

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANSEN BRIAN N (Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2008 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND [FGB] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
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CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC, 349 MARSHALL AVENUE, SUITE 302
 (Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63119
 (City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Officer-Investment Sub-Adviser

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares | 4,000 | D | ^ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (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 (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
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| | | Title | | | |

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Officer-Investment
 Sub-Adviser

Signatures

/s/ Brian N. Hansen 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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