

FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME 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 811-21727

First Trust Mortgage Income Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2018

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

## Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

**First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMY)****Portfolio of Investments**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

| Principal Value                                  | Description  | Stated Coupon | Stated Maturity | Value      |
|--|--|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES 56.0%</b>          |  |               |                 |            |
| <b>Collateralized Mortgage Obligations 50.4%</b> |  |               |                 |            |
| \$ 354,569                                       | Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2003-2, Class A1  | 4.98%         | 10/01/33        | \$ 362,304 |
| 923,024  | ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust<br>Series 2006-ASAP6, Class A2D, 1 Mo. LIBOR<br>+ 0.22% (a)                                  | 1.77%         | 12/25/36        | 500,370    |
| 100,862  | Banc of America Funding Corp.<br>Series 2008-R2, Class 1A4 (b)   | 6.00%         | 09/01/37        | 103,927    |
| 52,819   | Banc of America Mortgage Trust<br>Series 2002-L, Class 1A1 (c)   | 2.57%         | 12/01/32        | 47,486     |
| 247,815  | Series 2005-A, Class 2A1 (c)   | 3.55%         | 02/01/35        | 247,194    |
| 202,891  | Chase Mortgage Finance Trust<br>Series 2007-A1, Class 1A3 (c)  | 3.67%         | 02/01/37        | 202,801    |
| 145,629  | CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust<br>Series 2005-HYB3, Class 2A6B (c)  | 3.39%         | 06/01/35        | 147,106    |
| 355,034  | Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2005-6, Class A1, US Treasury Yield<br>Curve Rate T Note Constant Maturity 1 Year +<br>2.10% (a) | 3.41%         | 09/01/35        | 360,031    |
| 860,846  | Series 2012-7, Class 10A2 (b) (c)  | 3.75%         | 09/01/36        | 862,181    |
| 70,975   | Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates<br>Series 2006-S8, Class A6  | 5.51%         | 04/01/36        | 70,511     |
| 500,288  | Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage<br>Pass-Through Trust<br>Series 2003-46, Class 2A1 (c)  | 3.63%         | 01/01/34        | 499,471    |
| 319,487  | Series 2006-21, Class A8   | 5.75%         | 02/01/37        | 285,647    |
| 502,234  | Series 2006-HYB5, Class 3A1A (c)   | 3.58%         | 09/01/36        | 416,739    |
| 368,237  | Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities<br>Corp.<br>Series 2004-AR2, Class 1A1 (c)  | 3.47%         | 03/01/34        | 368,352    |
| 530,106  | Series 2004-AR8, Class 6A1 (c)   | 3.42%         | 09/01/34        | 538,355    |
| 175,797  | Series 2005-5, Class 3A2, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.30% (a)   | 1.85%         | 07/25/35        | 171,055    |
| 31,524   | Deutsche ALT-A Securities Inc Mortgage Loan<br>Trust   | 5.00%         | 10/01/18        | 31,647     |

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|           | Series 2003-3, Class 3A1   |       |          |           |
|           | DSLA Mortgage Loan Trust   |       |          |           |
| 743,490   | Series 2004-AR3, Class 2A2A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.37% (a)   | 1.87% | 07/19/44 | 742,598   |
| 816,925   | Series 2007-AR1, Class 2A1A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.14% (a)   | 1.64% | 04/19/47 | 770,265   |
|           | GMAC Mortgage Corporation Loan Trust   |       |          |           |
| 133,746   | Series 2004-AR1, Class 22A (c)   | 4.02% | 06/01/34 | 132,633   |
|           | GSR Mortgage Loan Trust  |       |          |           |
| 13,687    | Series 2003-10, Class 1A12 (c)   | 3.38% | 10/01/33 | 13,696    |
| 205,703   | Series 2005-AR1, Class 4A1 (c)   | 3.10% | 01/01/35 | 198,437   |
|           | Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust   |       |          |           |
| 452,269   | Series 2004-6, Class 3A1 (c)   | 3.86% | 08/01/34 | 445,472   |
|           | Home Equity Asset Trust  |       |          |           |
| 65,000    | Series 2005-3, Class M4, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.64% (a)   | 2.19% | 08/25/35 | 65,774    |
| 520,000   | Series 2005-9, Class M1, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.41% (a)   | 1.96% | 04/25/36 | 506,548   |
|           | Impac CMB Trust  |       |          |           |
| 273,820   | Series 2004-6, Class 1A2, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.78% (a)  | 2.33% | 10/25/34 | 269,162   |
|           | IXIS Real Estate Capital Trust   |       |          |           |
| 1,153,458 | Series 2007-HE1, Class A3, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.16% (a)   | 1.71% | 05/25/37 | 431,069   |
|           | JP Morgan Mortgage Trust   |       |          |           |
| 1,179,816 | Series 2005-ALT1, Class 4A1 (c)  | 3.64% | 10/01/35 | 1,114,578 |
| 1,005,288 | Series 2006-A2, Class 4A1 (c)  | 3.72% | 08/01/34 | 1,019,230 |
| 259,401   | Series 2006-A2, Class 5A3 (c)  | 3.58% | 11/01/33 | 264,953   |
|           | JP Morgan Re-REMIC   |       |          |           |
| 220,460   | Series 2009-7, Class 12A1 (b)  | 6.25% | 01/03/37 | 223,511   |
|           | MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust  |       |          |           |
| 65,150    | Series 2004-13, Class 3A7B, US Treasury Yield Curve Rate T Note Constant Maturity 1 Year + 2.00% (a) | 3.46% | 11/01/34 | 66,750    |

