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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 811-21727  
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First Trust Mortgage Income Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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First Trust Portfolios L.P.  
120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 630-765-8000  
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Date of fiscal year end: October 31  
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Date of reporting period: July 31, 2015  
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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND (FMY)  
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
 JULY 31, 2015 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	V
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MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 78.4%				
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 57.3%				
\$ 1,190,970	ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust Series 2006-ASAP6, Class A2D (a).....	0.41%	12/25/36	\$
56,651	Banc of America Mortgage Trust Series 2002-L, Class 1A1 (a) (b).....	2.38%	12/01/32	
382,309	Chase Mortgage Finance Trust Series 2007-A1, Class 1A3 (a).....	2.58%	02/01/37	
71,719	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust Series 2007-11T1, Class A37 (b) (c).....	38.88%	05/25/37	
1,015,718	Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass-Through Trust Series 2003-46, Class 2A1 (a).....	2.72%	01/01/34	1
529,027	Series 2006-21, Class A8 .....	5.75%	02/01/37	
884,168	Series 2006-HYB5, Class 3A1A (a).....	2.60%	09/01/36	
407,758	Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp. Series 2004-AR2, Class 1A1 (a) (b).....	3.25%	03/01/34	
1,170,718	Series 2004-AR8, Class 6A1 (a).....	2.42%	09/01/34	1
978,000	Credit Suisse Mortgage Trust Series 10-20R, Class 7A4 (a) (d).....	3.50%	03/01/37	
1,142,898	DSL A Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2004-AR3, Class 2A2A (a).....	0.56%	07/19/44	1
1,110,511	Series 2007-AR1, Class 2A1A (a).....	0.33%	04/19/47	
223,837	GMAC Mortgage Corporation Loan Trust Series 2004-AR1, Class 22A (a).....	2.97%	06/01/34	
332,933	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2005-AR1, Class 4A1 (a).....	2.26%	01/01/35	
711,096	Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2004-6, Class 3A1 (a).....	2.91%	08/01/34	
1,818,356	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust Series 2005-ALT1, Class 4A1 (a).....	3.38%	10/01/35	1
984,355	Series 2006-A2, Class 4A1 (a).....	2.71%	08/01/34	
153,535	Series 2006-A2, Class 5A3 (a).....	2.67%	11/01/33	
971,335	JP Morgan Re-REMIC Series 2009-7, Class 12A1 (d).....	6.25%	01/01/37	1
1,144,524	MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust Series 04-13, Class 3A7 (a).....	2.74%	11/01/34	1
1,128,525	MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust Series 2006-HE5, Class A3 (a).....	0.35%	11/25/36	
232,638	Series 2006-HE5, Class A4 (a) (b).....	0.41%	11/25/36	
1,629,746	Series 2006-NC2, Class A3 (a).....	0.30%	08/25/36	
743,901	Series 2006-NC2, Class A5 (a).....	0.43%	08/25/36	
613,478	Mellon Residential Funding Corp. Mortgage Pass-Through Trust Series 2001-TBC1, Class A1 (a).....	0.89%	11/15/31	
586,314	Series 2002-TBC2, Class A (a).....	1.05%	08/15/32	

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	Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust		
452,375	Series 2004-7AR, Class 2A6 (a).....	2.45%	09/01/34

