pricing Committee (since January 1, 2014) of the First Trust Funds.

Robert F. Keith is President of Hibs Enterprises, a financial and management consulting firm. Mr. Keith has been with Hibs Enterprises since 2003. Prior thereto, Mr. Keith spent 18 years with ServiceMaster and Aramark, including three years as President and COO of ServiceMaster Consumer Services, where he led the initial expansion of certain products overseas, five years as President and COO of ServiceMaster Management Services Company and two years as President of Aramark ServiceMaster Management Services. Mr. Keith is a certified public accountant and also has held the positions of Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of ServiceMaster, at which time he oversaw the financial



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aspects of ServiceMaster's expansion of its Management Services division into Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Mr. Keith has served as a Trustee of the First Trust Funds since June 2006. Mr. Keith has also served as Chairman of the Audit Committee (2008 - 2009), Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee (2010 - 2011) and Lead Independent Trustee (2012 - 2013) of the First Trust Funds. He currently serves as Chairman of the Valuation Committee (since January 1, 2014) and as a member of the Executive Committee and the Dividend and Pricing Committee (since January 22, 2014) of the First Trust Funds.

Niel B. Nielson, Ph.D., has served as Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of Pelita Harapan Education Foundation (providing educational products and services) since January 2015. Mr. Nielson formerly served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Servant Interactive LLC (providing education products and services) from June 2012 to September 2014, and he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Dew Learning LLC (a global provider of digital and on-line educational products and services) from June 2012 to September 2014. Mr. Nielson served as President of Covenant College (2002 - 2012), and as a partner and trader (of options and futures contracts for hedging options) for Ritchie Capital Markets Group (1996 - 1997), where he held an administrative management position at this proprietary derivatives trading company. He also held prior positions in new business development for ServiceMaster Management Services Company, and in personnel and human resources for NationsBank of North Carolina, N.A. and Chicago Research and Trading Group, Ltd. ("CRT"). His international experience includes serving as a director of CRT Europe, Inc. for two years, directing out of London all aspects of business conducted by the U.K. and European subsidiary of CRT. Prior to that, Mr. Nielson was a trader and manager at CRT in Chicago. Mr. Nielson has served as a Trustee of each Fund since its inception and of the First Trust Funds since 1999. Mr.

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Nielson has also served as Chairman of the Audit Committee (2003 - 2007), Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee (2008 - 2009), Lead Independent Trustee (2010 - 2011) and Chairman of the Valuation Committee (2012 - 2013) of the First Trust Funds. He currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee (since January 1, 2014) of the First Trust Funds.

### Interested Trustee

James A. Bowen is the Chairman of the Board of the First Trust Funds and Chief Executive Officer of First Trust Advisors and First Trust Portfolios L.P. Until January 23, 2012, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the First Trust Funds. Mr. Bowen also serves on the Executive Committee. He has over 32 years of experience in the investment company business in sales, sales management and executive management. Mr. Bowen has served as a Trustee of each Fund since its inception and of the First Trust Funds since 1999.

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### Independent Trustees

During the past five years, none of the Independent Trustees, nor any of their immediate family members, has been a director, trustee, officer, general partner or employee of, or consultant to, First Trust Advisors, First Trust Portfolios L.P. (an affiliate of First Trust Advisors), any sub-advisor to any fund in the First Trust Fund Complex, or any of their affiliates.

#### Executive Officers

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The executive officers of each Fund hold the same positions with each fund in the First Trust Fund Complex (representing 124 portfolios) as they hold with the Funds.

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### BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES HELD IN THE FUNDS BY TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth the dollar range and number of equity securities beneficially owned by the Trustees in each Fund and all funds in the First Trust Fund Complex, including the Funds, as of December 31, 2015:

FUND	INTERESTED TRUSTEE			INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE
	James A. Bowen	Richard E. Erickson	Thomas R. Kadlec	Robert F. ...
MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/ UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (994 Shares)	\$1-\$10,000 (800 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (1,817 Shares)
FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (443 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (700 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND	\$50,001-\$100,000 (4,003 Shares)	\$1-\$10,000 (373 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (850 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (1,580 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (850 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$1-\$10,000 (650 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II	\$10,001-\$50,000 (1,498 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (1,000 Shares)	\$1-\$10,000 (600 Shares)
FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND	\$50,001-\$100,000 (7,025 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$10,001-\$50,000 (1,000 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST MLP AND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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ENERGY INCOME FUND	(0 Shares)	(0 Shares)	(0 Shares)	(0 Shares)
FIRST TRUST INTERMEDIATE DURATION PREFERRED & INCOME FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$10,001-\$ (512 Shares)
FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)	\$0 (0 Shares)
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES IN THE FIRST TRUST FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE	Over \$100,000 (47,356 Shares)	Over \$100,000 (10,339 Shares)	Over \$100,000 (12,677 Shares)	Over \$100,000 (12,838 Shares)

The Independent Trustees have adopted a policy that establishes the expectation that each Independent Trustee will have invested an amount in the

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First Trust Funds he oversees in the aggregate of at least one year's annual retainer for Board service, with investments allocated among the First Trust Funds depending on what is suitable for the Trustee's personal investment needs.

