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FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OF SECURITIES
OF UNIT INVESTMENT TRUSTS REGISTERED ON FORM N-8B-2

A. Exact name of trust:

FT 3955

B. Name of depositor:

FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.

C. Complete address of depositor's principal executive offices:

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E. Title of Securities Being Registered:

An indefinite number of Units pursuant to Rule 24f-2
promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as
amended

F. Approximate date of proposed sale to public:

As soon as practicable after the effective date of the
Registration Statement.

Check box if it is proposed that this filing will become
effective on January 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. pursuant to Rule 487.

Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3

FT 3955

FT 3955 is a series of a unit investment trust, the FT Series. FT 3955 consists of a single portfolio known as Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3 (the "Trust"). The Trust invests in a portfolio of common stocks ("Common Stocks") and U.S. Treasury securities ("Treasury Obligations"). The Common Stocks will be subject to Long Term Equity Anticipation Securities ("LEAPS(R)" or "Covered Call Options") which give the option holder the right to buy the Common Stocks from the Trust at a predetermined price on any business day prior to the LEAPS'(R) expiration date, which means you give up any increase in the Common Stock above that price. Collectively, the Common Stocks and Treasury Obligations are referred to as the "Securities." The Trust seeks income with capital appreciation as a secondary objective.

THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION HAS NOT APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

FIRST TRUST (R)

1-800-621-1675

The date of this prospectus is January 9, 2013

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Summary of Essential Information

Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3
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At the Opening of Business on the Initial Date of Deposit-January 9, 2013

Sponsor: First Trust Portfolios L.P.
Trustee: The Bank of New York Mellon
FTPS Unit Servicing Agent: FTP Services LLC
Evaluator: First Trust Advisors L.P.

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Initial Number of Units (1)	161,970
Fractional Undivided Interest in the Trust per Unit (1)	1/161,970
Public Offering Price:	
Public Offering Price per Unit (2)	\$ 10.000
Less Initial Sales Charge per Unit (3)	(.100)
Aggregate Offering Price Evaluation of Securities per Unit (4)	9.900
Less Deferred Sales Charge per Unit (3)	(.245)
Redemption Price per Unit (5)	9.655
Less Creation and Development Fee per Unit (3) (5)	(.050)
Less Organization Costs per Unit (5)	(.031)
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 9.574
Estimated Net Annual Distribution from the Common Stocks per Unit (6)	\$.1422
Cash CUSIP Number	30281C 654
Fee Accounts Cash CUSIP Number	30281C 662
FTPS CUSIP Number	30281C 670
Pricing Line Product Code	082416
Ticker Symbol	FPYLJX

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First Settlement Date	January 14, 2013
Mandatory Termination Date (7)	January 22, 2015
Income Distribution Record Date	Tenth day of each June and December, commencing June 10, 2013.
Income Distribution Date (6)	Twenty-fifth day of each June and December, commencing June 25, 2013.

<FN>

(1) As of the Evaluation Time on the Initial Date of Deposit, we may

adjust the number of Units of the Trust so that the Public Offering Price per Unit will equal approximately \$10.00. If we make such an adjustment, the fractional undivided interest per Unit will vary from the amount indicated above.

(2) The Public Offering Price shown above reflects the value of the Securities on the business day prior to the Initial Date of Deposit. No investor will purchase Units at this price. The price you pay for your Units will be based on their valuation at the Evaluation Time on the date you purchase your Units. On the Initial Date of Deposit, the Public Offering Price per Unit will not include any accumulated dividends on the Common Stocks or accrued interest on the Treasury Obligations. After this date, a pro rata share of any accumulated dividends on the Common Stocks and accrued interest on the Treasury Obligations will be included. In calculating the price of a Unit, the value of the Common Stocks is reduced by the value of the LEAPS(R).

(3) You will pay a maximum sales charge of 3.95% of the Public Offering Price per Unit (equivalent to 3.99% of the net amount invested) which consists of an initial sales charge, a deferred sales charge and a creation and development fee. The sales charges are described in the "Fee Table."

(4) Each listed Common Stock is valued at its last closing sale price. Each Treasury Obligation is valued at its last offering price. If a Common Stock is not listed, or if no closing sale price exists, it is valued at its closing ask price. LEAPS(R) are valued at their last closing sale price, or if no closing sale price exists, at their closing bid price. The value of the LEAPS(R) is then netted against the value of the Common Stocks. Evaluations for purposes of determining the purchase, sale or redemption price of Units are made as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day on which it is open (the "Evaluation Time").

(5) The creation and development fee and the estimated organization costs per Unit will be deducted from the assets of the Trust at the end of the initial offering period. If Units are redeemed prior to any such reduction, these fees will not be deducted from the redemption proceeds. See "Redeeming Your Units."

(6) The estimated net annual distribution per Unit for subsequent years, \$.1415, is expected to be less than the amount for the first year because a portion of the Securities included in the Trust will be sold during the first year to pay for organization costs, the deferred sales charge and the creation and development fee. We base our estimate of the dividends the Trust will receive from the Common Stocks by annualizing the most recent dividends declared by the issuers of the Common Stocks (such figure adjusted to reflect any change in dividend policy announced subsequent to the most recently declared dividend). There is no guarantee that the issuers of the Common Stocks will declare dividends in the future or that if declared they will either remain at current levels or increase over time. In addition, the actual net annual distributions will be reduced if the Common Stocks are sold pursuant to the LEAPS(R) prior to the Trust's termination and as Treasury Obligations mature. Due to this, and various other factors, actual dividends received from the Common Stocks may be less than their most recent annualized dividends. In this case, the actual net annual distribution you receive will be less than the estimated amount set forth above. The actual net annual distribution per Unit you receive will also vary from that set forth above with changes in the Trust's fees and expenses and with the sale of Securities. See "Fee Table" and "Expenses and Charges." The Trustee will distribute money from the Income and/or Capital Accounts, as determined at the semi-annual Record Date, semi-annually on the twenty-fifth day of each June and December to Unit holders of record on the tenth day of such month if the amount available for distribution equals at least \$1.00 per 100 Units. However, the Trustee will make distributions from the Capital Account prior to a semi-annual distribution date in certain circumstances as described in "Income and Capital Distributions." In any case, the Trustee will distribute any funds in the Capital Account in December of each year and as part of the final liquidation distribution. See "Income and Capital Distributions." Upon termination of the Trust, amounts in the Income Account (which consist of dividends or interest on the Securities) will be included in amounts distributed to Unit holders.

(7) See "Amending or Terminating the Indenture."

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Fee Table

This Fee Table describes the fees and expenses that you may, directly or indirectly, pay if you buy and hold Units of the Trust. See "Public Offering" and "Expenses and Charges." Although the Trust has a term of approximately two years and is a unit investment trust rather than a mutual fund, this information allows you to compare fees.

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	<C>	Amount per Unit
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Unit Holder Sales Fees (as a percentage of public offering price)		
Maximum Sales Charge		
Initial sales charge	1.00% (a)	\$.100
Deferred sales charge	2.45% (b)	\$.245
Creation and development fee	0.50% (c)	\$.050
	<u>3.95%</u>	<u>\$.395</u>
	=====	=====
Organization Costs (as a percentage of public offering price)		
Estimated organization costs	.310% (d)	\$.0310
	=====	=====
Estimated Annual Trust Operating Expenses (e) (as a percentage of average net assets)		
Portfolio supervision, bookkeeping, administrative, evaluation and FTFS Unit servicing fees	.081%	\$.0080
Trustee's fee and other operating expenses	.139% (f)	\$.0138
	<u>.220%</u>	<u>\$.0218</u>
	=====	=====
Total		

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Trust with the cost of investing in other investment products. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Trust for the periods shown. The example also assumes a 5% return on your investment each year and that the Trust's operating expenses stay the same. The example does not take into consideration transaction fees which may be charged by certain broker/dealers for processing redemption requests. Although your actual costs may vary, based on these assumptions your costs, assuming you sell or redeem your Units at the end of each period, would be:

1 Year	2 Years
<u>\$448</u>	<u>\$470</u>

The example will not differ if you hold rather than sell your Units at the end of each period.