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PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	V
MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)				
\$	Nomura Resecuritization Trust			
1,242,525	Series 15-6R, Class 2A4 (d).....	7.98%	01/02/37	\$
	Provident Funding Mortgage Loan Trust			
273,576	Series 2005-1, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.50%	05/01/35	
	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc.			
231,735	Series 2006-Q01, Class 2A1 (a).....	0.46%	02/25/46	
	Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC			
1,163,669	Series 2007-BR2, Class A2 (a).....	0.42%	02/25/37	
	Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust			
695,456	Series 2004-2, Class 4A2 (a).....	2.50%	03/01/34	
	Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust			
569,089	Series 2003-4, Class A1 (a).....	0.83%	09/25/43	
471,593	Series 2005-1, Class A3 (a).....	2.23%	04/01/45	
	Towd Point Mortgage Trust			
1,183,329	Series 15-2, Class 2A1 (a) (d).....	3.75%	11/01/57	1
	Wachovia Mortgage Loan Trust, LLC			
504,569	Series 2006-A, Class 3A1 (a).....	2.68%	05/01/36	
	WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates			
784,127	Series 2004-AR1, Class A (a).....	2.44%	03/01/34	
848,742	Series 2004-AR10, Class A1B (a).....	0.61%	07/25/44	
648,878	Series 2004-AR13, Class A1A (a).....	0.91%	11/25/34	
899,300	Series 2005-AR1, Class A1A (a).....	0.51%	01/25/45	
1,257,547	Series 2005-AR11, Class A1A (a).....	0.51%	08/25/45	1
92,450	Series 2005-AR2, Class 2A21 (a).....	0.52%	01/25/45	
1,170,779	Series 2005-AR6, Class 2A1A (a).....	0.42%	04/25/45	1
537,638	Series 2005-AR9, Class A1A (a).....	0.51%	07/25/45	
883,180	Series 2006-AR2, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.32%	03/01/36	
	Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates			
42,439	Series 2007-5, Class A11 (b) (c).....	38.34%	06/25/37	
	Washington Mutual MSC Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates			
612,880	Series 2004-RA1, Class 2A .....	7.00%	03/01/34	
	Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust			
611,941	Series 2003-H, Class A1 (a).....	2.63%	09/01/33	
447,688	Series 2004-A, Class A1 (a).....	2.64%	02/01/34	
1,699,918	Series 2004-R, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.62%	09/01/34	1

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443,979	Series 2004-S, Class A1 (a).....	2.65%	09/01/34
901,512	Series 2004-Y, Class 1A2 (a).....	2.61%	11/01/34
428,378	Series 2005-AR10, Class 2A17 (a).....	2.67%	06/01/35
889,387	Series 2005-AR16, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.68%	08/01/33
432,079	Series 2005-AR3, Class 2A1 (a).....	2.67%	03/01/35
654,208	Series 2005-AR8, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.70%	06/01/35
891,563	Series 2006-AR10, Class 5A2 (a).....	2.74%	07/01/36
315,673	Series 2007-16, Class 1A1 .....	6.00%	12/04/37
438,984	Series 2007-2, Class 1A13 .....	6.00%	03/01/37

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MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)				
Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities				
Trust (Continued)				
\$ 108,218	Series 2007-8, Class 2A2 .....	6.00%	07/01/37	\$
				39
COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 21.1%				
Banc of America Commercial Mortgage Trust				
1,000,000	Series 2006-6, Class AJ .....	5.42%	10/01/45	1
650,000	Series 2007-3, Class AJ, STRIP .....	5.74%	06/01/49	
Bayview Commercial Asset Trust				
702,394	Series 2004-2, Class A (a) (d).....	0.62%	08/25/34	
BXHTL Mortgage Trust				
800,000	Series 2015-JWRZ, Class B (a) (d).....	1.90%	05/15/29	
Carefree Portfolio Trust				
1,250,000	Series 2014-CARE, Class B (a) (d).....	2.04%	11/15/19	1
Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust				
1,525,000	Series 2014-388G, Class B (a) (d).....	1.24%	06/15/33	1
COMM Mortgage Trust				
1,000,000	Series 2014-KYO, Class B (a) (d).....	1.49%	06/11/27	
Commercial Mortgage Trust				
950,000	Series 2005-GG5, Class AM .....	5.28%	04/01/37	
Greenwich Capital Commercial Funding Corp.				
650,000	Series 2007-GG11, Class AJ, STRIP .....	6.25%	12/01/49	
Hyatt Hotel Portfolio Trust				
1,040,000	Series 2015-HYT, Class B (a) (d).....	1.89%	11/15/29	1
LB-UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust				
835,000	Series 2007-C1, Class AM .....	5.46%	02/11/40	
440,000	Series 2007-C2, Class AM .....	5.49%	02/11/40	
Mid-State Capital Corp. Trust				
559,432	Series 2004-1, Class M1 .....	6.50%	08/01/37	

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395,234	Series 2005-1, Class A .....	5.75%	01/01/40
	UBS-Barclays Commercial Mortgage Trust		
15,300,902	Series 2013-C5, Class XA, IO (a) (d)....	1.23%	03/01/46
	VNDO Mortgage Trust		
990,000	Series 2012-6AVE, Class A (d).....	3.00%	11/01/30
	Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust		
650,000	Series 2007-C33, Class AJ, STRIP .....	6.15%	02/01/51

TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES..... 54  
 (Cost \$53,605,528)

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 19.4%

COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 7.9%

	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.		
1,620,258	Series 2807, Class SB, IO (c).....	7.26%	11/15/33
13,874	Series 3195, Class SX (b) (c).....	44.93%	07/15/36

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U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)				
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Continued)				
\$ 69,172	Series 3562, Class KI, IO (b).....	4.50%	11/01/22	\$
1,609,574	Series 3619, Class EI, IO (b).....	4.50%	05/01/24	
1,171,406	Series 3692, Class PS, IO (b) (c).....	6.41%	05/15/38	
3,057,878	Series 3726, Class KI, IO .....	3.50%	04/01/25	
2,220,708	Series 3870, Class WS, IO (c).....	6.41%	06/15/31	
1,467,563	Series 4206, Class IA, IO (b).....	3.00%	03/01/33	
Federal National Mortgage Association				
512,093	Series 2005-122, Class SN (c).....	27.84%	01/25/36	
95,947	Series 2008-50, Class AI, IO (b).....	5.50%	06/01/23	
3,456,703	Series 2010-103, Class ID, IO (b).....	5.00%	09/01/40	
5,574,910	Series 2010-139, Class KI, IO (b).....	1.09%	12/01/40	
357,029	Series 2010-142, Class PS, IO (b) (c)...	5.86%	05/25/40	
800,588	Series 2010-145, Class TI, IO (b).....	3.50%	12/01/20	
1,962,648	Series 2010-40, Class MI, IO (b).....	4.50%	08/01/24	
3,596,452	Series 2012-112, Class BI, IO .....	3.00%	09/01/31	
2,738,707	Series 2012-125, Class MI, IO (b).....	3.50%	11/01/42	
3,788,480	Series 2013-32, Class IG, IO (b).....	3.50%	04/01/33	
Federal National Mortgage Association, STRIP				
2,301,389	Series 406, Class 6, IO (b).....	4.00%	01/01/41	
Government National Mortgage Association				
641,000	Series 2009-65, Class NJ, IO (b).....	5.50%	07/01/39	

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2,461,424	Series 2010-115, Class IQ, IO .....	4.50%	11/01/38
4,594,218	Series 2011-131, Class EI, IO .....	4.50%	08/01/39
353,668	Series 2011-69, Class CI, IO (b).....	5.00%	03/01/36

PASS-THROUGH SECURITIES - 11.5%

Fannie Mae REMICs			
926,416	Series 2005-83, Class LZ .....	5.50%	10/01/35
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.			
1,000,000	Gold Pool .....	3.50%	08/01/45
1,280,210	Pool A94738 (e).....	4.50%	11/01/40
751,679	Pool K36017 (e).....	5.00%	09/01/47
Federal National Mortgage Association			
1,631,048	Pool 831145 (e).....	6.00%	12/01/35
1,621,471	Pool 843971 (e).....	6.00%	11/01/35

TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES.....  
(Cost \$18,878,964)

ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES - 0.2%

Green Tree Financial Corp.			
36,564	Series 1997-2, Class A6 (b).....	7.24%	06/15/28
53,846	Series 1997-3, Class A6 (b).....	7.32%	03/15/28

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PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STATED MATURITY	V
ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
\$ 54,678	Green Tree Financial Corp. (Continued) Series 1997-7, Class A6 (b).....	6.76%	07/15/28	\$
TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES..... (Cost \$152,342)				
TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 98.0%..... (Cost \$72,636,834) (f)				

PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	A
REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS - (8.3%)		
(2,108,000)	With JP Morgan 0.42% dated 06/11/15, to be repurchased at \$2,110,213 on 09/09/15.....	(2
(3,634,000)	With JP Morgan 0.43% dated 07/06/15, to be repurchased at	

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\$3,637,950 on 10/05/15.....	(3)
TOTAL REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS.....	(5)
NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 10.3%.....	7
NET ASSETS - 100.0%.....	\$ 69

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- (a) Floating or variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at July 31, 2015.
  - (b) Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be illiquid by Brookfield Investment Management Inc. ("Brookfield"), the Fund's sub-advisor.
  - (c) Inverse floating rate instrument. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at July 31, 2015.
  - (d) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be liquid by Brookfield. Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. At July 31, 2015, securities noted as such amounted to \$12,404,315, or 17.97% of net assets.
  - (e) This security or a portion of this security is segregated as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements.
  - (f) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of July 31, 2015, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$2,536,368 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$7,478,677.
- IO Interest-Only Security - Principal amount shown represents par value on which interest payments are based.

