

FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |   |   |   |
|---|---------|----------|---|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                          |   |
| Â CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC    |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)  | FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND [FGB] |   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 08/01/2008  |   |   |
| 349 MARSHALL AVENUE, SUITE 302            |         |          | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | (Check all applicable)  |   |   |
| ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63119                     |         |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>Investment Sub-Adviser |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |   |   |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares                      | 0  | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|

| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |                        |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                  |
| CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC<br>349 MARSHALL AVENUE, SUITE 302<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63119 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Investment Sub-Adviser |

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph J. Hanzlik by Kristi A. Maher, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a Power of Attorney

08/06/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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