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(a) The combination of the initial and deferred sales charge comprises what we refer to as the "transactional sales charge." The initial sales charge is actually equal to the difference between the maximum sales charge of 3.95% and the sum of any remaining deferred sales charge and creation and development fee.

(b) The deferred sales charge is a fixed dollar amount equal to \$.245 per Unit which, as a percentage of the Public Offering Price, will vary over time. The deferred sales charge will be deducted in three monthly installments commencing February 20, 2013.

(c) The creation and development fee compensates the Sponsor for creating and developing the Trust. The creation and development fee is a charge of \$.050 per Unit collected at the end of the initial offering period, which is expected to be within approximately one month after the Initial Date of Deposit. If the price you pay for your Units exceeds \$10 per Unit, the creation and development fee will be less than 0.50%; if the price you pay for your Units is less than \$10 per Unit, the creation and development fee will exceed 0.50%.

(d) Estimated organization costs will be deducted from the assets of the Trust at the end of the initial offering period. Estimated organization costs are assessed on a fixed dollar amount per Unit basis which, as a percentage of average net assets, will vary over time.

(e) Each of the fees listed herein is assessed on a fixed dollar amount

per Unit basis which, as a percentage of average net assets, will vary over time.

(f) Other operating expenses for the Trust do not include brokerage costs and other portfolio transaction fees for the Trust. In certain circumstances the Trust may incur additional expenses not set forth above. See "Expenses and Charges."

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Report of Independent
Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Sponsor, First Trust Portfolios L.P., and Unit Holders
FT 3955

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the schedule of investments, of FT 3955, comprising Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3 (the "Trust"), as of the opening of business on January 9, 2013 (Initial Date of Deposit). This statement of net assets is the responsibility of the Trust's Sponsor. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of net assets based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of net assets is free of material misstatement. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of net assets, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Trust's Sponsor, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement of net assets. Our procedures included confirmation of the irrevocable letter of credit held by The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee, and deposited in the Trust for the purchase of Securities, as shown in the statement of net assets, as of January 9, 2013, by correspondence with the Trustee. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of net assets referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FT 3955, comprising Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3, as of the opening of business on January 9, 2013 (Initial Date of Deposit), in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois
January 9, 2013

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Statement of Net Assets

Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3
FT 3955

At the Opening of Business on the Initial Date of Deposit-January 9, 2013

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NET ASSETS

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Investment in Securities represented by purchase contracts (1) (2)	\$1,694,130
Accrued interest on underlying Treasury Obligations (2) (3)	553
Less liability for call options written-LEAPS(R) (1) (2) (4)	(90,627)
Less distributions payable (3)	(553)
Less liability for reimbursement to Sponsor for organization costs (5)	(5,021)
Less liability for deferred sales charge (6)	(39,683)
Less liability for creation and development fee (7)	(8,098)
Net assets	<u>\$1,550,701</u>
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Units outstanding	161,970
Net asset value per Unit (8)	\$ 9.574

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

Cost to investors (9)	\$1,619,700
Less maximum sales charge (9)	(63,978)
Less estimated reimbursement to Sponsor for organization costs (5)	(5,021)
Net assets	<u>\$1,550,701</u>
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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The Sponsor is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States which require the Sponsor to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported herein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(1) The Trust invests in a portfolio of Common Stocks and U.S. Treasury Obligations with the Common Stocks subject to LEAPS(R). Aggregate cost of the Securities listed under "Schedule of Investments" and the liability for the LEAPS(R) are based on their aggregate underlying value. The Securities and the LEAPS(R) were deposited at prices equal to their market value as determined by the Evaluator. The Trust has a Mandatory Termination Date of January 22, 2015.

(2) An irrevocable letter of credit issued by The Bank of New York Mellon, of which approximately \$2,000,000 will be allocated to the Trust, has been deposited with the Trustee as collateral, covering the monies necessary to satisfy the amounts set forth below:

Aggregate Offering Price of Securities -----	Accrued Interest to Initial Date of Deposit -----	Accrued Interest to Expected Date of Delivery -----
\$1,694,130	\$553	\$4

(3) The Trustee will advance to the Trust the amount of net interest accrued to the First Settlement Date which will be distributed to the Sponsor as Unit holder of record.

(4) The Trust will enter into option contracts which provide the option purchaser with the right, but not the obligation, to buy a security at a predetermined exercise price during a defined period. The option purchaser pays a premium to the option writer for the right to exercise the option. The option writer is obligated to sell the security underlying the contract at a set price, if the option purchaser chooses to exercise the option. As a writer of an option contract, the Trust is not subject to credit risk but is subject to market risk, since the Trust is obligated to make payments under the terms of the option contract if exercised. The Trust uses exchange-traded contracts that have standardized terms and performance mechanics.

(5) A portion of the Public Offering Price consists of an amount sufficient to reimburse the Sponsor for all or a portion of the costs of establishing the Trust. These costs have been estimated at \$.0310 per Unit. A payment will be made at the end of the initial offering period to an account maintained by the Trustee from which the obligation of the investors to the Sponsor will be satisfied. To the extent that actual organization costs of the Trust are greater than the estimated amount, only the estimated organization costs added to the Public Offering Price will be reimbursed to the Sponsor and deducted from the assets of the Trust.

(6) Represents the amount of mandatory deferred sales charge distributions of \$.245 per Unit, payable to the Sponsor in three approximately equal monthly installments beginning on February 20, 2013 and on the twentieth day of each month thereafter (or if such date is not a business day, on the preceding business day) through April 19, 2013. If Unit holders redeem Units before April 19, 2013, they will have to pay the remaining amount of the deferred sales charge applicable to such

Units when they redeem them.

(7) The creation and development fee (\$.050 per Unit) is payable by the Trust on behalf of Unit holders out of assets of the Trust at the end of the initial offering period. If Units are redeemed prior to the close of the initial offering period, the fee will not be deducted from the proceeds.

(8) Net asset value per Unit is calculated by dividing the Trust's net assets by the number of Units outstanding. This figure includes organization costs and the creation and development fee, which will only be assessed to Units outstanding at the end of the initial offering period.

(9) The aggregate cost to investors in the Trust includes a maximum sales charge (comprised of an initial sales charge, a deferred sales charge and the creation and development fee) computed at the rate of 3.95% of the Public Offering Price per Unit (equivalent to 3.99% of the net amount invested, exclusive of the deferred sales charge and the creation and development fee), assuming no reduction of the maximum sales charge as set forth under "Public Offering."

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Schedule of Investments

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COMMON STOCKS (100.11%):

Ticker Symbol and Name of Issuer of Common Stocks (1)	Percentage of Aggregate Offering Price	Number of Shares	Market Value per Share	Cost of Securities to the Trust (3)
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Consumer Discretionary (3.97%):				
MCD McDonald's Corporation	3.97%	700	\$ 90.94	\$ 63,658
Consumer Staples (4.28%):				
WMT Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	4.28%	1,000	68.59	68,590
Energy (8.17%):				
CVX Chevron Corporation	4.09%	600	109.26	65,556
OXY Occidental Petroleum Corporation	4.08%	800	81.72	65,376
Financials (4.25%):				
AFL AFLAC Incorporated	4.25%	1,300	52.44	68,172
Health Care (23.61%):				
AGN Allergan, Inc.	3.70%	600	98.86	59,316
CELG Celgene Corporation *	3.99%	700	91.41	63,987
GILD Gilead Sciences, Inc. *	3.86%	800	77.29	61,832
HUM Humana Inc.	4.12%	1,000	66.01	66,010
MCK McKesson Corporation	3.77%	600	100.79	60,474
UNH UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.17%	1,300	51.40	66,820
Industrials (20.76%):				
BA The Boeing Company	4.16%	900	74.13	66,717
CMI Cummins Inc.	4.16%	600	111.16	66,696
FLR Fluor Corporation	4.11%	1,100	59.98	65,978
ITW Illinois Tool Works Inc.	4.27%	1,100	62.22	68,442
UNP Union Pacific Corporation	4.06%	500	130.18	65,090
Information Technology (27.06%):				
AAPL Apple Inc.	3.27%	100	525.21	52,521
GOOG Google Inc. *	4.57%	100	733.30	73,330
IBM International Business Machines Corporation	3.61%	300	192.87	57,861
MA MasterCard, Inc.	3.23%	100	517.82	51,782
MSFT Microsoft Corporation	4.30%	2,600	26.55	69,030
ORCL Oracle Corporation	4.09%	1,900	34.49	65,531
QCOM QUALCOMM Inc.	3.99%	1,000	63.93	63,930
Materials (8.01%):				
CF CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	3.87%	300	207.01	62,103
FCX Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. (Class B)	4.14%	1,900	34.97	66,443
Total Common Stocks	100.11%			\$1,605,245

