FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21905

First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund
-----(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400 Wheaton, IL 60187

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 765-8000

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: March 31, 2011

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	
COMMON STOCKS -	45.7%		
94,924 28,000 33,000 58,000 96,500 84,000 78,100	BRAZIL - 8.6% Banco Bradesco S.A., ADR Lojas Renner S.A. Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios S.A. Petroleo Brasileiro S.A., ADR Souza Cruz S.A. Ultrapar Participacoes S.A., Preference Shares Vale S.A., Preference Shares, ADR	\$ 1,969,67 911,35 674,08 2,061,32 1,004,80 1,391,72 2,305,51	53 38 20 08 25
		10,318,47	
11,600	CHILE - 0.8% Banco Santander Chile S.A., ADR	1,006,30	00
185,000 200,000 920,000 640,000	CHINA - 5.1% China Mobile Ltd. Hang Lung Group Ltd. PetroChina Co., Ltd., H Shares Swire Pacific Ltd., B Shares	1,704,08 1,238,02 1,393,27 1,764,85	23 71
		6,100,23	34
229,600	HONG KONG - 0.6% Aia Group Ltd	706 , 93	36
5,500	HUNGARY - 1.0% Richter Gedeon Nyrt	1,143,31	15
32,000 20,000 13,000 29,000 59,000 57,500 20,000 10,000 7,428	INDIA - 4.7% Bharti Airtel Ltd. GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Grasim Industries Ltd. Hero Honda Motors Ltd. Hindustan Unilever Ltd. Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd. ICICI Bank Ltd. Infosys Technologies Ltd. UltraTech Cement Ltd.	256, 45 925, 19 716, 21 1,033, 61 379, 83 904, 11 500, 59 726, 83 188, 46	94 L7 L5 39 L5 94 30 332
230,000	INDONESIA - 1.3% PT Astra International Tbk		

23,600	ITALY - 1.0% Tenaris S.A., ADR	1,167,256
1,219,876	KAZAKHSTAN - 0.0% BTA Bank JSC (c)	50,268
•	MALAYSIA - 1.8% British American Tobacco Malaysia Berhad Public Bank Berhad	1,115,516 1,080,267
		2,195,783

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SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
COMMON STOCKS -	(CONTINUED)	
	MEXICO - 3.6%	
27,900 40,000	Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V., ADR Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de	\$ 1,637,730
·	C.V., ADR	602,400
316,000	Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V., O Shares	1,487,753
92,000	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V.,	
	A Shares	572 , 290
		4,300,173
1 100 602	PHILIPPINES - 1.3% Bank of the Philippine Islands	1 567 014
1,100,002	bank of the fillippine Islands	
	POLAND - 0.8%	
16,000	Bank Pekao S.A.	959,008
22 500	RUSSIA - 1.4%	1 677 665
23,300	LUKOIL, ADR	1,677,665
	SOUTH AFRICA - 2.6%	
	Massmart Holdings Ltd	
119,729	Truworths International Ltd	1,247,730

		3,092,457
27,008 4,600 1,700	SOUTH KOREA - 2.8% BS Financial Group, Inc. (c)	391,474 2,620,903 404,485
		3,416,862
569,450 643,953	TAIWAN - 2.4% Taiwan Mobile Co., Ltd Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd	1,340,042 1,546,021
		2,886,063
250,000 107,000 160,600	THAILAND - 2.8% PTT Exploration and Production Public Co., Ltd. Siam Cement Public (The) Co., Ltd. Siam Commercial Bank PCL	1,487,849 1,340,817 562,857 3,391,523
73,635 253,000 27,220 181,150	TURKEY - 2.0% Akbank TAS	357,670 319,517 916,706 842,366
51,408	UNITED KINGDOM - 1.1% Standard Chartered PLC	1,333,527
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost \$34,571,097)	54,886,953
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PRINCIPAL				
VALUE				
(LOCAL		STATED	STATED	VALUE
CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	(US DOLLARS)

FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES - 37.3%

ARGEN'	TTNA	_	2	1 %

LITHUANIA - 1.2%

2,606,524 1,250,000	Republic of Argentina (ARS) (d)	5.16% 7.00%	02/04/18 04/17/17	\$ 1,352,208 1,124,158
				2,476,366
	BELARUS - 0.3%			
	Republic of Belarus (USD)	8.75%	08/03/15	116,188
230,000	Republic of Belarus (USD)	8.95%	01/26/18	201,100
				317,288
	BRAZIL - 4.3%			
730,000	Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Series F (BRL)	10.00%	01/01/13	428,857
4,070,000	Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Series F			,
4,910,000	(BRL)	10.00%	01/01/17	2,211,624
4, 510, 000	(BRL)	10.00%	01/01/21	2,551,284
				5,191,765
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 0.5%			
528,000	Dominican Republic (USD)	8.63%	04/20/27	558,360
	EL SALVADOR - 1.0%			
740,000 520,000	Republic of El Salvador (USD)	7.65% 7.63%	06/15/35 02/01/41	741,110 513,500
320,000	Republic of El Salvadol (OSD)	7.056	02/01/41	
				1,254,610
227,370,000	HUNGARY - 3.4% Hungary Government Bond (HUF)	6.00%	10/24/12	1,209,084
87,000,000	Hungary Government Bond (HUF)	5.50%	02/12/16	439,123
332,000,000	Hungary Government Bond (HUF)	6.50%	06/24/19	1,702,722
700,000	Republic of Hungary (USD)	7.63%	03/29/41	704,200
				4,055,129
11 220 000 000	INDONESIA - 3.3%	10 750	05/15/16	1 456 440
11,230,000,000	Indonesian Government Bond (IDR) Indonesian Government Bond (IDR)	10.75% 10.00%	05/15/16 07/15/17	1,456,449 1,222,753
9,500,000,000	Indonesian Government Bond (IDR)	10.50%	08/15/30	1,209,938
900,000,000	Indonesian Government Bond (IDR)	9.50%	07/15/31	105,080
				3,994,220
	IVORY COAST - 1.2%			
2,980,000	Ivory Coast Government Bond (USD)	2.50%	12/31/32	1,408,050

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 -		 7.38% 6.13%	02/11/20 03/09/21	1,275,375 184,041
				1,459,416

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PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	VALUE (US DOLLARS)
FOREIGN SOVEREIG	N BONDS AND NOTES - (CONTINUED)			
	MALAYSIA - 1.1%			
2,500,000	Malaysia Government Bond (MYR)		05/31/13	\$ 825,411
1,700,000	Malaysia Government Bond (MYR)	4.01%	09/15/17	567,427
				1,392,838
	MEXICO - 4.0%			
36,850,000				
5,200,000	(MXN)	8.00%	06/11/20	3,215,501
5,200,000	(MXN)	8.00%	12/07/23	444,654
12,800,000	Mexican Bonos Desarr Fixed Rate Bond			,
1 040 000	(MXN)	7.50%	06/03/27	1,017,268
1,840,000	Mexican Bonos Desarr Fixed Rate Bond (MXN)	10.00%	11/20/36	179,461
				4 056 004
				4,856,884
	PAKISTAN - 0.1%			
100,000	Islamic Republic of Pakistan (USD)	6.88%	06/01/17	82 , 250
	POLAND - 1.3%			
2,600,000	Poland Government Bond (PLN)	5.50%	10/25/19	875 , 729
2,140,000	Poland Government Bond (PLN)	5.75%	09/23/22	716,246
				1,591,975
	0.1.7.1.			
450,000	QATAR - 0.4% State of Qatar (USD)	5.25%	01/20/20	469,350