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments

**First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMY)**

**Portfolio of Investments (Continued)**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

| Principal Value                               | Description  | Stated Coupon | Stated Maturity | Value |
|---|--|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (Continued)</b> |  |               |                 |       |
|   | <b>Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (Continued)</b> |               |                 |       |

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|--------------|---|-------|----------|------------|
| \$ 3,828,542 | MASTR Alternative Loan Trust<br>Series 2006-2, Class 2A3, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.35% (a)  | 1.90% | 03/25/36 | \$ 731,290 |
| 905,500      | MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust<br>Series 2006-HE5, Class A3, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.16% (a)                                  | 1.71% | 11/25/36 | 643,239    |
| 1,357,165    | Series 2006-NC2, Class A3, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.11% (a)   | 1.66% | 08/25/36 | 749,023    |
| 619,481      | Series 2006-NC2, Class A5, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.24% (a)   | 1.79% | 08/25/36 | 348,646    |
| 21,795       | MASTR Asset Securitization Trust<br>Series 2003-11, Class 5A2   | 5.25% | 12/01/23 | 21,675     |
| 76,085       | Series 2003-11, Class 6A16  | 5.25% | 12/01/33 | 77,196     |
| 379,230      | Mellon Residential Funding Corp. Mortgage<br>Pass-Through Trust<br>Series 2001-TBC1, Class A1, 1 Mo.<br><br>LIBOR + 0.70% (a) | 2.18% | 11/15/31 | 380,089    |
| 428,102      | Series 2002-TBC2, Class A, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.86% (a)   | 2.34% | 08/15/32 | 414,162    |
| 254,669      | Meritage Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2004-2, Class M3, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.98% (a)   | 2.53% | 01/25/35 | 251,604    |
| 664,819      | Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2004-7AR, Class 2A6 (c)  | 3.50% | 09/01/34 | 684,028    |
| 287,007      | MortgageIT Trust<br>Series 2005-2, Class 2A, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>1.65% (a)   | 3.20% | 05/01/35 | 283,959    |
| 142,913      | New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2016-1A, Class A1 (b)   | 3.75% | 03/01/56 | 144,973    |
| 578,439      | Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation<br>Series 2004-AR4, Class M1, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>1.10% (a)                                  | 2.65% | 12/25/34 | 578,386    |
| 1,262,952    | Nomura Resecuritization Trust<br>Series 2015-6R, Class 2A4 (b) (c)  | 6.57% | 01/02/37 | 1,047,997  |
| 587,089      | Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I LLC<br>Series 2017-NPL4, Class A1 (b) (d)  | 3.25% | 08/27/32 | 586,068    |
| 108,046      | Provident Funding Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2004-1, Class 1A1 (c)   | 3.42% | 04/01/34 | 108,851    |
| 272,604      | Series 2005-1, Class 1A1 (c)  | 3.45% | 05/01/35 | 273,426    |
| 145,595      | Residential Accredited Loans, Inc.<br>Series 2006-QO1, Class 2A1, 1 Mo.<br><br>LIBOR + 0.27% (a)                              | 1.82% | 02/25/46 | 109,906    |
| 1,825,809    | Series 2006-QS6, Class 1AV, IO (c)  | 0.75% | 06/01/36 | 47,474     |
| 41,543       | Residential Asset Securitization Trust<br>Series 2004-A3, Class A7  | 5.25% | 06/01/34 | 42,847     |
| 964,434      | Saxon Asset Securities Trust<br>Series 2007-2, Class A2D, 1 Mo. LIBOR +<br>0.30% (a)  | 1.85% | 05/25/47 | 809,461    |
| 421,430      |   | 3.44% | 03/01/34 | 423,553    |

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| Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust<br>Series 2004-2, Class 4A2 (c)<br>Structured Asset Securities Corp. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates |   |       |          |         |
| 42,391   | Series 2001-SB1, Class A2                               | 3.38% | 08/01/31 | 42,069  |
| Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust<br>Series 2003-4, Class A1, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.64% (a)  |   |       |          |         |
| 356,070  |   | 2.19% | 09/25/43 | 346,061 |
| Towd Point Mortgage Trust<br>Series 2015-2, Class 2A1 (b)  |   |       |          |         |
| 556,388  |   | 3.75% | 11/01/57 | 565,617 |
| Vericrest Opportunity Loan Transferee<br>Series 2017-NPL6, Class A1 (b) (d)  |   |       |          |         |
| 919,006  |   | 3.25% | 05/25/47 | 920,882 |
| Wachovia Mortgage Loan Trust, LLC<br>Series 2006-A, Class 3A1 (c)  |   |       |          |         |
| 350,586  |   | 3.47% | 05/01/36 | 344,863 |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates<br>Series 2003-AR5, Class A7 (c)   |   |       |          |         |
| 326,011  |   | 3.07% | 06/01/33 | 329,828 |
| 470,378  | Series 2004-AR1, Class A (c)                            | 3.21% | 03/01/34 | 481,165 |
| 552,843  | Series 2004-AR10, Class A1B, 1 Mo.<br>LIBOR + 0.42% (a) | 1.98% | 07/25/44 | 555,294 |
| 435,149  | Series 2004-AR13, Class A1A, 1 Mo.<br>LIBOR + 0.72% (a) | 2.28% | 11/25/34 | 435,026 |
| 83,757   | Series 2004-AR3, Class A2 (c)                           | 3.20% | 06/01/34 | 85,539  |