STRIP Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities

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VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of July 31, 2015

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is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

INVESTMENTS	ASSETS TABLE			
	TOTAL VALUE AT 7/31/2015	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
Mortgage-Backed Securities.....	\$ 54,137,578	\$ --	\$ 54,137,578	\$ --
U.S. Government Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities.....	13,406,155	--	13,406,155	--
Asset-Backed Securities.....	150,792	--	150,792	--
Total Investments.....	\$ 67,694,525	\$ --	\$ 67,694,525	\$ --

	LIABILITIES TABLE			
	TOTAL VALUE AT 7/31/2015	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
Reverse Repurchase Agreements .....	\$ (5,742,000)	\$ --	\$ (5,742,000)	\$ --

All transfers in and out of the Levels during the period are assumed to be transferred on the last day of the period at their current value. There were no transfers between Levels at July 31, 2015.

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### NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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#### 1. ORGANIZATION

First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on February 22, 2005, and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund trades under the ticker symbol FMY on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

The Fund, which is an investment company within the scope of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update 2013-08, follows accounting and reporting guidance under FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, "Financial Services-Investment Companies."

#### 2. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES



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### A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of the Fund is determined daily, as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. If the NYSE closes early on a valuation day, the NAV is determined as of that time. 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, 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. Market value prices represent last sale or official closing prices from a national or foreign exchange (i.e., a regulated market) and are primarily obtained from third-party pricing services. Fair value prices represent any prices not considered market value prices and are either obtained from a third-party pricing service or are determined by the Pricing Committee of the Fund's investment advisor, First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor"), in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with provisions of the 1940 Act. Investments valued by the Advisor's Pricing Committee, if any, are footnoted as such in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. The Fund's investments are valued as follows:

U.S. government securities, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and other debt securities are fair valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by an independent pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which may use the following valuation inputs when available:

- 1) benchmark yields;
- 2) reported trades;
- 3) broker/dealer quotes;
- 4) issuer spreads;
- 5) benchmark securities;
- 6) bids and offers; and
- 7) reference data including market research publications.

Fixed income and other debt securities having a remaining maturity of sixty days or less when purchased are fair valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts (amortized cost), provided the Advisor's Pricing Committee has determined that the use of amortized cost is an appropriate reflection of fair value given market and issuer-specific conditions existing at the time of the determination. Factors that may be considered in determining the appropriateness of the use of amortized cost include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) the credit conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 2) the liquidity conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 3) the interest rate conditions in the relevant market and

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- changes thereto (such as significant changes in interest rates);
- 4) issuer-specific conditions (such as significant credit deterioration); and
  - 5) any other market-based data the Advisor's Pricing Committee considers relevant. In this regard, the Advisor's Pricing Committee may use last-obtained market-based data to assist it when valuing portfolio securities using amortized cost.

Certain securities may not be able to be priced by pre-established pricing methods. Such securities may be valued by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its delegate, the Advisor's Pricing Committee, at fair value. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) for which a pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market or fair value price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of the Fund's NAV or make it difficult or impossible to

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obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the pricing service, does not reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the current fair value of a security would appear to be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. When fair value prices are used, generally they will differ from market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchanges. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) the fundamental business data relating to the issuer;
- 2) an evaluation of the forces which influence the market in which these securities are purchased and sold;
- 3) the type, size and cost of security;
- 4) the financial statements of the issuer;
- 5) the credit quality and cash flow of the issuer, based on the Sub-Advisor's or external analysis;
- 6) the information as to any transactions in or offers for the security;
- 7) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities (or equity securities) of the issuer/borrower, or comparable companies;
- 8) the coupon payments;

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- 9) the quality, value and salability of collateral, if any, securing the security;
- 10) the business prospects of the issuer, including any ability to obtain money or resources from a parent or affiliate and an assessment of the issuer's management;
- 11) the prospects for the issuer's industry, and multiples (of earnings and/or cash flows) being paid for similar businesses in that industry; and
- 12) other relevant factors.

