

FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Form N-Q

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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 811-22039

First Trust/Gallatin Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300
Lisle, IL 60532

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300
Lisle, IL 60532

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 630-241-4141

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2007

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

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The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION (a)

COMMON STOCKS - 102.8%	
CAPITAL MARKETS - 60.1%	
535,660	Allied Capital Corp.
382,326	American Capital Strategies, Ltd.
846,706	Apollo Investment Corp.
613,893	Ares Capital Corp.
546,150	BlackRock Kelso Capital Corp.
400,000	Gladstone Capital Corp.
100,000	Gladstone Investment Corp.
2,500	GSC Investment Corp.
506,205	Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.
24,618	Highland Distressed Opportunities, Inc.
460,030	Kohlberg Capital Corp.
472,000	MCG Capital Corp.
680,000	MVC Capital, Inc.
432,000	Patriot Capital Funding, Inc.
540,947	PennantPark Investment Corp.
306,152	Prospect Energy Corp.
463,785	Technology Investment Capital Corp.
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 3.4%	
85,211	Financial Federal Corp.
446,000	Medallion Financial Corp.
OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 2.7%	
371,737	NGP Capital Resources Co.
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS) - 36.6%	
350,000	Annaly Capital Management, Inc.
300,000	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.
124,799	Capital Trust, Inc. - Class A
778,154	CapitalSource, Inc.
640,000	Gramercy Capital Corp.
400,000	iStar Financial, Inc.
947,065	NorthStar Realty Finance Corp.
200,000	RAIT Financial Trust
250,000	Redwood Trust, Inc.
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
(Cost \$264,956,285)	

CANADIAN INCOME TRUSTS - 9.5%

100	ARC Energy Trust
364,100	Enerplus Resources Fund
200,000	Penn West Energy Trust
100	Progress Energy Trust
	TOTAL CANADIAN INCOME TRUSTS
	(Cost \$23,467,869)

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FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

	DESCRIPTION (a)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 112.3%
(Cost \$288,424,154) (b)	
LOAN OUTSTANDING - (13.5)%
NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 1.2%
NET ASSETS - 100.0%

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- (a) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
 - (b) Aggregate cost for federal income tax and financial reporting purposes.

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 NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of First Trust/Gallatin Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") is determined daily as of the close of regular session trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for

trading. 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 subtracting the Fund's liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends payable and any borrowings of the Fund) from the Fund's Total Assets (the value of the securities and other investments the Fund holds plus cash or other assets, including interest accrued but not yet received) and dividing the result 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 according to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. A majority of the Fund's assets are valued using market information supplied by third parties. 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, First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") may use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and 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 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 Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices on such day. Securities traded on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price as determined by NASDAQ. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Portfolio securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities traded on the NASDAQ, are valued at the closing bid prices. Short-term investments that mature in less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost.

B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS:

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

2. UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)

As of August 31, 2007, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$345,380 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$39,991,132.

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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/Gallatin Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities

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 October 23, 2007

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 October 23, 2007

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

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

Date October 26, 2007

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