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### First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMF)

#### Portfolio of Investments (Continued)

January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

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| <b>MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (Continued)</b>          |  |               |                 |            |
| <b>Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (Continued)</b> |  |               |                 |            |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates (Continued)    |  |               |                 |            |
| \$ 583,523   | Series 2005-AR1, Class A1A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.64% (a)  | 2.19%         | 01/25/45        | \$ 580,718 |
| 848,199  | Series 2005-AR11, Class A1A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.32% (a) | 1.87%         | 08/25/45        | 851,357    |
| 764,466  | Series 2005-AR6, Class 2A1A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.46% (a) | 2.01%         | 04/25/45        | 753,522    |
| 328,618  |  | 2.19%         | 07/25/45        | 328,173    |

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|         | Series 2005-AR9, Class A1A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.64% (a)              |        |          |         |
| 566,889 | Series 2006-AR2, Class 1A1 (c)                                   | 3.23%  | 03/01/36 | 544,739 |
|         | Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates |        |          |         |
| 25,598  | Series 2007-5, Class A11, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -6 + 39.48% (e)          | 30.17% | 06/25/37 | 43,786  |
|         | Washington Mutual MSC Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates         |        |          |         |
| 396,526 | Series 2004-RA1, Class 2A  | 7.00%  | 03/01/34 | 434,254 |
|         | Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust                     |        |          |         |
| 451,338 | Series 2003-H, Class A1 (c)                                      | 3.59%  | 09/01/33 | 462,016 |
| 488,223 | Series 2004-A, Class A1 (c)                                      | 3.78%  | 02/01/34 | 505,250 |
| 50,222  | Series 2004-EE, Class 3A1 (c)                                    | 3.77%  | 12/01/34 | 52,348  |
| 890,832 | Series 2004-R, Class 1A1 (c)                                     | 3.61%  | 09/01/34 | 905,221 |
| 208,018 | Series 2004-S, Class A1 (c)                                      | 3.52%  | 09/01/34 | 213,184 |
| 398,799 | Series 2004-Y, Class 1A2 (c)                                     | 3.74%  | 11/01/34 | 409,291 |
| 5,443   | Series 2004-Z, Class 2A1 (c)                                     | 3.74%  | 12/01/34 | 5,554   |
| 22,928  | Series 2004-Z, Class 2A2 (c)                                     | 3.74%  | 12/01/34 | 23,396  |
| 230,144 | Series 2005-AR10, Class 2A17 (c)                                 | 3.57%  | 06/01/35 | 236,883 |
| 462,102 | Series 2005-AR16, Class 1A1 (c)                                  | 3.56%  | 08/01/33 | 472,142 |
| 363,819 | Series 2005-AR3, Class 2A1 (c)                                   | 3.54%  | 03/01/35 | 369,658 |
| 347,290 | Series 2005-AR8, Class 1A1 (c)                                   | 3.43%  | 06/01/35 | 355,687 |
| 387,044 | Series 2006-13, Class A5   | 6.00%  | 10/01/36 | 385,160 |
| 110,986 | Series 2007-16, Class 1A1  | 6.00%  | 12/04/37 | 116,319 |
| 197,456 | Series 2007-2, Class 1A13  | 6.00%  | 03/01/37 | 197,279 |
| 44,996  | Series 2007-8, Class 2A2   | 6.00%  | 07/01/37 | 45,401  |

32,635,388

|            |  |       |          |           |
|------------|--|-------|----------|-----------|
|            | <b>Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities 5.6%</b>        |       |          |           |
|            | Bayview Commercial Asset Trust                           |       |          |           |
| 443,987    | Series 2004-2, Class A, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 0.65% (a) (b)      | 1.99% | 08/25/34 | 434,777   |
|            | Hudsons Bay Simon JV Trust                               |       |          |           |
| 510,000    | Series 2015-HBFL, Class DFL, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 3.65% (a) (b) | 5.21% | 08/05/34 | 511,399   |
|            | UBS-Barclays Commercial Mortgage Trust                   |       |          |           |
| 14,369,339 | Series 2013-C5, Class XA, IO (b) (c)                     | 0.98% | 03/01/46 | 578,295   |
|            | Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust                  |       |          |           |
| 389,800    | Series 2007-C30, Class AJ.                               | 5.41% | 12/01/43 | 394,263   |
| 650,000    | Series 2007-C33, Class AJ, STRIP (c)                     | 6.01% | 02/01/51 | 665,437   |
|            | Waldorf Astoria Boca Raton Trust                         |       |          |           |
| 1,000,000  | Series 2016-BOCA, Class E, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 4.35% (a) (f)   | 5.91% | 06/15/29 | 1,004,067 |
|            |  |       |          | 3,588,238 |

**Total Mortgage-Backed Securities**

36,223,626

(Cost \$36,020,266)