The Fund is subject to fair value accounting standards that define fair value, establish the framework for measuring fair value and provide a three-level hierarchy for fair valuation based upon the inputs to the valuation as of the measurement date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- o Level 1 - Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. An active market is a market in which transactions for the investment occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- o Level 2 - Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, and include the following:
  - o Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets.
  - o Quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where there are few transactions for the investment, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.
  - o Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the investment (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).
  - o Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- o Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the investment.

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of July 31, 2015, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME

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

The Fund invests in interest-only securities. For these securities, if there is

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a change in the estimated cash flows, based on an evaluation of current information, then the estimated yield is adjusted. Additionally, if the evaluation of current information indicates a permanent impairment of the security, the cost basis of the security is written down and a loss is recognized. Debt obligations may be placed on non-accrual status and the related interest income may be reduced by ceasing current accruals and writing off interest receivables when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful based on consistently applied procedures. A debt obligation is removed from non-accrual status when the issuer resumes interest payments or when collectability of interest is reasonably assured.

Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitment basis may have extended settlement periods. The value of the security so purchased is subject to market fluctuations during this period. The Fund maintains liquid assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments until payment is made. At July 31, 2015, the Fund had no when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments.

### NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### C. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Reverse repurchase agreements were utilized as leverage for the Fund. A reverse repurchase agreement, although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, acts as financing under which Fund assets are pledged 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 loan will be repaid and the collateral will correspondingly be received back by the Fund. While used as collateral, the assets continue to pay principal and interest which are for the benefit of the Fund.

Information for the fiscal year-to-date period (November 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015) was as follows:

Maximum amount outstanding during the period.....	\$8,471,000
Average amount outstanding during the period*.....	\$7,369,040
Average Common Shares outstanding during the period.....	4,213,115
Average debt per Common Share outstanding during the period....	\$1.75

\* 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 fiscal year-to-date period ended July 31, 2015.

During the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 31, 2015, the interest rates ranged from 0.34% to 1.06%, with a weighted average interest rate of 0.46%, on borrowings by the Fund under reverse repurchase agreements, which had interest expense that aggregated \$25,623.

#### D. INVERSE FLOATING-RATE SECURITIES

An inverse floating-rate security is one where the coupon is inversely indexed

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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. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

### E. STRIPPED MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities are created by segregating the cash flows from underlying mortgage loans or mortgage securities to create two or more new securities, each with a specified percentage of the underlying security's principal or interest payments. Mortgage securities may be partially stripped so that each investor class receives some interest and some principal. When securities are completely stripped, however, all of the interest is distributed to holders of one type of security known as an interest-only security ("IO Security") and all of the principal is distributed to holders of another type of security known as a principal-only security. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

### F. INTEREST-ONLY SECURITIES

An IO Security is the interest-only portion of a mortgage-backed security that receives some or all of the interest portion of the underlying mortgage-backed security and little or no principal. A reference principal value called a notional value is used to calculate the amount of interest due to the IO Security. IO Securities are sold at a deep discount to their notional principal amount. Generally speaking, when interest rates are falling and prepayment rates are increasing, the value of an IO Security will fall. Conversely, when interest rates are rising and prepayment rates are decreasing, generally the value of an IO Security will rise. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

## 3. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has approved certain changes to the Fund's investment strategy that will be implemented on or around October 5, 2015, as described below.

### CURRENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund may invest up to 25% of its managed assets in securities that at the time of investment are rated below "A" (at or below the investment grade ratings of "Baa," "BBB," and "BBB" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch")), each a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"), or were unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by Brookfield Investment Management Inc. ("Brookfield"), the Fund's investment sub-advisor.

### NEW INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund may invest up to 35% of its managed assets in securities that at the time of investment are rated below "BBB-" or the equivalent (i.e. below investment grade rating) by NRSROs such as Moody's, S&P, Fitch, DBRS, Inc., Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc., or Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC, or were unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by Brookfield.

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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 Mortgage Income Fund  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Mark R. Bradley  
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Mark R. Bradley, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: September 22, 2015  
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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/ Mark R. Bradley  
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Mark R. Bradley, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: September 22, 2015  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ James M. Dykas  
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James M. Dykas, Treasurer,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date: September 22, 2015  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.