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Schedule of Investments (cont'd.)
 Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3
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TREASURY OBLIGATIONS (5.54%):

Name of Issuer and Title of Treasury Obligation (1)	Percentage of Aggregate Offering Price	Par Value	Market Value per Share	Cost of Securities to the Trust (3)
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United States Treasury Note, 0.625%, maturing April 30, 2013	1.37%	\$22,000	N.A.	\$ 22,043
United States Treasury Note, 3.375%, maturing July 31, 2013	1.40%	22,000	N.A.	22,406
United States Treasury Note, 0.5%, maturing October 15, 2013	1.38%	22,000	N.A.	22,063
United States Treasury Note, 1.75%, maturing January 31, 2014	1.39%	22,000	N.A.	22,373
Total Treasury Securities	5.54%			\$ 88,885
Total Investment in Securities	105.65%			\$1,694,130
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LONG TERM EQUITY ANTICIPATION SECURITIES ("LEAPS(R)") (-5.65%) (2):

Description of Call Options (1)	Percentage of Aggregate Offering Price	Number of Contracts (2)	Market Value per Contract Share	Proceeds to the Trust (3)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Consumer Discretionary (-0.07%): McDonald's Corporation (purchase right at \$110.00 per share)	(0.07)%	7	\$ 157.00	\$ (1,099)
Consumer Staples (-0.08%): Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (purchase right at \$85.00 per share)	(0.08)%	10	121.00	(1,210)
Energy (-0.32%): Chevron Corporation (purchase right at \$130.00 per share)	(0.11)%	6	298.00	(1,788)
Occidental Petroleum Corporation (purchase right at \$100.00 per share)	(0.21)%	8	420.00	(3,360)
Financials (-0.15%): AFLAC Incorporated (purchase right at \$65.00 per share)	(0.15)%	13	190.00	(2,470)
Health Care (-1.28%): Allergan, Inc. (purchase right at \$120.00 per share)	(0.09)%	6	250.00	(1,500)
Celgene Corporation (purchase right at \$110.00 per share)	(0.28)%	7	637.00	(4,459)
Gilead Sciences, Inc. (purchase right at \$95.00 per share)	(0.30)%	8	600.00	(4,800)
Humana Inc. (purchase right at \$80.00 per share)	(0.27)%	10	440.00	(4,400)

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LEAPS(R) (cont'd.) (2):

Description of Call Options (1)	Percentage of Aggregate Offering Price	Number of Contracts (2)	Market Value per Contract Share	Proceeds to the Trust (3)
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Health Care (cont'd.):				
McKesson Corporation (purchase right at \$120.00 per share)	(0.14)%	6	\$ 380.00	\$ (2,280)
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (purchase right at \$65.00 per share)	(0.20)%	13	245.00	(3,185)
Industrials (-1.22%):				
The Boeing Company (purchase right at \$90.00 per share)	(0.14)%	9	245.00	(2,205)
Cummins Inc. (purchase right at \$135.00 per share)	(0.37)%	6	980.00	(5,880)
Fluor Corporation (purchase right at \$75.00 per share)	(0.34)%	11	500.00	(5,500)
Illinois Tool Works Inc. (purchase right at \$75.00 per share)	(0.18)%	11	260.00	(2,860)
Union Pacific Corporation (purchase right at \$155.00 per share)	(0.19)%	5	605.00	(3,025)
Information Technology (-1.76%):				
Apple Inc. (purchase right at \$630.00 per share)	(0.36)%	1	5,710.00	(5,710)
Google Inc. (purchase right at \$880.00 per share)	(0.33)%	1	5,290.00	(5,290)
International Business Machines Corporation (purchase right at \$230.00 per share)	(0.11)%	3	595.00	(1,785)
MasterCard, Inc. (purchase right at \$620.00 per share)	(0.22)%	1	3,595.00	(3,595)
Microsoft Corporation (purchase right at \$32.00 per share)	(0.23)%	26	144.00	(3,744)
Oracle Corporation (purchase right at \$42.00 per share)	(0.26)%	19	218.00	(4,142)
QUALCOMM Inc. (purchase right at \$80.00 per share)	(0.25)%	10	395.00	(3,950)
Materials (-0.77%):				
CF Industries Holdings, Inc. (purchase right at \$250.00 per share)	(0.40)%	3	2,135.00	(6,405)
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. (Class B) (purchase right at \$42.00 per share)	(0.37)%	19	315.00	(5,985)
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Total Investment in LEAPS(R)	(5.65)%			\$ (90,627)
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See "Notes to Schedule of Investments" on page 10.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(1) All Securities are represented by regular way contracts to purchase such Securities which are backed by an irrevocable letter of credit deposited with the Trustee. The Sponsor entered into purchase contracts for the Securities on January 9, 2013. Such purchase contracts are expected to settle within three business days.

(2) The LEAPS(R) can be exercised on any business day prior to their expiration on January 17, 2015. Each contract entitles the holder thereof to purchase 100 shares of common stock at the strike price. The LEAPS(R) call options are accounted for at market value, and are not accounted for as hedging instruments. LEAPS(R) call options can be volatile and involve certain risks. The LEAPS(R) call options could result in a reduction of the total return of the Trust.

(3) The cost or proceeds of the Securities to the Trust represents the aggregate underlying value with respect to the Securities acquired (generally determined by the closing sale prices of the listed Securities and the ask prices of over-the-counter traded Securities at the Evaluation Time on the business day prior to the Initial Date of Deposit). The offering side price of the Treasury Obligations is greater than the bid side price of the Treasury Obligations which is the basis on which the Redemption Price per Unit will be determined. The Evaluator valued the LEAPS(R) at their last closing sale price (or closing bid price if there is no closing sale price) at the Evaluation Time on the business day preceding the Initial Date of Deposit. The value of the Securities, based on the bid side price of the Treasury Obligations, the value of the Common Stocks and the value of the LEAPS(R) is \$1,603,503.

The valuation of the Securities has been determined by the Evaluator, an affiliate of the Sponsor. In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820 ("ASC 820"), "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures," fair value is defined as the price that the Trust would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. ASC 820 established a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of the observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of the fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including the technique or pricing model used to measure fair value and the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels: Level 1 which represents quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 which represents fair value based on other significant observable inputs (including the yield or price of equivalent securities of comparable quality, coupon rate, maturity, embedded call features, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data available as of the deposit date); and Level 3 which represents fair value based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Trust's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The Trust's investments in Common Stocks of \$1,605,245 and LEAPS(R) of (\$86,102) are classified as Level 1, which refers to securities traded in an active market. The Trust's investments in Treasury Obligations of \$88,885 and LEAPS(R) of (\$4,525) are classified as Level 2. The valuation on the date of deposit was determined by the Evaluator using offering prices provided by third-party pricing services. The inputs used by these third party pricing services were based upon significant observable inputs that included, but were not limited to, the items noted above. The cost of the Securities to the Sponsor, including accrued interest, and the Sponsor's loss (which is the difference between the cost of the Securities to the Sponsor and the cost of the Securities to the Trust) are \$1,609,096 and \$5,040, respectively.

* This Security represents a non-income producing security.

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The FT Series

The FT Series Defined.

We, First Trust Portfolios L.P. (the "Sponsor"), have created hundreds of similar yet separate series of a unit investment trust which we have named the FT Series. The series to which this prospectus relates, FT 3955, consists of a single portfolio known as Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3.

The Trust was created under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Agreement (the "Indenture") dated the Initial Date of Deposit. This agreement, entered into among First Trust Portfolios L.P., as Sponsor, The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee, FTP Services LLC ("FTPS") as FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and First Trust Advisors L.P. as Portfolio Supervisor and Evaluator, governs the operation of the Trust.