**U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES 33.3%****Collateralized Mortgage Obligations 24.0%**

| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. |  |        |          |         |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|----------|---------|
|                                  | Series 1007, Class H, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 20.88%  |        |          |         |
| 21,926                           | (e)  | 18.89% | 10/15/20 | 24,521  |
| 38,013                           | Series 1394, Class ID, Cost of Funds 11th District of San Francisco x -4.67 + 44.56%, Capped at 9.57%        |        |          |         |
|                                  | (e)  | 9.57%  | 10/15/22 | 43,224  |
| 37,653                           | Series 2303, Class SW, Cost of Funds 11th District of San Francisco x -15.87 + 121.11%, Capped at 10.00% (e) |        |          |         |
|                                  |  | 10.00% | 03/01/24 | 7,451   |
| 98,651                           | Series 2334, Class QS, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -3.5 + 28.18% (e)   |        |          |         |
|                                  |  | 23.01% | 07/15/31 | 146,035 |
| 230,252                          | Series 2383, Class SD, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 8.00% (e)  |        |          |         |
|                                  |  | 6.52%  | 11/15/31 | 39,475  |

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| U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (Continued) |  |               |                 |           |
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (Continued)               |  |               |                 |           |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Continued)                  |  |               |                 |           |
| \$ 388,275  | Series 2439, Class XI, IO, if 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 7.74% is less than 7.50%, then 6.50%, otherwise 0.00% (e) | 6.50%         | 03/01/32        | \$ 81,413 |
| 53,761  | Series 2641, Class KW  | 4.50%         | 07/01/18        | 53,910    |
| 884,720   | Series 2807, Class SB, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 7.45% (e)  | 5.89%         | 11/15/33        | 165,571   |
| 1,838,235   | Series 2975, Class SJ, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.65% (e)  | 5.17%         | 05/15/35        | 229,487   |
| 425,201   | Series 3012, Class GK, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -4.5 + 24.75% (e)   | 18.10%        | 06/15/35        | 606,565   |
| 204,055   | Series 3108, Class QZ  | 6.00%         | 02/01/36        | 269,226   |
| 13,874  | Series 3195, Class SX, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -6.5 + 46.15% (e)   | 36.55%        | 07/15/36        | 47,260    |



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| 277,846   | Series 3210, Class ZA                                       | 6.00%  | 09/01/36 | 335,024   |
| 112,433   | Series 3410, Class HC                                       | 5.50%  | 02/01/38 | 122,318   |
| 196,019   | Series 3451, Class SB, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.03% (e)     | 4.55%  | 05/15/38 | 16,959    |
| 100,876   | Series 3619, Class EI, IO                                   | 4.50%  | 05/01/24 | 463       |
| 97,308    | Series 3692, Class PS, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.60% (e)     | 5.12%  | 05/15/38 | 1,696     |
| 1,322,717 | Series 3726, Class KI, IO                                   | 3.50%  | 04/01/25 | 66,025    |
| 1,594,531 | Series 3784, Class BI, IO                                   | 3.50%  | 01/01/21 | 55,951    |
| 250,000   | Series 3797, Class KB                                       | 4.50%  | 01/01/41 | 269,690   |
| 1,205,000 | Series 3870, Class WS, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.60% (e)     | 5.12%  | 06/15/31 | 123,444   |
| 332,038   | Series 3898, Class NI, IO                                   | 5.00%  | 07/01/40 | 17,358    |
| 1,058,077 | Series 3985, Class GI, IO                                   | 3.00%  | 10/01/26 | 74,208    |
| 86,742    | Series 4021, Class IP, IO                                   | 3.00%  | 03/01/27 | 7,221     |
| 1,118,992 | Series 4206, Class IA, IO                                   | 3.00%  | 03/01/33 | 156,673   |
| 494,436   | Series 4615, Class GT, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -4 + 16.00% (e)        | 4.00%  | 10/15/42 | 425,072   |
| 7,995,920 | Series 4619, Class IB, IO                                   | 4.00%  | 12/01/47 | 1,087,889 |
|           | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., STRIP                     |        |          |           |
| 126,836   | Series 177, IO  | 7.00%  | 06/17/26 | 23,832    |
| 438,808   | Series 243, Class 2, IO                                     | 5.00%  | 11/01/35 | 88,621    |
|           | Federal National Mortgage Association                       |        |          |           |
| 76,093    | Series 2002-80, Class IO                                    | 6.00%  | 09/01/32 | 15,078    |
| 127,302   | Series 2003-15, Class MS, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 8.00% (e)  | 6.45%  | 03/25/33 | 25,967    |
| 169,255   | Series 2003-44, Class IU, IO                                | 7.00%  | 06/01/33 | 39,492    |
| 908,771   | Series 2004-49, Class SN, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 7.10% (e)  | 5.55%  | 07/25/34 | 125,326   |
| 24,625    | Series 2004-74, Class SW, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 15.50% (e)     | 12.52% | 11/25/31 | 31,614    |
| 500,000   | Series 2004-W10, Class A6                                   | 5.75%  | 08/01/34 | 554,350   |
| 303,374   | Series 2005-122, Class SN, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -4 + 28.60% (e)    | 22.39% | 01/25/36 | 501,344   |
| 43,119    | Series 2005-59 SU, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -5 + 25.50% (e)            | 17.71% | 06/25/35 | 57,398    |
| 148,485   | Series 2005-6, Class SE, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.70% (e)   | 5.15%  | 02/25/35 | 23,849    |
| 199,995   | Series 2006-105, Class ZA                                   | 6.00%  | 11/01/36 | 252,125   |
| 146,477   | Series 2006-5, Class 3A2, 1 Mo. LIBOR + 2.08% (a)           | 3.35%  | 05/01/35 | 153,608   |
| 107,543   | Series 2007-100, Class SM, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.45% (e) | 4.90%  | 10/25/37 | 15,334    |
| 216,932   | Series 2007-30, Class ZM                                    | 4.25%  | 04/01/37 | 229,282   |
| 409,597   | Series 2007-37, Class SB, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.75% (e)  | 5.20%  | 05/25/37 | 69,813    |
| 294,177   | Series 2008-17, Class BE                                    | 5.50%  | 10/01/37 | 341,969   |
| 182,000   | Series 2008-2, Class PH                                     | 5.50%  | 02/01/38 | 209,777   |
| 4,596     | Series 2008-50, Class AI, IO                                | 5.50%  | 06/01/23 | 155       |
| 399,000   | Series 2009-28, Class HX                                    | 5.00%  | 05/01/39 | 459,971   |
| 165,973   | Series 2009-37, Class NZ.                                   | 5.71%  | 02/01/37 | 204,290   |

