

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND
Form N-Q
September 29, 2008

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/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300
LISLE, IL 60532
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

W. Scott Jardine, Esq.
First Trust Portfolios L.P.
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: OCTOBER 31

Date of reporting period: JULY 31, 2008

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. ss. 3507.

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.
The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (A)

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

JULY 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL VALUE | DESCRIPTION | COUPON | STATED MATURITY |
|--|---|--------|--------------------|
| U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 66.5% | | | |
| \$ 4,962,493 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) Gold, Pool A38042 | 6.00% | 10/01/35 |
| 7,554,658 | Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Pool 256182 | 6.00% | 03/01/36 |
| 10,339,582 | Pool 256328 (b) | 6.50% | 07/01/36 |
| 7,736,592 | Pool 831145 | 6.00% | 12/01/35 |
| 7,267,457 | Pool 843971 (b) | 6.00% | 11/01/35 |
| 5,388,461 | Pool 872303 (b) | 6.00% | 05/01/36 |
| 8,166,453 | Pool 880203 | 6.00% | 02/01/36 |
| TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES..... | | | |
| (Cost \$51,451,738) | | | |
| U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND NON-AGENCY COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 50.5% | | | |
| Banc of America Mortgage Securities | | | |
| 146,766 | Series 2002-L, Class 1A1 (c) | 7.02% | 12/25/32 |
| 4,305,311 | Series 2007-3, Class 2A3 | 7.00% | 09/25/37 |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. | | | |
| 7,328,234 | Series 2676, Class IK, IO | 5.00% | 02/15/20 |
| 369,236 | Series 2716, Class CI, IO | 5.00% | 05/15/19 |
| 3,673,838 | Series 2737, Class IG, IO | 5.00% | 08/15/27 |
| 310,564 | Series 2747, Class IH, IO | 5.00% | 12/15/13 |
| 12,361,512 | Series 2807, Class SB, IO (d) | 4.99% | 11/15/33 |
| 1,436,256 | Series 2836, Class PI, IO | 5.00% | 09/15/22 |
| 4,739,600 | Series 2870, Class JI, IO | 5.00% | 10/15/27 |
| 792,000 | Series 2888, Class OI, IO | 5.00% | 01/15/27 |
| 1,774,808 | Series 2921, Class IQ, IO | 5.00% | 01/15/29 |
| 1,478,053 | Series 2938, Class PI, IO | 5.00% | 11/15/28 |
| 1,800,594 | Series 2943, Class JI, IO | 5.00% | 01/15/24 |
| 1,016,896 | Series 2961, Class IP, IO | 5.50% | 07/15/28 |
| 6,694,599 | Series 2964, Class IA, IO | 5.50% | 02/15/26 |
| 1,431,302 | Series 3069, Class LI, IO | 5.50% | 08/15/32 |
| 518,557 | Series 3171, Class CS (d) | 24.55% | 06/15/36 |
| 1,199,539 | Series 3195, Class SX (d) | 30.18% | 07/15/36 |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., STRIP | | | |
| 26,102,898 | Series 227, Class IO, IO | 5.00% | 12/01/34 |
| 5,111,915 | Series 231, Class IO, IO | 5.50% | 08/01/35 |
| 9,816,469 | Series 232, Class IO, IO | 5.00% | 08/01/35 |
| 2,768,186 | Series 235, Class IO, IO | 5.50% | 02/01/36 |
| 4,090,204 | Series 240, Class IO, IO | 5.50% | 07/15/36 |
| 4,525,919 | Series 248, Class IO, IO | 5.50% | 07/15/37 |
| Federal National Mortgage Association | | | |
| 3,501,492 | Series 2005-122, Class SN (d) | 18.76% | 01/25/36 |
| 1,506,092 | Series 2005-39, Class BI, IO | 5.00% | 06/25/28 |
| Federal National Mortgage Association, STRIP... | | | |
| 9,881,960 | Series 360, Class 2, IO | 5.00% | 08/01/35 |
| GSR Mortgage Loan Trust | | | |