YOU MAY GET MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING THE NATURE, STRUCTURE AND RISKS OF THIS PRODUCT IN AN "INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT" BY CALLING THE SPONSOR AT 1-800-621-1675, EXT. 1.

How We Created the Trust.

On the Initial Date of Deposit, we deposited a portfolio of Treasury Obligations and Common Stocks (which Common Stocks are subject to the LEAPS(R)) (collectively, the "Securities") with the Trustee, and in turn, the Trustee delivered documents to us representing our ownership of the Trust in the form of units ("Units"). Because the Common Stocks held by the Trust are subject to the LEAPS(R), the Common Stocks' upside potential will be limited. The Securities were deposited at prices equal to their market value as determined by the Evaluator, which value has been reduced to reflect the Trust's obligation under the LEAPS(R).

After the Initial Date of Deposit, we may deposit additional Securities

in the Trust, or cash (including a letter of credit or the equivalent) with instructions to buy more Securities, to create new Units for sale. Any additional Common Stocks deposited will be subject to the LEAPS(R) with the same terms as the LEAPS(R) initially deposited. If we create additional Units, we will attempt, to the extent practicable, to maintain the percentage relationship established among the Securities on the Initial Date of Deposit (as set forth under "Schedule of Investments"), adjusted to reflect the sale, redemption or liquidation of any of the Securities or any stock split or a merger or other similar event affecting the issuer of the Securities.

Since the prices of the Securities will fluctuate daily, the ratio of Securities in the Trust, on a market value basis, will also change daily. The portion of Securities represented by each Unit will not change as a result of the deposit of additional Securities or cash in the Trust. If we deposit cash, you and new investors may experience a dilution of your investment. This is because prices of Securities will fluctuate between the time of the cash deposit and the purchase of the Securities, and because the Trust pays the associated brokerage fees. To reduce this dilution, the Trust will try to buy the Securities as close to the Evaluation Time and as close to the evaluation price as possible. In addition, because the Trust pays the brokerage fees associated with the creation of new Units and with the sale of Securities to meet redemption and exchange requests, frequent redemption and exchange activity will likely result in higher brokerage expenses.

An affiliate of the Trustee may receive these brokerage fees or the Trustee may retain and pay us (or our affiliate) to act as agent for the Trust to buy Securities. If we or an affiliate of ours act as agent to the Trust we will be subject to the restrictions under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

We cannot guarantee that the Trust will keep its present size and composition for any length of time. Common Stocks may be called pursuant to the LEAPS(R) prior to the Mandatory Termination Date or Securities may be periodically sold under certain circumstances to satisfy Trust obligations, to meet redemption requests and, as described in "Removing Securities from the Trust," to maintain the sound investment character of the Trust, and the proceeds received by the Trust will be used to meet Trust obligations or distributed to Unit holders, but will not be reinvested. However, Securities will not be sold to take advantage of market fluctuations or changes in anticipated rates of appreciation or depreciation, or if they no longer meet the criteria by which they were selected. You will not be able to dispose of or vote any of the Securities in the Trust. As the holder of the Securities, the Trustee will vote all of the Securities and will do so based on our instructions.

Neither we nor the Trustee will be liable for a failure in any of the Securities. However, if a contract for the purchase of any of the Securities initially deposited in the Trust fails, unless we can purchase substitute Securities ("Replacement Securities") we will refund to you that portion of the purchase price and transactional sales charge resulting from the failed contract on the next Distribution Date. Any Replacement Security the Trust acquires will be identical to those from the failed contract.

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Portfolio

Objectives.

The Trust seeks income with capital appreciation as a secondary objective.

Each Common Stock is subject to a contractual right, in the form of LEAPS(R), which gives the holder of the LEAPS(R) (the "Right Holder") the right to buy the Common Stock at a predetermined price (the "Strike Price") on any business day prior to the expiration of the LEAPS(R). Each LEAPS(R) will be issued by The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") in the form of an American style option, which means that it is exercisable at the Strike Price on any business day prior to its expiration date. The expiration date for each of the LEAPS(R) included in the Trust is January 17, 2015. As of the close of business on the business day preceding the Initial Date of Deposit, the Strike Price of the LEAPS(R) in the Trust is equal to approximately 121.45% of the closing market price on that date of the Common Stocks deposited in the Trust.

You should be aware that a product which includes writing call options may not be suitable for all investors. It may not be appropriate for

investors seeking above-average capital appreciation. Before investing, you should make sure you understand the risks of this type of product, and whether it suits your current financial objectives.

Many income investors find the current economic environment challenging and are looking for alternatives for the income portion of their portfolios. There are many different approaches to developing a portfolio that provides income potential, and this investment has been created to meet that challenge.

What is a Call Option?

A call option is a contractual obligation which gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase a certain number of shares of common stock from the writer of the option at a predetermined price. If the predetermined price is reached, the purchaser has the right to exercise the option at any time up until the option's expiration.

The Portfolio.

The Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio is a unit investment trust which invests in a fixed portfolio of common stocks of well-capitalized companies with strong market positions, and simultaneously, the portfolio sells a Long-Term Equity Anticipation Securities (LEAPS(R)) call option against each position. The writing (selling) of a call option generates income in the form of a premium paid by the option buyer. The portfolio invests this income in U.S. Treasury Notes and the interest received from the Notes is paid to Unit holders periodically.

One important advantage that well-capitalized companies enjoy over others is that they have the potential to provide their stockholders with a greater degree of stability and performance over time.

Through our selection process, we seek to find companies with the following qualities:

- o Well-capitalized with strong balance sheets;
- o Skilled management;
- o High liquidity;
- o Ability to generate earnings growth; and
- o Record of financial strength and profit growth.

Why Cash Matters.

Companies with sizeable cash positions tend to be mature companies that dominate their industries. A company with a significant amount of cash on its balance sheet is attractive for many reasons. Cash enables companies to bypass the credit markets and provides the means to:

- o Make strategic cash-financed mergers and acquisitions;
- o Begin to pay dividends or increase dividend payments to boost returns;
- o Repurchase undervalued shares;
- o Reinvest cash to grow their business;
- o Improve their debt rating, thus reducing their cost of capital; and
- o Fund research and development projects, even in a down market.

Illustrative Market Scenarios.

Stock prices increase above the LEAPS' exercise price: The LEAPS(R) are exercised and the underlying stock shares are sold at the strike price. Profits are limited to the premium income received from writing the LEAPS(R), dividends received from the Common Stocks prior to their sale from the portfolio, interest received from the U.S. Treasury Obligations, plus the difference between each Common Stock's initial price and their strike price. Investors will forgo any dividends paid on the Common Stocks subsequent to their sale from the portfolio and any gain in the underlying stock price after the stock is sold. It is important to note that writing covered calls limits the appreciation potential of the underlying Common Stocks.

Stock prices remain stable: The LEAPS(R) expire worthless and the portfolio still owns the Common Stock shares. Profits are limited to the

premium income received from writing the LEAPS(R), plus dividends from the Common Stocks, as well as interest received from the U.S. Treasury Obligations.

Stock prices decrease: The LEAPS(R) expire worthless and the Trust still owns the Common Stock shares. The break even on the stocks is lowered by the premium income received from writing the LEAPS(R). In addition, the Trust will receive dividends from the Common Stocks, and interest from the U.S. Treasury Obligations.

On or before the Initial Date of Deposit, the Sponsor entered into contracts to buy the Common Stocks. The Sponsor then wrote LEAPS(R) on each of the Common Stocks and received an option premium therefore. Using the option premium proceeds, the Sponsor entered into contracts to buy the Treasury Obligations. On the Initial Date of Deposit, the Sponsor deposited the Common Stocks subject to the LEAPS(R) and the Treasury Obligations with the Trustee on behalf of the Trust. At such time the Sponsor also assigned the LEAPS(R) to the Trust, giving the Right Holders the right to purchase Common Stocks from the Trust.

Each LEAPS(R) will give the Right Holder the right (but not the obligation) to purchase Common Stocks from the Trust at the Strike Price on any business day prior to the LEAPS'(R) expiration. The Strike Price for a Common Stock held by the Trust will be adjusted downward (but not below zero) upon certain extraordinary distributions made by the issuers of the Common Stocks to Unit holders before the LEAPS'(R) expiration triggered by certain corporate events affecting such Common Stock. See "Risk Factors-LEAPS(R)."