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|           |   |        |          |         |
|-----------|---|--------|----------|---------|
| 776,226   | Series 2010-10, Class NI, IO                                | 5.00%  | 01/01/39 | 16,491  |
| 1,963,549 | Series 2010-103, Class ID, IO                               | 5.00%  | 09/01/40 | 449,147 |
| 784,794   | Series 2010-104, Class CI, IO                               | 4.00%  | 09/01/20 | 24,878  |
| 2,583,489 | Series 2010-139, Class KI, IO                               | 1.09%  | 12/01/40 | 94,741  |
| 59,579    | Series 2010-142, Class PS, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.05% (e) | 4.50%  | 05/25/40 | 581     |
| 294,130   | Series 2010-145, Class TI, IO                               | 3.50%  | 12/01/20 | 10,171  |
| 144,486   | Series 2010-40, Class MI, IO                                | 4.50%  | 08/01/24 | 349     |
| 86,686    | Series 2010-99, Class SG, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -5 + 25.00% (e)     | 18.20% | 09/01/40 | 129,532 |

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments

**First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMF)**

**Portfolio of Investments (Continued)**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

| Principal Value  | Description  | Stated Coupon | Stated Maturity | Value    |
|--|--|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| <b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (Continued)</b> |  |               |                 |          |
| <b>Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (Continued)</b>               |  |               |                 |          |
| Federal National Mortgage Association (Continued)                    |  |               |                 |          |
| \$ 394,203   | Series 2011-13, Class GI, IO                               | 5.00%         | 11/01/25        | \$ 9,771 |
| 173,375  | Series 2011-5, Class IK, IO                                | 8.00%         | 02/01/21        | 13,033   |
| 250,000  | Series 2011-52, Class LB                                   | 5.50%         | 06/01/41        | 276,024  |
| 2,470,017  | Series 2011-66, Class QI, IO                               | 3.50%         | 07/01/21        | 110,729  |
| 185,972  | Series 2012-111, Class B                                   | 7.00%         | 10/01/42        | 209,976  |
| 2,222,942  | Series 2012-112, Class BI, IO                              | 3.00%         | 09/01/31        | 231,144  |
| 1,861,287  | Series 2012-125, Class MI, IO                              | 3.50%         | 11/01/42        | 405,713  |
| 33,096   | Series 2012-74, Class OA                                   | (g)           | 03/01/42        | 30,044   |
| 463,350  | Series 2012-74, Class SA, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.65% (e) | 5.10%         | 03/25/42        | 64,682   |
| 33,096   | Series 2012-75, Class AO                                   | (g)           | 03/01/42        | 29,218   |
| 2,488,902  | Series 2013-32, Class IG, IO                               | 3.50%         | 04/01/33        | 358,455  |
| 599,709  | Series 2013-51, Class PI, IO                               | 3.00%         | 11/01/32        | 72,976   |
| 4,211,768  | Series 2015-20, Class ES, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.15% (e) | 4.60%         | 04/25/45        | 698,022  |
| 1,798,825  | Series 2015-76, Class BI, IO                               | 4.00%         | 10/01/39        | 225,920  |
| 4,851,506  | Series 2015-97, Class AI, IO                               | 4.00%         | 09/01/41        | 802,716  |
| 168,142  | Series 2016-74, Class LI, IO                               | 3.50%         | 09/01/46        | 57,759   |
| Federal National Mortgage Association, STRIP                         |  |               |                 |          |
| 84,589   | Series 305, Class 12, IO (h)                               | 6.50%         | 12/01/29        | 16,496   |
| 86,212   | Series 355, Class 18, IO                                   | 7.50%         | 11/01/33        | 21,517   |