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

6,648,957 Series 2007-1F, Class 3A10, IO 6.00% 01/25/37

See Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments Page 1

FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (A)-(CONTINUED)
 JULY 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL VALUE | DESCRIPTION | COUPON | STATED MATURITY |
|---|---|--------|--------------------|
| U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND NON-AGENCY COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS -(Continued) | | | |
| \$ 7,203,857 | Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust Series 2006-9, Class 1A32 | 6.00% | 08/25/36 |
| TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND NON-AGENCY COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATION | | | |
| (Cost \$35,319,241) | | | |
| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES - 0.2% | | | |
| | Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates | | |
| 24,205 | Series 2005-12, Class 1A1 (c)..... | 2.61% | 02/25/36 |
| 142,301 | Series 2006-12, Class 2A1 (c)..... | 2.53% | 12/25/36 |
| | HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust | | |
| 1,975 | Series 2006-OPT2, Class 2A1 (c) | 2.54% | 01/25/36 |
| TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES..... | | | |
| (Cost \$168,077) | | | |
| U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIGATIONS - 9.6% | | | |
| 5,000,000 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 1 (c) | 7.50% | 12/27/21 |
| 3,000,000 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (c) | 7.00% | 07/11/22 |
| TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIGATIONS..... | | | |
| (Cost \$7,959,856) | | | |
| SHARES | DESCRIPTION | | |
| PREFERRED SECURITIES - 1.3% | | | |
| 20,000 | Fannie Mae, 8.25% (f)..... | | |
| 40,000 | Freddie Mac, Series Z, 8.38% (f)..... | | |
| TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES..... | | | |
| (Cost \$1,500,000) | | | |

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 128.1%.....
 (Cost \$96,398,912) (e)

Page 2

See Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments

FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (A)-(CONTINUED)
 JULY 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL VALUE | DESCRIPTION |
|--|---|
| REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT - (30.0%) | |
| \$ (23,366,000) | With UBS Securities 2.27% dated 07/31/08, to be repurchased at \$23,367,473 on 08/01/08, collateralized by \$23,296,483 FNMA 6.00%, due 05/01/36, FNMA 6.00%, due 11/01/35 and FNMA 6.50%, due 07/01/36..... (Cost \$23,366,000) |
| | NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 1.9%..... |
| | NET ASSETS - 100.0%..... |

See Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments

Page 3

NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

First Trust/FIDAC Mortgage Income Fund
 July 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of the First Trust/FIDAC Mortgage Income Fund (the "Fund") is determined daily, as of the close of regular 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 dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses, the 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 according

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at market value, which is currently determined using the last reported sale price or, if no sales are reported (as in the case of some securities traded over-the-counter), the last reported bid price, except that certain U.S. government securities are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices. The Fund values mortgage-backed securities and other debt securities not traded in an organized market on the basis of valuations provided by dealers or by an independent pricing service, approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which uses information with respect to transactions in such securities, quotations from dealers, market transactions for comparable securities, various relationships between securities and yield to maturity in determining value. Debt securities having a remaining maturity of less than sixty days when purchased are valued at amortized cost. 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 other investments. Additionally, if events occur after the close of the principal markets 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 other 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.

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.

C. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS:

The Fund utilizes leverage through the use of reverse repurchase agreements. A reverse repurchase agreement, although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, acts as a financing under which the Fund pledges its assets as collateral to secure a short-term loan. Generally the other party to the agreement makes the loan in an amount equal to a percentage of the market value of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund will be required to repay the loan and correspondingly receive back its collateral. While used as collateral, the assets continue to pay principal and interest which are for the benefit of the Fund.

Information for the nine months ended July 31, 2008 :

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Maximum amount outstanding during the period..... | \$26,448,000 |
| Average amount outstanding during the period*..... | \$23,416,493 |
| Average monthly shares outstanding during the period..... | 4,045,236 |
| Average debt per share outstanding during the period..... | \$ 5.79 |

* The average amount outstanding during the period was calculated by adding the borrowings at the end of each day and dividing the sum by the number of days in the nine-month period ended July 31, 2008.

Interest rates ranged from 1.98% to 4.94% during the nine-month period ended July 31, 2008, on borrowings by the Fund under reverse repurchase agreements, which had interest expense that aggregated \$553,162.

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - (CONTINUED)

First Trust/FIDAC Mortgage Income Fund
July 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

D. INVERSE FLOATING-RATE INSTRUMENTS:

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. The investments are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

Page 5

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/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ JAMES A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Edgar Filing: FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND - Form N-Q

Date September 24, 2008

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 September 24, 2008

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ MARK R. BRADLEY

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

Date September 24, 2008

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