As of December 31, 2015, the Independent Trustees and their immediate family members did not own, beneficially or of record, any class of securities of First Trust Advisors or any sub-advisor or principal underwriter of any Fund or any person, other than a registered investment company, directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with First Trust Advisors or any sub-advisor or principal underwriter of any Fund, nor, since the beginning of the most recently completed fiscal year of any Fund, did any Independent Trustee purchase or sell securities of First Trust Advisors, or any sub-advisor to any fund in the First Trust Fund Complex, their parents or any subsidiaries of any of the foregoing.

As of December 31, 2015, the Trustees and executive officers of the Funds as a group beneficially owned approximately 120,794 shares of the funds in the First Trust Fund Complex (less than 1% of the shares outstanding). As of December 31, 2015, the Trustees and executive officers of each Fund as a group beneficially owned the following number of Shares of each Fund, which is less than 1% of each Fund's Shares outstanding:

FUND
MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND
FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND
FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND
FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND

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FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II  
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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND  
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FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
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FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND  
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FIRST TRUST ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND  
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FIRST TRUST MLP AND ENERGY INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST INTERMEDIATE DURATION PREFERRED & INCOME FUND  
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FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND  
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### COMPENSATION

During 2015, each Independent Trustee was paid a fixed annual retainer of \$125,000 per year and an annual per fund fee of \$4,000 for each closed-end fund or other actively managed fund and \$1,000 for each index fund in the First Trust Fund Complex. The fixed annual retainer was allocated pro rata among each fund in the First Trust Fund Complex based on net assets. Additionally, the Lead Independent Trustee was paid \$15,000 annually, the Chairman of the Audit Committee was paid \$10,000 annually, the Chairman of the Valuation Committee was paid \$10,000 annually and the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee was paid \$5,000 annually to serve in such capacities, with such compensation allocated pro rata among each fund in the First Trust Fund Complex based on net assets. Effective January 1, 2016, the fixed annual retainer paid to the Independent Trustees is \$230,000 per year and an annual per fund fee is \$2,500 for each closed-end fund and actively managed fund and \$250 for each

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index fund. The fixed annual retainer is allocated equally among each fund in the First Trust Fund Complex rather than being allocated pro rata based on each fund's net assets. Additionally, the Lead Independent Trustee is paid \$30,000 annually, the Chairman of the Audit Committee is paid \$20,000 annually and the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee is paid \$10,000 annually to serve in such capacities with compensation allocated pro rata among each fund in the First Trust Complex based on its net assets. Trustees are also reimbursed by the investment companies in the First Trust Fund Complex for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with all meetings. Each Committee Chairman and the Lead Independent Trustee rotate every three years.

The number of Board meetings held by each Fund during its last fiscal year is shown in Schedule 1 hereto.

The aggregate fees and expenses paid to all Trustees by each Fund for its last fiscal year (including reimbursement for travel and out-of-pocket expenses) amounted to the following:

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FUND

MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND

FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND

FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND

FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND

FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II

FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND

FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND

FIRST TRUST ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

FIRST TRUST MLP AND ENERGY INCOME FUND

FIRST TRUST INTERMEDIATE DURATION PREFERRED & INCOME FUND

FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of each Fund's Trustees (including reimbursement for travel and out-of-pocket expenses) for each Fund's most recently completed fiscal year. The Funds have no retirement or pension plans. The executive officers and the Interested Trustee of each Fund receive no compensation from the Funds for serving in such capacities.

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AGGREGATE COMPENSATION FOR EACH FUND'S FISCAL YEAR

FUND	INTERESTED TRUSTEE			INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE
	James A. Bowen	Richard E. Erickson	Thomas R. Kadlec	
MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND(1)	\$0	\$4,413	\$4,442	\$
FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND(1)	\$0	\$6,020	\$6,165	\$
FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND(2)	\$0	\$4,871	\$4,932	\$

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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND(2)	\$0	\$4,609	\$4,652	\$
FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND(3)	\$0	\$4,209	\$4,220	\$
FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II(3)	\$0	\$4,298	\$4,311	\$
FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND(2)	\$0	\$4,349	\$4,374	\$
FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND(1)	\$0	\$4,305	\$4,326	\$
FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND(3)	\$0	\$5,999	\$6,105	\$
FIRST TRUST ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND(1)	\$0	\$5,249	\$5,338	\$
FIRST TRUST MLP AND ENERGY INCOME FUND(3)	\$0	\$6,935	\$7,091	\$
FIRST TRUST INTERMEDIATE DURATION PREFERRED & INCOME FUND(3)	\$0	\$8,376	\$8,608	\$
FIRST TRUST NEW OPPORTUNITIES MLP & ENERGY FUND(3)	\$0	\$5,330	\$5,401	\$
TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR SERVING THE FIRST TRUST FUND COMPLEX(4)	\$0	\$352,350	\$361,500	\$

- 1 For fiscal year ended November 30, 2015.
- 2 For fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.
- 3 For fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.
- 4 For the calendar year ended December 31, 2015 for services to four portfolios of First Trust Series Fund and three portfolios of First Trust Variable Insurance Trust, open-end funds; 16 closed-end funds (including the Funds); and 97 series of the ETF Trusts. Compensation includes, with respect to certain ETFs, compensation paid by the Advisor rather than by the ETF directly pursuant to the terms of the advisory agreement between the applicable ETF Trust and the Advisor.