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|------------|---|--------|----------|------------|
| 1,306,318  | Series 406, Class 6, IO (h)                                 | 4.00%  | 01/01/41 | 263,570    |
|            | Government National Mortgage Association                    |        |          |            |
| 180,650    | Series 2004-95, Class QZ                                    | 4.50%  | 11/01/34 | 193,479    |
| 331,066    | Series 2005-33, Class AY                                    | 5.50%  | 04/01/35 | 366,596    |
| 167,577    | Series 2005-68, Class DP, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -2.41 + 16.43% (e)  | 12.70% | 06/17/35 | 195,020    |
| 473,992    | Series 2005-68, Class KI, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.30% (e)  | 4.74%  | 09/20/35 | 64,241     |
| 53,613     | Series 2006-28, Class VS, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -13 + 87.10% (e)    | 66.79% | 06/20/36 | 151,998    |
| 124,533    | Series 2007-50, Class AI, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.78% (e)  | 5.21%  | 08/20/37 | 18,401     |
| 397,225    | Series 2007-68, Class PI, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.65% (e)  | 5.09%  | 11/20/37 | 63,869     |
| 100,000    | Series 2008-2, Class HB                                     | 5.50%  | 01/01/38 | 114,877    |
| 220,000    | Series 2008-32, Class JD                                    | 5.50%  | 04/01/38 | 254,229    |
| 348,391    | Series 2008-73, Class SK, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.74% (e)  | 5.18%  | 08/20/38 | 48,220     |
| 1,318,503  | Series 2009-100, Class SL, IO, 1 Mo. LIBOR x -1 + 6.50% (e) | 4.94%  | 05/16/39 | 83,657     |
| 290,429    | Series 2009-12, Class IE, IO                                | 5.50%  | 03/01/39 | 56,395     |
| 428,657    | Series 2009-62, Class EI, IO                                | 5.00%  | 05/01/38 | 778        |
| 146,915    | Series 2009-65, Class NJ, IO                                | 5.50%  | 07/01/39 | 9,034      |
| 116,747    | Series 2009-79, Class PZ                                    | 6.00%  | 09/01/39 | 151,093    |
| 939,960    | Series 2010-115, Class IQ, IO                               | 4.50%  | 11/01/38 | 36,968     |
| 715,000    | Series 2010-61, Class KE.                                   | 5.00%  | 05/01/40 | 819,693    |
| 589,110    | Series 2011-131, Class EI, IO                               | 4.50%  | 08/01/39 | 27,837     |
| 12,022,583 | Series 2016-112, Class AI, IO                               | 0.12%  | 06/20/38 | 65,720     |
| 69,984     | Series 2016-139, Class MZ                                   | 1.50%  | 07/01/45 | 41,508     |
| 136,015    | Series 2017-4, Class CZ                                     | 3.00%  | 01/01/47 | 117,226    |
| 101,539    | Series 2017-H18, Class DZ (h)                               | 4.59%  | 09/01/67 | 109,448    |
|            |   |        |          | 15,511,266 |

**Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities 0.3%**

|         |  |       |          |         |
|---------|--|-------|----------|---------|
|         | Government National Mortgage Association |       |          |         |
| 218,000 | Series 2013-57, Class D (h)              | 2.35% | 06/01/46 | 186,477 |

**Pass-through Security 9.0%**

|         |                                  |       |          |         |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|
|         | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. |       |          |         |
| 896,519 | Gold Pool                        | 3.00% | 08/01/46 | 880,282 |
| 433,825 | Pool A94738.                     | 4.50% | 11/01/40 | 457,301 |
| 544,097 | Pool K36017                      | 5.00% | 09/01/47 | 572,902 |

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**First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMF)**

**Portfolio of Investments (Continued)**

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| Principal Value  | Description             | Stated Coupon | Stated Maturity | Value        |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES</b>       |                         |               |                 |              |
| <b>(Continued)</b>   |                         |               |                 |              |
| <b>Pass-through Security (Continued)</b>                       |                         |               |                 |              |
| Federal National Mortgage Association                          |                         |               |                 |              |
| \$ 19,711  | Pool 535919             | 6.50%         | 05/01/21        | \$ 21,845    |
| 991,967  | Pool 831145             | 6.00%         | 12/01/35        | 1,120,780    |
| 949,223  | Pool 843971             | 6.00%         | 11/01/35        | 1,076,381    |
| 862,117  | Pool AS9194             | 4.50%         | 12/01/44        | 914,612      |
| 809,055  | Pool AT2720             | 3.00%         | 05/01/43        | 797,695      |
|  |                         |               |                 | 5,841,798    |
| <b>Total U.S. Government Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities</b> |                         |               |                 | 21,539,541   |
| (Cost \$23,054,088)  |                         |               |                 |              |
| <b>ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 1.5%</b>                            |                         |               |                 |              |
| Green Tree Financial Corp.                                     |                         |               |                 |              |
| 2,174  | Series 1997-3, Class A6 | 7.32%         | 03/15/28        | 2,186        |
| 90,647   | Series 1998-4, Class A7 | 6.87%         | 04/01/30        | 97,147       |
| Mid-State Capital Corp. Trust                                  |                         |               |                 |              |
| 413,173  | Series 2004-1, Class M1 | 6.50%         | 08/01/37        | 450,421      |
| 424,337  | Series 2005-1, Class A  | 5.75%         | 01/01/40        | 461,450      |
| <b>Total Asset-Backed Securities</b>                           |                         |               |                 | 1,011,204    |
| (Cost \$975,682)   |                         |               |                 |              |
| <b>Total Investments 90.8%</b>                                 |                         |               |                 | 58,774,371   |
| (Cost \$60,050,036) (i)  |                         |               |                 |              |
| <b>Net Other Assets and Liabilities 9.2%</b>                   |                         |               |                 | 5,943,056    |
| <b>Net Assets 100.0%</b>                                       |                         |               |                 | \$64,717,427 |