In calculating the net asset value of a Unit, the price of a Unit is reduced by the value of the LEAPS(R).

As of the close of business on the business day preceding the Initial Date of Deposit, the capital appreciation on the Common Stocks held by the Trust is limited to a maximum of approximately 21.45%, because of the obligation of the Trust to the Right Holder with respect to each of the Common Stocks entitling the Right Holder to purchase the Common Stocks at the Strike Price. The LEAPS(R) limit your upside potential in the Common Stocks to an amount equal to the Strike Price. However, as the option premium received in return for issuing the LEAPS(R) was used to purchase Treasury Obligations, you will receive interest from the Treasury Obligations until they mature and your pro rata portion of the principal from the Treasury Obligations shortly after they mature.

If the market price of a Common Stock held by the Trust is greater than its Strike Price, the Trust will not participate in any appreciation in that Common Stock above the Strike Price because it is expected that the holder of the related LEAPS(R) will exercise its right to purchase that Common Stock from the Trust at the Strike Price. If the market price of a Common Stock held by the Trust is less than its Strike Price, it is expected that the LEAPS(R) will terminate without being exercised, and the Trust, in connection with its termination, will liquidate or distribute the Common Stock at its then current market value. To the extent particular Common Stocks held by the Trust decline in price or fail to appreciate to a price equal to the related Strike Price, the Trust will not achieve its maximum potential appreciation.

The Treasury Obligations included in the Trust are non-callable debt obligations that are issued by and backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, although Units of the Trust are not so backed. Additionally, the U.S. Government assures the timely payment of principal and interest on the underlying Treasury Obligations in the Trust. Of course, this applies only to the payment of principal and interest on the Treasury Obligations and not the Units themselves.

You should be aware that predictions stated herein may not be realized. Of course, as with any similar investment, there can be no guarantee that the objectives of the Trust will be achieved. See "Risk Factors" for a discussion of the risks of investing in the Trust.

Risk Factors

Price Volatility. The Trust invests in Treasury Obligations, Common Stocks and LEAPS(R) for each of the Common Stocks. The value of the Trust's Units will fluctuate with changes in the value of the Treasury Obligations, Common Stocks and LEAPS(R).

Because the Trust is not managed, the Trustee will not sell stocks in

response to or in anticipation of market fluctuations, as is common in managed investments. As with any investment, we cannot guarantee that the performance of the Trust will be positive over any period of time, or that you won't lose money. Units of the Trust are not deposits of any bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Current Economic Conditions. The National Bureau of Economic Research announced that the U.S. economy's recession which began in December 2007 technically ended in June 2009. Despite this announcement, economic activity remains below average levels, the United States continues to

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experience increased unemployment and stock markets remain below pre-recession levels. The recession began with problems in the housing and credit markets, many of which were caused by defaults on "subprime" mortgages and mortgage-backed securities, eventually leading to the failures of some large financial institutions and has negatively impacted all sectors of the economy. The current economic crisis has also affected the global economy with European and Asian markets suffering historic losses. Due to the current state of uncertainty in the economy, the value of the Securities held by the Trust may be subject to steep declines or increased volatility due to changes in performance or perception of the issuers. Extraordinary steps have been taken by the governments of several leading economic countries to combat the economic crisis; however, the impact of these measures is not yet known and cannot be predicted.

On August 5, 2011, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services lowered its long-term sovereign credit rating on the United States of America to "AA+" from "AAA." In reaching its decision, Standard & Poor's cited the prolonged controversy over raising the statutory debt ceiling and the related fiscal policy debate and their belief that further near-term progress containing the growth in public spending, especially on entitlements, or on reaching an agreement on revenues is less likely than they previously assumed. The impact of the downgrade of the U.S. long-term sovereign credit rating by Standard & Poor's is uncertain, but will likely lead to increased interest rates and volatility in the short-term.

Common Stocks. Common stock prices fluctuate for several reasons including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market, such as the current market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, common stock prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

U.S. Treasury Obligations. U.S. Treasury obligations are direct obligations of the United States which are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The value of the Treasury Obligations will be adversely affected by decreases in bond prices and increases in interest rates. Certain Treasury Obligations may have been purchased on the Initial Date of Deposit at prices of less than their par value at maturity, indicating a market discount. Other Treasury Obligations may have been purchased on the Initial Date of Deposit at prices greater than their par value at maturity, indicating a market premium. The coupon interest rate of Treasury Obligations purchased at a market discount was lower than current market interest rates of newly issued bonds of comparable rating and type and the coupon interest rate of Treasury Obligations purchased at a market premium was higher than current market interest rates of newly issued bonds of comparable rating and type. Generally, the value of bonds purchased at a market discount will increase in value faster than bonds purchased at a market premium if interest rates decrease. Conversely, if interest rates increase, the value of bonds purchased at a market discount will decrease faster than bonds purchased at a market premium.

LEAPS(R). The value of the LEAPS(R) may be adversely affected if the market for LEAPS(R) becomes less liquid or smaller. If this occurs, there will likely be a negative impact on the value of your Units. Although you may redeem your Units at any time, if you redeem before the LEAPS(R) are exercised or expire, the value of your Units may be adversely affected by the value of the LEAPS(R). However, if LEAPS(R) are not exercised and you hold your Units until the scheduled Termination Date, the LEAPS(R) will have ceased to exist and the Trust's portfolio will consist of only cash or Securities or a combination of each.

If you sell or redeem your Units before the LEAPS(R) are exercised, or if the Trust terminates prior to its scheduled Termination Date and the LEAPS(R) have not been exercised, you may not realize any appreciation

in the value of the Common Stocks because even if the Common Stocks appreciate in value, that appreciation may be more than fully, fully or partly offset by an increase in value in the LEAPS(R). The value of the LEAPS(R) is deducted from the value of the Trust's assets when determining the value of a Unit. If the Securities decline in price, your loss may be greater than it would be if there were no LEAPS(R) because the value of the LEAPS(R) is a reduction to the value of the Securities when calculating the value of a Unit. An increase in value of the LEAPS(R), an obligation of the Trust to sell or deliver the Common Stocks at the Strike Price if the LEAPS(R) are exercised by the Right Holder, will reduce the value of the Securities in the Trust, below the value of the Securities that would otherwise be realizable if the Common Stocks were not subject to the LEAPS(R). You should note that even if the price of a Common Stock does not change, if the value of a LEAPS(R) increases (for example, based on increased volatility of a Common Stock) your Unit will lose value.

The value of the LEAPS(R) reduces the value of your Units. As the value of the LEAPS(R) increases, it has a more negative impact on the value of your Units. The value of the LEAPS(R) will also be affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the Common Stocks, an increase in interest rates, a change in the actual and perceived volatility of the stock market and the Common Stocks and the remaining time to expiration. Additionally, the value of a LEAPS(R) does not increase or decrease at the same rate as the underlying stock (although they generally move in the same direction). However, as a LEAPS(R) approaches its expiration date, its value increasingly moves with the price of the Common Stock subject to the LEAPS(R).

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The Strike Price for each LEAPS(R) held by the Trust may be adjusted downward before the LEAPS(R) expiration triggered by certain corporate events affecting that Common Stock. A downward adjustment to the Strike Price will have the effect of reducing the equity appreciation that a Unit holder may receive. If the Strike Price is adjusted downward and the LEAPS(R) is exercised at the reduced Strike Price, a Unit Holder would lose money if the value of the Common Stock at the time that the Unit is purchased is greater than the adjusted Strike Price. Adjustments will be made to the Strike Price of a Common Stock based on adjustments made by the OCC to options on that security. The OCC generally does not adjust option strike prices to reflect ordinary dividends but may adjust option strike prices to reflect certain corporate events such as extraordinary dividends, stock splits, merger or other extraordinary distributions or events.

If the value of the underlying Common Stocks exceeds the Strike Price of the LEAPS(R), it is likely that the Right Holder will exercise their right to purchase the Equity Security subject to the LEAPS(R) from the Trust. As the LEAPS(R) may be exercised on any business day prior to their expiration, Common Stocks may be sold to the Right Holders of the LEAPS(R) prior to the termination of the Trust. If this occurs, distributions from the Trust will be reduced by the amount of the dividends which would have been paid by Common Stocks sold from the Trust. As discussed in "Tax Matters," the sale of Common Stocks from the Trust will likely result in capital gains to Unit holders, which may be short-term depending on the holding period of the Common Stocks. In addition, the sale of Common Stocks may, in certain circumstances, result in the early termination of the Trust.