520,000	SOUTH AFRICA - 6.5% Eskom Holdings Ltd. (USD)	5.75%	01/26/21	529,100
34,900,000		8.25%		5,117,856
, ,	Republic of South Africa (ZAR)			
12,870,000	Republic of South Africa (ZAR)	10.50%	12/21/26	2,144,049
				7,791,005
	TURKEY - 3.1%			
80,000	Republic of Turkey (USD)	7.25%	03/05/38	88,700
360,000	Republic of Turkey (USD)	6.75%	05/30/40	375 , 300
4,700,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY)	16.00%	03/07/12	3,235,711
				3,699,711
	UKRAINE - 0.1%			
80,000	Ukraine Government Bond (USD)	6.58%	11/21/16	81,520
	URUGUAY - 1.0%			
14,600,000				
, ,	Adjusted Bond (UYU) (e)	5.00%	09/14/18	1,250,672
	VENEZUELA - 2.4%			
900,000	Republic of Venezuela (USD)	8.50%		825,300
2,150,000	Republic of Venezuela (USD)	5.75%	02/26/16	1,601,750

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FIRST TRUST/ABERDEEN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY FUND Portfolio of Investments (a) (b) - (Continued) March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)

PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	(US	VALUE DOLLARS)
FOREIGN SOVEREIG	N BONDS AND NOTES - (CONTINUED)				
600,000	VENEZUELA - (CONTINUED) Republic of Venezuela (USD)	7.75%	10/13/19	\$	414,900
					2,841,950
	TOTAL FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (Cost \$42,628,733)				44,773,359

FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (F) - 20.1%

BRAZIL - 2.0%

550,000 350,000 100,000 630,000 600,000	Gerdau Trade, Inc. (USD)	5.75% 7.50% 5.38% 7.88% 10.50%	01/30/21 09/14/15 01/27/21 03/30/20 01/28/18	559,625 356,125 100,285 685,503 628,500
550,000 750,000 1,400,000 200,000 300,000	CHINA - 2.5% China Forestry Holdings Ltd. (USD) China Overseas Finance Cayman II Ltd. (USD) Sinochem Overseas Capital Co. Ltd. (USD) West China Cement Ltd. (USD) Yanlord Land Group Ltd. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733) (Cost \$42,628,733)	7.75% 5.50% 4.50% 7.50% 10.63%	11/17/15 11/10/20 11/12/20 01/25/16 03/29/18	376,750 731,185 1,336,252 203,240 301,500 2,948,927
600,000	COLOMBIA - 0.6% TGI International Ltd. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	9.50%	10/03/17	675 , 000
350,000 505,000	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - 0.7% AES Andres Dominicana/Itabo Dominicana (USD)	9.50% 16.00%	11/12/20 03/27/12	374,500 472,175 846,675
650 , 000	EL SALVADOR - 0.6% Telemovil Finance Co. Ltd. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	8.00%	10/01/17	677 , 625
620,000 200,000	HONG KONG - 0.7% CFG Investment S.A.C. (USD) Texhong Textile Group Ltd. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	9.25% 7.63%	12/19/13 01/19/16	650,380 203,020 853,400
250,000	(Cost \$42,628,733) INDONESIA - 1.8% Indosat Palapa Co. B.V. (USD)	7.38%	07/29/20	275,950
810,000 150,000	Majapahit Holding B.V. (USD)PT Adaro Indonesia (USD)	7.75% 7.63%	10/17/16 10/22/19	913,754 166,500