Futures Contracts (See Note 2D - Futures Contracts in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

| Futures Contracts           | Position | Number of Contracts | Expiration Date | Notional Value | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)/ Value |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| U.S. Treasury 10-Year Notes | Long     | 4                   | Mar 2018        | \$ 486,312     | \$ (7,437)                                    |
| U.S. Treasury 5-Year Notes  | Short    | 1                   | Mar 2018        | (114,712)      | 867   |

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|                                   |      |   |          |              |             |
|-----------------------------------|------|---|----------|--------------|-------------|
| U.S. Treasury Long Bond Futures   | Long | 6 | Mar 2018 | 886,875      | (14,094)    |
| U.S. Treasury Ultra 10-Year Notes | Long | 1 | Mar 2018 | 130,203      | (3,242)     |
| Total Futures Contracts           |      |   |          | \$ 1,388,678 | \$ (23,906) |

- (a) Floating or variable rate security.
- (b) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be liquid by First Trust Advisors L.P. ("Advisor"). Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. At January 31, 2018, securities noted as such amounted to \$5,979,627 or 9.2% of net assets.
- (c) Collateral Strip Rate security. Interest is based on the weighted net interest rate of the investments underlying collateral. The interest rate resets periodically.
- (d) Step-up security. A security where the coupon increases or steps up at a predetermined date. Interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at January 31, 2018.
- (e) Inverse floating rate instrument.
- (f) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers (see Note 2C - Restricted Securities in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments).
- (g) Zero coupon security.

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## First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMF)

### Portfolio of Investments (Continued)

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- (h) Weighted Average Coupon security. Coupon is based on the blended interest rate of the underlying holdings, which may have different coupons. The coupon may change in any period.
- (i) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of January 31, 2018, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$1,804,946 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$3,104,517. The net unrealized depreciation was \$1,299,571. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts.

IO Interest-Only Security - Principal amount shown represents par value on which interest payments are based.  
 LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate  
 STRIP Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities

### Valuation Inputs

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

**ASSETS TABLE**

|   | <b>Total<br/>Value at<br/>1/31/2018</b> | <b>Level 1<br/>Quoted<br/>Prices</b> | <b>Level 2<br/>Significant<br/>Observable<br/>Inputs</b> | <b>Level 3<br/>Significant<br/>Unobservable<br/>Inputs</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mortgage-Backed Securities                        | \$36,223,626                            | \$                                   | \$36,223,626   | \$   |
| U.S. Government Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities | 21,539,541                              |                                      | 21,539,541   |  |
| Asset-Backed Securities                           | 1,011,204                               |                                      | 1,011,204  |  |
| Total Investments                                 | 58,774,371                              |                                      | 58,774,371   |  |
| Futures   | 867                                     | 867                                  |  |  |
| Total   | \$58,775,238                            | \$867                                | \$58,774,371   | \$   |

**LIABILITIES TABLE**

|         | <b>Total<br/>Value at<br/>1/31/2018</b> | <b>Level 1<br/>Quoted<br/>Prices</b> | <b>Level 2<br/>Significant<br/>Observable<br/>Inputs</b> | <b>Level 3<br/>Significant<br/>Unobservable<br/>Inputs</b> |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Futures | \$ (24,773)                             | \$ (24,773)                          | \$   | \$   |

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

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**Notes to Portfolio of Investments**

**First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMY)**

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**1. Organization**

First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on February 22, 2005, and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund trades under the ticker symbol FMY on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

The Fund is considered an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, Financial Services-Investment

Companies.

## 2. Valuation and Investment Practices

### A. Portfolio Valuation

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

The Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value. Market value prices represent last sale or official closing prices from a national or foreign exchange (i.e., a regulated market) and are primarily obtained from third-party pricing services. Fair value prices represent any prices not considered market value prices and are either obtained from a third-party pricing service or are determined by the Pricing Committee of the Fund's investment advisor, First Trust Advisors L.P. ( First Trust or the Advisor ), in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with provisions of the 1940 Act. Investments valued by the Advisor's Pricing Committee, if any, are footnoted as such in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. The Fund's investments are valued as follows:

U.S. government securities, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and other debt securities are fair valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by a third-party pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which may use the following valuation inputs when available:

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

Exchange-traded futures contracts are valued at the closing price in the market where such contracts are principally traded. If no closing price is available, exchange-traded futures contracts are fair valued at the mean of their most recent bid and asked price, if available, and otherwise at their closing bid price.

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

- 1) the credit conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 2) the liquidity conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 3)

the interest rate conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto (such as significant changes in interest rates);

4) issuer-specific conditions (such as significant credit deterioration); and

5) any other market-based data the Advisor's Pricing Committee considers relevant. In this regard, the Advisor's Pricing Committee may use last-obtained market-based data to assist it when valuing portfolio securities using amortized cost.

Certain securities may not be able to be priced by pre-established pricing methods. Such securities may be valued by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its delegate, the Advisor's Pricing Committee, at fair value. These securities generally include, but are not limited to,

## Notes to Portfolio of Investments (Continued)

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restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act")) for which a third-party pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market or fair value price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of the Fund's NAV or make it difficult or impossible to obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the third-party pricing service, does not reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the current fair value of a security would appear to be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. When fair value prices are used, generally they will differ from market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchanges. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) the fundamental business data relating to the issuer;
- 2) an evaluation of the forces which influence the market in which these securities are purchased and sold;
- 3) the type, size and cost of security;
- 4) the financial statements of the issuer;
- 5) the credit quality and cash flow of the issuer, based on the Advisor's or external analysis;
- 6) the information as to any transactions in or offers for the security;
- 7) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities (or equity securities) of the issuer/borrower, or comparable companies;
- 8) the coupon payments;
- 9) the quality, value and salability of collateral, if any, securing the security;
- 10) the business prospects of the issuer, including any ability to obtain money or resources from a parent or affiliate and an assessment of the issuer's management;
- 11) the prospects for the issuer's industry, and multiples (of earnings and/or cash flows) being paid for similar businesses in that industry; and
- 12) other relevant factors.

