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First Trust/Gallatin Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund Board Approves Gallatin Asset Management, Inc. as New Investment Sub-Advisor

LISLE, IL - (BUSINESS WIRE) - September 24, 2007 - First Trust Advisors L.P. ("FTA") announced today that the Board of Trustees of First Trust/Gallatin Specialty Finance and Financial Opportunities Fund (NYSE: FGB) has voted to approve Gallatin Asset Management, Inc. ("Gallatin") as investment sub-advisor to the Fund following the automatic termination of the Fund's current investment sub-advisory agreement. On May 31, 2007, Wachovia Corp. announced that it had reached an agreement in principle with A.G. Edwards, Inc. under which Wachovia Corp. will acquire A.G. Edwards, Inc. (the "Acquisition"). Gallatin, the Fund's current sub-advisor, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of A.G. Edwards, Inc. The Acquisition is expected to be completed on or about October 1, 2007. The consummation of the Acquisition would be considered an "assignment" under federal securities laws of the current investment sub-advisory agreement between the Fund, Gallatin and First Trust Advisors L.P. This assignment will result in the automatic termination of the Fund's current investment sub-advisory agreement with Gallatin. As such, the Board of Trustees has approved an interim sub-advisory agreement with Gallatin to take effect upon completion of the Acquisition whereby Gallatin would continue to serve as the Fund's sub-advisor for a maximum period of 150 days. A new sub-advisory agreement with Gallatin will be submitted to shareholders of the Fund for approval, which new sub-advisory agreement would take effect upon such