Options. The value of an option may be adversely affected if the market for the option becomes less liquid or smaller, and will be affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the Common Stock subject to the option, an increase in interest rates, a change in the actual and perceived volatility of the stock market and the Common Stock and the remaining time to expiration. Additionally, the value of an option does not increase or decrease at the same rate as the underlying Common Stock (although they generally move in the same direction). However, as an option approaches its expiration date, its value increasingly moves with the price of the Common Stock subject to an option. The strike price for an option may be adjusted downward before an option expiration triggered by certain corporate events affecting that Common Stock. A downward adjustment to the strike price will have the effect of reducing the equity appreciation. Option strike prices may be adjusted to reflect certain corporate events such as extraordinary dividends, stock splits, merger or other extraordinary distributions or events. If the value of the underlying Common Stock exceeds the strike price of an option, it is likely that the holder of that option will exercise their right to purchase the Common Stock.

Distributions. There is no guarantee that the issuers of the Common Stocks will declare dividends in the future or that if declared they

will either remain at current levels or increase over time. In addition, there is no guarantee that U.S. Government will be able to satisfy its interest payment obligations to the Trust over the life of the Trust.

Concentration Risk. When at least 25% of a Trust's portfolio is invested in securities issued by companies within a single sector, the Trust is considered to be concentrated in that particular sector. A portfolio concentrated in a single sector may present more risks than a portfolio broadly diversified over several sectors.

The Trust is concentrated in stocks of information technology companies.

Information Technology. Technology companies are generally subject to the risks of rapidly changing technologies; short product life cycles; fierce competition; aggressive pricing; frequent introduction of new or enhanced products; the loss of patent, copyright and trademark protections; cyclical market patterns; evolving industry standards; and frequent new product introductions. Technology companies may be smaller and less experienced companies, with limited product lines, markets or financial resources. Technology company stocks have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that are often unrelated to their operating performance. Also, the stocks of many Internet companies have exceptionally high price-to-earnings ratios with little or no earnings histories.

Legislation/Litigation. From time to time, various legislative initiatives are proposed in the United States and abroad which may have a negative impact on certain companies represented in a Trust. Litigation regarding any of the issuers of the Common Stocks, such as that concerning Microsoft Corporation, or the industries represented in the Trust, may negatively impact the share prices of these Common Stocks. In addition, litigation may be initiated on a variety of grounds affecting the Treasury Obligations. We cannot predict what impact any pending or proposed legislation or pending or threatened litigation will have on the value of the Securities.

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Common Stocks Descriptions

Consumer Discretionary

McDonald's Corporation, headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, develops, franchises, operates and services a worldwide system of quick-service restaurants under the name "McDonald's." The company's restaurants prepare, assemble, package and sell a limited menu of moderately-priced foods including hamburgers, chicken, salads, breakfast foods and beverages.

Consumer Staples

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., headquartered in Bentonville, Arkansas, is the largest retailer in the United States measured by total revenues. The company operates "Wal-Mart" retail discount department stores, "Wal-Mart Supercenters" and "Sam's" wholesale clubs in the United States and several other countries.

Energy

Chevron Corporation, headquartered in San Francisco, California, is engaged in fully integrated petroleum operations, chemicals operations, and coal mining through subsidiaries and affiliates worldwide. The company markets its petroleum products under brand names such as "Chevron," "Texaco," "Caltex," "Havoline" and "Delo." The company is also developing businesses in the areas of e-commerce and technology.

Occidental Petroleum Corporation, headquartered in Los Angeles, California, is a multinational organization whose principal business segments are oil and gas exploration, production and marketing and chemicals production and marketing.

Financials

AFLAC Incorporated, headquartered in Columbus, Georgia, provides supplemental health insurance to individuals, mainly limited to reimbursement for medical, non-medical, and surgical expenses of cancer. The company also sells accident, disability, and hospital insurance plans.

Health Care

Allergan, Inc., headquartered in Irvine, California, engages in the development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products for the ophthalmic, neurological, dermatological, and other markets. The company engages in pharmaceutical research, targeting products and technologies related to disease areas, such as glaucoma, retinal disease, dry eye, psoriasis, acne, and movement disorders.

Celgene Corporation, headquartered in Warren, New Jersey, is a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the discovery, development and commercialization of novel therapies designed to treat cancer and immunological diseases through regulation of cellular, genomic and proteomic targets.

Gilead Sciences, Inc., headquartered in Foster City, California, discovers, develops and commercializes treatments for important viral diseases, including a currently available therapy for cytomegalovirus retinitis, and products in development to treat diseases caused by human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis B virus and influenza virus.

Humana Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, is a health benefits company that offers coordinated health insurance coverage and related services through a variety of traditional and Internet-based plans for employer groups and government-sponsored programs.

McKesson Corporation, headquartered in San Francisco, California, is a healthcare services company providing supply management, software solutions and comprehensive services to the healthcare industry.

UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, headquartered in Minnetonka, Minnesota, is aligned into four businesses which work together to provide customers with an integrated set of health and well-being products and services. These businesses include: Health Care Services; OptumHealth; Ingenix; and Prescription Solutions.

Industrials

The Boeing Company, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, produces and markets commercial jet transports and provides related support services, principally to commercial customers. The company also develops, produces, modifies and supports military aircraft and helicopters and related systems, and electronic, space and missile systems.

Cummins Inc., headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, designs, manufactures, distributes and services diesel and natural gas engines. The company also produces electric power generation systems and engine-related products, such as filtration and emissions solutions, fuel systems, controls and air handling systems. The company's products are used by customers in a wide variety of automotive and industrial markets and for power generation.

Fluor Corporation, headquartered in Irving, Texas, provides engineering, procurement, construction, operations and maintenance, and project management services worldwide.

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Illinois Tool Works Inc., headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, makes plastic and metal components, fasteners, industrial fluids, adhesives and welding products. The company also makes systems for consumer and industrial packaging, identification systems, and industrial spray coating and quality assurance equipment.

Union Pacific Corporation, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, operates through subsidiaries in the areas of rail transportation (Union Pacific Railroad Co. and Southern Pacific Rail Corp.) and trucking (Overnite Transportation Company).

Information Technology

Apple Inc., headquartered in Cupertino, California, designs, manufactures, and markets microprocessor-based personal computers and related personal computing, audio and video, and communicating devices. The company sells its product line worldwide through its retail stores, an online store, and third-party wholesalers.

Google Inc., headquartered in Mountain View, California, provides a web

based search engine through its Google.com website. The company offers a wide range of search options, including web, image, groups, directory and news searches.

International Business Machines Corporation, headquartered in Armonk, New York, provides customer solutions through the use of advanced information technologies. The company offers a variety of solutions that include services, software, systems, products, financing and technologies.

MasterCard, Inc., headquartered in Purchase, New York, with its subsidiaries, develops and markets payment solutions, processes payment transactions and provides consulting services to customers and merchants worldwide.

Microsoft Corporation, headquartered in Redmond, Washington, develops, manufactures, licenses and supports a range of software products, including scalable operating systems, server applications, worker productivity applications and software development tools. The company also develops the MSN network of Internet products and services.

Oracle Corporation, headquartered in Redwood Shores, California, designs, develops, markets and supports computer software products with a wide variety of uses, including database management, application development, business intelligence and business applications.

QUALCOMM Inc., headquartered in San Diego, California, designs, develops, makes, sells, licenses and operates advanced communications systems and products based on proprietary digital wireless technology. The company's products include "CDMA" integrated circuits, wireless phones and infrastructure products, transportation management information systems and ground stations, and phones for the low-earth-orbit satellite communications system.

Materials

CF Industries Holdings, Inc., headquartered in Long Grove, Illinois, engages in the manufacture and distribution of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer products in North America. The company has developed a process to extract uranium from its production of phosphate fertilizer products for use in nuclear reactors.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. (Class B), headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, is a copper and gold mining and production company.