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



**Level 1** Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. An active market is a market in which transactions for the investment occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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

- Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where there are few transactions for the investment, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the investment (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

**Level 3** Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the investment.

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2018, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### ***B. Securities Transactions***

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

The Fund invests in interest-only securities. For these securities, if there is a change in the estimated cash flows, based on an evaluation of current information, then the estimated yield is adjusted. Additionally, if the evaluation of current information indicates a

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

### **First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMY)**

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permanent impairment of the security, the cost basis of the security is written down and a loss is recognized. Debt obligations may be placed on non-accrual status and the related interest income may be reduced by ceasing current accruals and writing off interest receivables when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful based on consistently applied procedures. A debt obligation is removed from non-accrual status when the issuer resumes interest payments or when collectability of interest is reasonably assured.

Securities purchased or sold 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 January 31, 2018, the Fund had no when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments.

### ***C. Restricted Securities***

The Fund invests in restricted securities, which are securities that may not be offered for public sale without first being registered under the 1933 Act. Prior to registration, restricted securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, normally to qualified institutional buyers. As of January 31, 2018, the Fund held restricted securities as shown in the following table that the Advisor has deemed illiquid pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security-specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. The Fund does not have the right to demand that such securities be registered. These securities are valued according to the valuation procedures as stated in the Portfolio Valuation note (Note 2A) and are not expressed as a discount to the carrying value of a comparable unrestricted security. There are no unrestricted securities with the same maturity dates and yields for these issuers.

| <b>Security</b>   | <b>Acquisition Date</b> | <b>Principal Value</b> | <b>Current Price</b> | <b>Carrying Cost</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>% of Net Assets</b> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Waldorf Astoria Boca Raton Trust, Series 2016-BOCA, Class E | 7/12/16                 | \$ 1,000,000           | \$ 100.41            | \$ 1,000,000         | \$ 1,004,067 | 1.55%                  |

### ***D. Futures Contracts***

The Fund may purchase or sell (i.e., is long or short) exchange-listed futures contracts to hedge against changes in interest rates (interest rate risk). Futures contracts are agreements between the Fund and a counterparty to buy or sell a specific quantity of an underlying instrument at a specified price and at a specified date. Depending on the terms of the contract, futures contracts are settled either through physical delivery of the underlying instrument on the settlement date or by payment of a cash settlement amount on the settlement date. Open futures contracts can also be closed out prior to settlement by entering into an offsetting transaction in a matching futures contract. If the Fund is not able to enter into an offsetting transaction, the Fund will continue to be required to maintain margin deposits on the futures contract. When the contract is closed or expires, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed or expired.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund must deposit funds, called margin, with its custodian in the name of the clearing broker equal to a specified percentage of the current value of the contract. Open futures contracts are marked to market daily. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin.

If market conditions change unexpectedly, the Fund may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contract and may realize a loss. The use of futures contracts involves the risk of imperfect correlation in movements in the price of the futures contracts, interest rates and the underlying instruments.

### ***E. Inverse Floating-Rate Securities***

An inverse floating-rate security is one where the coupon is inversely indexed to a short-term floating interest rate multiplied by a specific factor. As the floating rate rises, the coupon is reduced. Conversely, as the floating rate declines, the coupon is increased. The price of these securities may be more volatile than the price of a comparable fixed-rate security. These instruments are typically used to enhance the yield of the portfolio and have the effect of creating leverage. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

#### ***F. Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities***

Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities are created by segregating the cash flows from underlying mortgage loans or mortgage securities to create two or more new securities, each with a specified percentage of the underlying security's principal or interest payments.

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

#### **First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (FMF)**

**January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Mortgage securities may be partially stripped so that each investor class receives some interest and some principal. When securities are completely stripped, however, all of the interest is distributed to holders of one type of security known as an interest-only security ( IO Security ) and all of the principal is distributed to holders of another type of security known as a principal-only security. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

#### ***G. Interest-Only Securities***

An IO Security is the interest-only portion of a mortgage-backed security that receives some or all of the interest portion of the underlying mortgage-backed security and little or no principal. A reference principal value called a notional value is used to calculate the amount of interest due to the IO Security. IO Securities are sold at a deep discount to their notional principal amount. Generally speaking, when interest rates are falling and prepayment rates are increasing, the value of an IO Security will fall. Conversely, when interest rates are rising and prepayment rates are decreasing, generally the value of an IO Security will rise. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

### **3. Derivative Transactions**

During the fiscal year-to-date period (November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018), the amount of notional values of futures contracts opened and closed were \$3,644,445 and \$4,003,798, respectively.

**Item 2. Controls and Procedures.**

The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 (a) days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have (b) materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

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

## SIGNATURES

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

(registrant) First Trust Mortgage Income Fund

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

Date March 29, 2018

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

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

Date March 29, 2018

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

Date March 29, 2018

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