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### ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Board seeks to have as many Trustees as possible in attendance at annual meetings of shareholders. The policy of the Nominating and Governance Committee relating to attendance by Trustees at annual meetings of shareholders is contained in the Funds' Nominating and Governance Committee Charter, which is available on each Fund's website located at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>. In addition, the Board's attendance at last year's annual shareholder meeting is available on each Fund's website located at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>. To find the Board's attendance, select your Fund under the "Closed-End Funds" tab, select the "News & Literature" link, and go to the "Shareholder Updates and Information" heading.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

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The role of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight of the Funds' accounting and financial reporting process. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a charter (the "Charter") that was most recently reviewed by the Board of Trustees on December 7, 2015, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto, and is available on the Funds' website located at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>. As set forth in the Charter, management of the Funds is responsible for maintaining appropriate systems for accounting and internal controls and the audit process. The Funds' independent auditors are responsible for planning and carrying out proper audits of each Fund's financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In performing its oversight function, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors, Deloitte & Touche LLP, the audited financial statements of the First Trust Mortgage Income Fund, the First Trust Strategic High Income Fund II, the First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund, the First Trust MLP and Energy Income Fund, the First Trust Intermediate Duration Preferred & Income Fund and the First Trust New Opportunities MLP & Energy Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015 at a meeting held on December 21, 2015; the Macquarie/First Trust Global Infrastructure/Utilities Dividend & Income Fund, the First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund, the First Trust Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund and the First Trust Energy Infrastructure Fund for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 at a meeting held on January 21, 2016; and the First Trust Enhanced Equity Income Fund, the First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund and the First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 at a meeting held on February 22, 2016, and discussed the audits of such financial statements with the independent auditors and management.

In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with the independent auditors the accounting principles applied by the Funds and such other matters brought to the attention of the Audit Committee by the independent auditors as required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees. The Audit Committee also received from the independent auditors the written disclosures and letter required by PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence, delineating relationships between the independent auditors and the Funds and discussed the impact that any such relationships may have on the objectivity and independence of the independent auditors.

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The members of the Funds' Audit Committee are not full-time employees of the Funds and are not performing the functions of auditors or accountants. As such, it is not the duty or responsibility of the Audit Committee or its members to conduct "field work" or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures or to set auditor independence standards. Members of the Funds' Audit Committee necessarily rely on the information provided to them by Fund management and the independent auditors. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not assure that the audits of the Funds' financial statements have been carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or that the independent auditors are in fact "independent."

Based on its consideration of each Fund's audited financial statements and the discussions referred to above with Fund management and Deloitte & Touche

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LLP, and subject to the limitations on the responsibilities and role of the Audit Committee as set forth in the Charter and discussed above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board the inclusion of each Fund's audited financial statements in each Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders for the years ended October 31, November 30 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Submitted by the Audit Committee of each Fund:

Niel B. Nielson  
Richard E. Erickson  
Thomas R. Kadlec  
Robert F. Keith

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' FEES

Deloitte & Touche has been selected to serve as the independent auditors for each Fund for its current fiscal year, and acted as the independent auditors for each Fund for its most recently completed fiscal year. Deloitte & Touche has advised the Funds that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, Deloitte & Touche professionals did not have any direct or material indirect ownership interest in the Funds inconsistent with independent professional standards pertaining to independent registered public accounting firms. Representatives of Deloitte & Touche are not expected to be present at the Meeting, but will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available should any matter arise requiring their presence. In reliance on Rule 32a-4 under the 1940 Act, each Fund is not seeking shareholder ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche as independent auditors.

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### Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees

During each of the last two fiscal years of the Funds, Deloitte & Touche has billed each Fund and the Advisor for the fees set forth below. With respect to First Trust Intermediate Duration Preferred & Income Fund, fees billed for services to Stonebridge Advisors LLC ("Stonebridge"), such Fund's sub-advisor, are also listed below; an affiliate of the Advisor owns a majority interest in Stonebridge.

FEES BILLED TO:	AUDIT FEES (1,2)		AUDIT-RELATED FEES (2)		TAX FEES (3)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
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MACQUARIE/FIRST TRUST GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE/ UTILITIES DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND(5)						
Fund	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,950
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND(5)						
Fund	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$46,500
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY						



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INCOME FUND (6)						
Fund	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND (6)						
Fund	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND (7)						
Fund	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND II (7)						
Fund	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND (6)						
Fund	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,670	\$9,080
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (5)						
Fund	\$42,000	\$65,500	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND (7)						
Fund	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200
Advisor	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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