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VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	VALUE (US DOLLARS)
FOREIGN CORPORAT	E BONDS AND NOTES (F) - (CONTINUED)			
650,000	<pre>INDONESIA - (CONTINUED) Star Energy Geothermal (Wayang Windu) Ltd. (USD)</pre>	11.50%	02/12/15	\$ 747,500
	(Cost \$42,628,733)			2,103,704
504,153 1,541,530 114,233 200,000 350,000 200,000 650,000	KAZAKHSTAN - 1.8% BTA Bank JSC (USD) (g) BTA Bank JSC (USD) (d) (h) BTA Bank JSC (USD) Development Bank of Kazakhstan (USD) Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan (USD) Kazakhstan Temir Zholy (USD) Kazmunaygas National Co. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	10.75% 0.00% 7.20% 5.50% 7.25% 6.38% 6.38%	07/01/18 07/01/20 07/01/25 12/20/15 01/28/21 10/06/20 04/09/21	537,553 133,583 77,964 209,000 355,250 209,480 672,750
	(Cost \$42,628,733)			2,193,380
450,000 525,000 320,000 150,000 660,000	MEXICO - 1.9% Axtel S.A.B. de C.V. (USD)	9.00% 8.88% 9.25% 13.00% 9.50%	09/22/19 09/25/14 06/30/20 08/04/14 12/11/19	434,250 584,062 357,600 181,500 742,500
	(Cost \$42,628,733)			2,299,912
650,000	PERU - 0.5% Banco de Credito del Peru (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	4.75%	03/16/16	645,515
250,000	PHILIPPINES - 0.2% Alliance Global Group, Inc. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	6.50%	08/18/17	248,614
1,350,000	QATAR - 1.1% Qatari Diar Finance Qsc (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	5.00%	07/21/20	1,337,267
450,000 500,000 200,000 550,000 200,000	RUSSIA - 1.7% Alfa Bank (USD) Novatek Finance Ltd. (USD) Russian Railways (USD) Severstal Steel Capital (USD) Vimpelcom Ltd. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	7.88% 6.60% 5.74% 6.70% 6.49%	09/25/17 02/03/21 04/03/17 10/25/17 02/02/16	478,125 525,675 209,190 562,375 207,500
	(Cost \$42,628,733)			1,982,865
700,000 500,000	TURKEY - 1.0% Akbank T.A.S. (USD) Yasar Holdings (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	6.50% 9.63%	03/09/18 10/07/15	713,685 528,125

	(Cost \$42,628,733)			1,241,810
740,000	UKRAINE - 0.6% EX-IM Bank of Ukraine (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	7.65%	09/07/11	751 , 055

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PRINCIPAL VALUE (LOCAL CURRENCY)	DESCRIPTION		STATED MATURITY	VALUE (US DOLLARS)
FOREIGN CORPORAT	E BONDS AND NOTES (F) - (CONTINUED)			
750,000	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - 0.6% Dubai Electricity & Water Authority (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733)	7.38%	10/21/20	\$ 728 , 722
3,100,000	VENEZUELA - 1.8% Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (USD) (Cost \$42,628,733) TOTAL FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (Cost \$42,628,733) (Cost \$23,661,528)			
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 103.1%			123,734,221
	OUTSTANDING LOAN - (4.8%)			(5,800,000)
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 1.7% (Cost \$42,628,733)			2,111,260
	NET ASSETS - 100.0%			\$ 120,045,481 ========

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

⁽b) All of these securities are available to serve as collateral for the outstanding loan.

⁽c) Non-income producing security.

⁽d) Variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at March 31, 2011.

⁽e) Security whose principal value is adjusted in accordance with changes to the country's Consumer Price Index. Interest is calculated on the basis of the current adjusted principal value.

- (f) Portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the Fund's investment sub-advisor.
- (g) Security is a "step-up" bond where the coupon increases or steps up at a predetermined date. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at March 31, 2011.
- (h) Recovery units issued under BTA Bank's restructuring plan. Recovery payments are dependent on future performance.
- (i) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federincome tax purposes. As of March 31, 2011, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$24,424,957 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$1,552,094.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

Currency Abbreviations

ARS Argentine Peso UYU Uruguayan Peso
BRL Brazilian Real ZAR South African Rand
HUF Hungarian Forint
IDR Indonesian Rupiah
MXN Mexican Peso
MYR Malaysian Ringgit
PLN Polish Zloty
TRY Turkish Lira
USD United States Dollar

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VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2011 is as follows (see Note A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments):

ASSETS TABLE

	TOTAL VALUE AT 3/31/2011	 LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT DBSERVABLE INPUTS	SIG UNOB I
Common Stocks*	\$ 54,886,953 44,773,359 24,073,909	\$ 54,886,953 	\$ 44,773,359 24,073,909	\$

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Total	\$ 123,752,524	\$ 54,886,953	\$ 68,865,571	\$
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**	18,303		18,303	
Total Investments	123,734,221	54,886,953	68,847,268	

LIABILITIES TABLE

		TOTAL LUE AT 31/2011	(LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS		I SIG UNOE I	
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**	\$	(196,434)	\$		\$	(196, 434)	\$	

^{*} See the Portfolio of Investments for country breakout.