We have obtained the foregoing descriptions from third-party sources we deem reliable.

Public Offering

The Public Offering Price.

Units will be purchased at the Public Offering Price, the price per Unit of which is comprised of the following:

- The aggregate underlying value of the Treasury Obligations and the Common Stocks, less the value of the LEAPS(R);
- The amount of any cash in the Income and Capital Accounts;
- Net interest accrued but unpaid on the Treasury Obligations after the First Settlement Date to the date of settlement;
- Dividends receivable on the Common Stocks; and
- The maximum sales charge (which combines an initial upfront sales charge, a deferred sales charge and the creation and development fee).

The price you pay for your Units will differ from the amount stated under "Summary of Essential Information" due to various factors, including fluctuations in the prices of the Securities and LEAPS(R) and changes in the value of the Income and/or Capital Accounts.

Although you are not required to pay for your Units until three business days following your order (the "date of settlement"), you may pay before then. You will become the owner of Units ("Record Owner") on the date of settlement if payment has been received. If you pay for your Units

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before the date of settlement, we may use your payment during this time and it may be considered a benefit to us, subject to the limitations of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The number of Units available may be insufficient to meet demand. This may be because of the Sponsor's inability to, or decision not to, purchase and deposit underlying Securities in amounts sufficient to maintain the proportionate numbers of shares of each Security as required to create additional Units or because of its inability to sell LEAPS(R).

Organization Costs. Securities purchased with the portion of the Public Offering Price intended to be used to reimburse the Sponsor for the Trust's organization costs (including costs of preparing the registration statement, the Indenture and other closing documents, registering Units with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and states, the initial audit of the Trust's statement of net assets, legal fees and the initial fees and expenses of the Trustee) will be purchased in the same proportionate relationship as all the Securities contained in the Trust. Securities will be sold to reimburse the Sponsor for the Trust's organization costs at the end of the initial offering period (a significantly shorter time period than the life of the Trust). During the initial offering period, there may be a decrease in the value of the Securities. To the extent the proceeds from the sale of these Securities are insufficient to repay the Sponsor for Trust organization costs, the Trustee will sell additional Securities to allow the Trust to fully reimburse the Sponsor. In that event, the net asset value per Unit of the Trust will be reduced by the amount of additional Securities sold. Although the dollar amount of the reimbursement due to the Sponsor will remain fixed and will never exceed the per Unit amount set forth for the Trust in "Notes to Statement of Net Assets," this will result in a greater effective cost per Unit to Unit holders for the reimbursement to the Sponsor. To the extent actual organization costs are less than the estimated amount, only the actual organization costs will ultimately be charged to the Trust. When Securities are sold to reimburse the Sponsor for organization costs, the Trustee will sell Securities, to the extent practicable, which will maintain the same proportionate relationship among the Securities contained in the Trust as existed prior to such sale.

Accrued Interest.

Accrued interest represents unpaid interest on a Treasury Obligation from the last day it paid interest. Interest on the Treasury Obligations is paid monthly, although the Trust accrues such interest daily. Because the Trust always has an amount of interest earned but not yet collected, the Public Offering Price of Units will have added to it the proportionate share of accrued interest to the date of settlement. You will receive the amount, if any, of accrued interest you paid for on the next distribution date. In addition, if you sell or redeem your Units you will be entitled to receive your proportionate share of the accrued interest from the purchaser of your Units.

Minimum Purchase.

The minimum amount per account you can purchase of the Trust is generally \$1,000 worth of Units (\$500 if you are purchasing Units for your Individual Retirement Account or any other qualified retirement plan), but such amounts may vary depending on your selling firm.

Maximum Sales Charge.

The maximum sales charge is comprised of a transactional sales charge and a creation and development fee. After the initial offering period the maximum sales charge will be reduced by 0.50%, to reflect the amount of the previously charged creation and development fee.

Transactional Sales Charge.

The transactional sales charge you will pay has both an initial and a deferred component.

Initial Sales Charge. The initial sales charge, which you will pay at the time of purchase, is equal to the difference between the maximum sales charge of 3.95% of the Public Offering Price and the sum of the maximum remaining deferred sales charge and creation and development fee (initially \$.295 per Unit). On the Initial Date of Deposit, the initial sales charge is equal to approximately 1.00% of the Public Offering Price of a Unit. Thereafter, it will vary from 1.00% depending on the purchase price of your Units and as deferred sales charge and creation and development fee payments are made. When the Public Offering Price exceeds \$10.00 per Unit, the initial sales charge will exceed 1.00% of the Public Offering Price.

Monthly Deferred Sales Charge. In addition, three monthly deferred sales

charges of approximately \$.0817 per Unit will be deducted from the Trust's assets on approximately the twentieth day of each month from February 20, 2013 through April 19, 2013. If you buy Units at a price of less than \$10.00 per Unit, the dollar amount of the deferred sales charge will not change, but the deferred sales charge on a percentage basis will be more than 2.45% of the Public Offering Price.

If you purchase Units after the last deferred sales charge payment has been assessed, your transactional sales charge will consist of a one-time

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initial sales charge of 3.45% of the Public Offering Price (equivalent to 3.573% of the net amount invested). The transactional sales charge will be reduced by 1/2 of 1% on each subsequent January 31, commencing January 31, 2014, to a minimum transactional sales charge of 3.00%.

Creation and Development Fee.

As Sponsor, we will also receive, and the Unit holders will pay, a creation and development fee. See "Expenses and Charges" for a description of the services provided for this fee. The creation and development fee is a charge of \$.050 per Unit collected at the end of the initial offering period. If you buy Units at a price of less than \$10.00 per Unit, the dollar amount of the creation and development fee will not change, but the creation and development fee on a percentage basis will be more than 0.50% of the Public Offering Price.

Discounts for Certain Persons.

The maximum sales charge is 3.95% per Unit and the maximum dealer concession is 3.15% per Unit. However, if you invest at least \$50,000 including any proceeds as described below (except if you are purchasing for "Fee Accounts" as described below), the maximum sales charge for the amount of the investment eligible to receive the reduced sales charge is reduced as follows:

If you invest (in thousands):*	Your maximum sales charge will be:	Dealer concession will be:
\$50 but less than \$100	3.70%	2.90%
\$100 but less than \$250	3.45%	2.65%
\$250 but less than \$500	3.10%	2.35%
\$500 but less than \$1,000	2.95%	2.25%
\$1,000 or more	2.45%	1.80%

*The breakpoints will be adjusted to take into consideration purchase orders stated in dollars which cannot be completely fulfilled due to the requirement that only whole Units be issued.

The reduced sales charge for quantity purchases will apply only to purchases not eligible for the redemption or termination proceeds discount set forth below made by the same person on any one day from any one dealer. To help you reach the above levels, you can combine the Units you purchase of the Trust with any other same day purchases of other trusts for which we are Principal Underwriter and are currently in the initial offering period. In addition, we will also consider Units you purchase in the name of your spouse, or the equivalent if recognized under local law, or child (including step-children) under the age of 21 living in the same household to be purchases by you. The reduced sales charges will also apply to a trustee or other fiduciary purchasing Units for a single trust estate or single fiduciary account including pension, profit sharing or employee benefit plans, as well as multiple-employee benefit plans of a single employer or affiliated employers (provided they are not aggregated with personal accounts). You must inform your dealer of any combined purchases before the sale in order to be eligible for the reduced sales charge.

You are entitled to use your redemption or termination proceeds from any unit investment trust (regardless of who was sponsor) to purchase Units of the Trust during the initial offering period at the Public Offering Price less 1.00% (for purchases of \$1,000,000 or more, the maximum sales charge will be limited to 2.45% of the Public Offering Price), but you will not be eligible to receive the reduced sales charges described in the above table with respect to such proceeds. Please note that if you purchase Units of the Trust in this manner using redemption proceeds from trusts which assess the amount of any remaining deferred sales charge at redemption, you should be aware that any deferred sales charge remaining on these units will be deducted from those redemption proceeds. In order to be eligible to receive the reduced sales charge

described in this paragraph, the trade date of the redemption or termination resulting in the receipt of such proceeds must have occurred within 30 calendar days prior to your Unit purchase. In addition, this program will only be available for investors that utilize the same broker/dealer (or a different broker/dealer with appropriate notification) for both the Unit purchase and the transaction resulting in the receipt of the termination or redemption proceeds used for the Unit purchase and such transaction must be from the same account. You may be required to provide appropriate documentation or other information to your broker/dealer to evidence your eligibility for this reduced sales charge program.