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Industry Classification	% of Total Investments
Government Bonds and Notes	36.2%
Commercial Banks	10.5
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	9.4
Real Estate Management & Development	4.9
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	3.4
Wireless Telecommunication Services	2.8
Metals & Mining	2.8
Food & Staples Retailing	2.6
Diversified Financial Services	2.3
Electric Utilities	2.2
Construction Materials	2.1
Automobiles	2.1
Tobacco	1.7
Beverages	1.7
Pharmaceuticals	1.7
Household Durables	1.4
Diversified Telecommunication Services	1.1
Diversified Operations	1.1
Food Products	1.0

^{**} See the Schedule of Forward Foreign Currency Contracts for contract and currency detail.

Transportation Infrastructure		1.0
Specialty Retail		1.0
Energy Equipment & Services		0.9
Insurance		0.8
Household Products		0.8
Multiline Retail		0.7
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance		0.7
Import/Export Bank		0.6
IT Services		0.6
Chemicals		0.6
Road & Rail		0.3
Paper & Forest Products		0.3
Construction & Engineering		0.3
Special Purpose Banks		0.2
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods		0.2
	Total	100.0%

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FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

SETTLEMENT DATE	COUNTERPARTY		AMOUNT CHASED (a)		AMOUNT SOLD (a)	VA	PURCHASE ALUE AS OF CH 31, 2011	SALE ALUE AS OF CH 31, 201
04/01/11	GT.	D	0 470 000		040.066	^	0.60, 0.60	0.40
04/21/11	CIT	PLN	2,470,000	USD	849 , 966	\$	868,269	\$ 849,96
06/03/11	JPM	USD	2,259,947	BRL	3,834,000		2 , 259 , 947	2,315,80
04/21/11	CIT	USD	70,225	HUF	14,420,000		70,225	76,65
06/03/11	JPM	USD	748,070	IDR	6,734,876,000		748,070	764,89
04/21/11	CIT	USD	1,502,829	PLN	4,383,000		1,502,829	1,540,73
04/21/11	CIT	USD	2,086,416	ZAR	14,578,000		2,086,416	2,148,49
04/21/11	JPM	USD	338,757	ZAR	2,409,000		338,757	356,09

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation).....

(a) Please see page 7 for currency descriptions.

Counterparty Abbreviations:

CIT Citibank, NA JPM JPMorgan Chase

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A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund (the "Fund") is determined daily as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. If the NYSE closes early on a valuation day, the NAV is determined as of that time. Domestic debt securities and foreign securities are priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. The NAV per Common Share is calculated by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends declared but unpaid and any borrowings of the Fund), by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees and in accordance with provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). All securities of the Fund initially expressed in foreign currencies will be converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rates in effect at the time of valuation. The Fund's securities will be valued as follows:

Bond, notes and other debt securities are valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by an independent pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which may use the following valuation inputs when available:

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

Common stocks, and other securities listed on any national or foreign exchange (excluding the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") and the London Stock Exchange Alternative Investment Market ("AIM")) are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which they are principally traded. If there are no transactions on the valuation day, the securities are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked prices.

Securities listed on the NASDAQ or the AIM are valued at the official closing price. If there is no official closing price on the valuation day, the securities are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked prices.

Securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at their closing bid prices.

Currency linked notes, credit linked notes, interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, if any, are valued using a pricing service or, if the

pricing service does not provide a value, by quotes provided by the selling dealer or financial institution.

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

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

In the event that market quotations are not readily available, the pricing service does not provide a valuation for a particular asset, or the valuations are deemed unreliable, the Fund's Board of Trustees has designated First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") to use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and other investments. Additionally, if events occur after the close of the principal market for particular securities (e.g., domestic debt and foreign securities), but before the Fund values its assets, that could materially affect NAV, First Trust may use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and other investments. The use of fair value pricing by the Fund is governed by valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act. As a general principle, the fair value of a security is the amount which the Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. However, in light of the judgment involved in fair valuations, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security will be the amount which the Fund might be able to receive upon its current sale. Fair valuation of a security will be based on the consideration of all available information, including, but not limited to, the following:

- the fundamental business data relating to the issuer, or economic data relating to the country of issue;
- 2) an evaluation of the forces which influence the market in which these securities are purchased and sold;
- 3) the type, size and cost of security;
- 4) the financial statements of the issuer, or the financial condition of the country of issue;
- 5) the credit quality and cash flow of the issuer, or country of issue, based on the Sub-Advisor's or external analysis;

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- the information as to any transactions in or offers for the security;
- 7) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities (or

equity securities) of the issuer/borrower, or comparable companies;

- 8) the coupon payments;
- 9) the quality, value and salability of collateral, if any, securing the security;
- 10) the business prospects of the issuer, including any ability to obtain money or resources from a parent or affiliate and an assessment of the issuer's management (for corporate debt only);
- 11) the economic, political and social prospects/developments of the country of issue and the assessment of the country's governmental leaders/officials (for sovereign debt only);
- 12) the prospects for the issuer's industry, and multiples (of earnings and/or cash flows) being paid for similar businesses in that industry (for corporate debt only); and
- 13) other relevant factors.

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

- 1) the type of security;
- 2) the size of the holding;
- 3) the initial cost of the security;
- 4) transactions in comparable securities;
- 5) price quotes from dealers and/or pricing services;
- 6) relationships among various securities;
- 7) information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, or the appropriate stock exchange;
- 8) an analysis of the issuer's financial statements; and
- 9) the existence of merger proposals or tender offers that might affect the value of the security.

If the equity security in question is a foreign securities, the following additional information may be considered:

- the value of similar foreign securities traded on other foreign markets;
- 2) ADR trading of similar securities;
- 3) foreign currency exchange activity;
- 4) the trading prices of financial products that are tied to baskets of foreign securities;
- 5) factors relating to the event that precipitated the pricing problem;
- 6) whether the event is likely to recur; and

7) whether the effects of the event are isolated or whether they affect entire markets, countries or regions.

The Fund is subject to fair value accounting standards that define fair value, establish the framework for measuring fair value and provide a three-level hierarchy for fair valuation based upon the inputs to the valuation as of the measurement date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- o Level 1 Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. An active market is a market in which transactions for the security occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- o Level 2 Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, and include the following:
 - o Quoted prices for similar securities in active markets.
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar securities in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where there are few transactions for the security, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.
 - o Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the security (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).
 - o Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- o Level 3 Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the security.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2011, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

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B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS:

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

Securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitment basis may have extended settlement periods. The value of the security so purchased is subject to market fluctuations during this period. The Fund maintains liquid assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments until payment is made. At March 31, 2011, the Fund had no when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments.

C. CREDIT LINKED NOTES:

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

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

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

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

D. FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS:

The Fund is subject to foreign currency risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. Forward foreign currency contracts are agreements to exchange one currency for another at a future date and at a specified price. The Fund may use forward foreign currency contracts to facilitate transactions in foreign securities and to manage the Fund's foreign currency exposure. These contracts are valued daily, and the Fund's net equity therein, representing unrealized gain or loss on the contracts as measured by the difference between the forward foreign exchange rates at the dates of entry into the contracts and the forward rates at the reporting date, is included on the Schedule of Forward Foreign Currency Contracts. Risks arise from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from movement in currency and securities values and interest rates. Due to the risks, the Fund could incur losses in excess of the net unrealized value shown on the Schedule of Forward Foreign Currency Contracts.

During the period ended March 31, 2011, the open and close notional values of forward foreign currency contracts were \$17,662,364 and \$20,010,665,

respectively.

E. FOREIGN CURRENCY:

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period. Purchases and sales of investment securities and items of income and expense are translated on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses include the effect of changes in exchange rates between trade date and settlement date on investment security transactions, foreign currency transactions and interest and dividends received.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) First Trust/Aberdeen Emerging Opportunity Fund

By (Signature and Title) * /s/ James A. Bowen

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

Date: May 26, 2011

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) * /s/ James A. Bowen

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

Date: May 26, 2011

By (Signature and Title) \star /s/ Mark R. Bradley

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

Date: May 26, 2011

 $^{^{\}star}$ Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.