Investors purchasing Units through registered broker/dealers who charge periodic fees in lieu of commissions or who charge for financial planning, investment advisory or asset management services or provide these or comparable services as part of an investment account where a comprehensive "wrap fee" or similar charge is imposed ("Fee Accounts") will not be assessed the transactional sales charge described in this section on the purchase of Units in the primary market. Certain Fee Accounts Unit holders may be assessed transaction or other account fees on the purchase and/or redemption of such Units by their broker/dealer or other processing organizations for providing certain transaction or account activities. Fee Accounts Units are not available for purchase in the secondary market. We reserve the right to limit or deny purchases of

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Units not subject to the transactional sales charge by investors whose frequent trading activity we determine to be detrimental to the Trust.

Employees, officers and directors (and immediate family members) of the Sponsor, our related companies, and dealers and their affiliates will purchase Units at the Public Offering Price less the applicable dealer concession, subject to the policies of the related selling firm. Immediate family members include spouses, or the equivalent if recognized under local law, children or step-children under the age of 21 living in the same household, parents or step-parents and trustees, custodians or fiduciaries for the benefit of such persons. Only employees, officers and directors of companies that allow their employees to participate in this employee discount program are eligible for the discounts.

You will be charged the deferred sales charge per Unit regardless of any discounts. However, if you are eligible to receive a discount such that the maximum sales charge you must pay is less than the applicable maximum deferred sales charge, including Fee Accounts Units, you will be credited additional Units with a dollar value equal to the difference between your maximum sales charge and the maximum deferred sales charge at the time you buy your Units. If you elect to have distributions reinvested into additional Units of the Trust, in addition to the reinvestment Units you receive you will also be credited additional Units with a dollar value at the time of reinvestment sufficient to cover the amount of any remaining deferred sales charge and creation and development fee to be collected on such reinvestment Units. The dollar value of these additional credited Units (as with all Units) will fluctuate over time, and may be less on the dates deferred sales charges or the creation and development fee are collected than their value at the time they were issued.

The Value of the Securities.

The Evaluator will determine the aggregate underlying value of the Securities in the Trust as of the Evaluation Time on each business day and will adjust the Public Offering Price of the Units according to this valuation. This Public Offering Price will be effective for all orders received before the Evaluation Time on each such day. If we or the Trustee receive orders for purchases, sales or redemptions after that time, or on a day which is not a business day, they will be held until the next determination of price. The term "business day" as used in this prospectus shall mean any day on which the NYSE is open.

The aggregate underlying value of the Treasury Obligations will be determined on the basis of current offering prices. The aggregate underlying value of the Common Stocks in the Trust, and their corresponding LEAPS(R), will be determined as follows: if the Common Stocks are listed on a securities exchange, The NASDAQ Stock Market (R), or a U.S. options exchange (in the case of LEAPS(R)), their value is generally based on the closing sale prices on that exchange or system (unless it is determined that these prices are not appropriate as a basis for valuation, as may be the case with certain foreign Common Stocks listed on a foreign securities exchange). For purposes of valuing

Common Stocks traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market(R), closing sale price shall mean the NASDAQ(R) Official Closing Price as determined by The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC. However, if there is no closing sale price on that exchange or system, they are valued based on the closing ask prices in the case of Common Stocks or bid prices in the case of LEAPS(R). If the Common Stocks or LEAPS(R) are not so listed, or, if so listed and the principal market for them is other than on that exchange or system, their value will generally be based on the current ask prices in the case of Common Stocks or bid prices in the case of LEAPS(R) on the over-the-counter market (unless it is determined that these prices are not appropriate as a basis for valuation). In the event the Evaluator determines that the last quoted closing price on a U.S. options exchange does not reflect the market value of the LEAPS(R), the Evaluator may determine the fair value by considering various factors including the range of prices of transactions effected at the Evaluation Time. If current ask prices are unavailable, or if available but determined by the Evaluator to not be appropriate, the valuation is generally determined:

- a) On the basis of current ask prices for comparable securities;
- b) By appraising the value of the Common Stocks on the ask side of the market; or
- c) By any combination of the above.

The value of the Common Stocks and the value of the LEAPS(R) have an interrelated effect on the value of a Unit. The value of the LEAPS(R) will be affected by the value of the Common Stocks, the volatility of the Common Stocks, the remaining time to the expiration of the LEAPS(R), the level of interest rates and the dividend yields on the Common Stocks.

After the initial offering period is over, the aggregate underlying value of the Securities will be determined as set forth above, except that bid prices are used instead of ask or offer prices when necessary for purposes of valuing the Common Stocks and Treasury Obligations and ask prices are used instead of bid prices when necessary for purposes of valuing the LEAPS(R).

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Distribution of Units

We intend to qualify Units of the Trust for sale in a number of states. All Units will be sold at the then current Public Offering Price.

The Sponsor compensates intermediaries, such as broker/dealers and banks, for their activities that are intended to result in sales of Units of the Trust. This compensation includes dealer concessions described in the following section and may include additional concessions and other compensation and benefits to broker/dealers and other intermediaries.

Dealer Concessions.

Dealers and other selling agents can purchase Units at prices which reflect a concession or agency commission of 3.15% of the Public Offering Price per Unit (or 65% of the maximum transactional sales charge for secondary market sales), subject to the reduced concession applicable to volume purchases as set forth in "Public Offering-Discounts for Certain Persons." However, for Units subject to a transactional sales charge which are purchased using redemption or termination proceeds, this amount will be reduced to 2.15% of the sales price of these Units (1.80% for purchases of \$1,000,000 or more).

Eligible dealer firms and other selling agents who, during the previous consecutive 12-month period through the end of the most recent month, sold primary market units of unit investment trusts sponsored by us in the dollar amounts shown below will be entitled to the following additional sales concession on primary market sales of units during the current month of unit investment trusts sponsored by us:

Total sales (in millions)	Additional Concession
\$25 but less than \$100	0.050%
\$100 but less than \$150	0.075%
\$150 but less than \$250	0.100%
\$250 but less than \$500	0.115%
\$500 but less than \$750	0.125%

\$750 but less than \$1,000	0.130%
\$1,000 but less than \$1,500	0.135%
\$1,500 but less than \$2,000	0.140%
\$2,000 but less than \$3,000	0.150%
\$3,000 but less than \$4,000	0.160%
\$4,000 but less than \$5,000	0.170%
\$5,000 or more	0.175%

Dealers and other selling agents will not receive a concession on the sale of Units which are not subject to a transactional sales charge, but such Units will be included in determining whether the above volume sales levels are met. Eligible dealer firms and other selling agents include clearing firms that place orders with First Trust and provide First Trust with information with respect to the representatives who initiated such transactions. Eligible dealer firms and other selling agents will not include firms that solely provide clearing services to other broker/dealer firms or firms who place orders through clearing firms that are eligible dealers. We reserve the right to change the amount of concessions or agency commissions from time to time. Certain commercial banks may be making Units of the Trust available to their customers on an agency basis. A portion of the transactional sales charge paid by these customers is kept by or given to the banks in the amounts shown above.

Other Compensation and Benefits to Broker/Dealers.

The Sponsor, at its own expense and out of its own profits, currently provides additional compensation and benefits to broker/dealers who sell Units of this Trust and other First Trust products. This compensation is intended to result in additional sales of First Trust products and/or compensate broker/dealers and financial advisors for past sales. A number of factors are considered in determining whether to pay these additional amounts. Such factors may include, but are not limited to, the level or type of services provided by the intermediary, the level or expected level of sales of First Trust products by the intermediary or its agents, the placing of First Trust products on a preferred or recommended product list, access to an intermediary's personnel, and other factors. The Sponsor makes these payments for marketing, promotional or related expenses, including, but not limited to, expenses of entertaining retail customers and financial advisers, advertising, sponsorship of events or seminars, obtaining information about the breakdown of unit sales among an intermediary's representatives or offices, obtaining shelf space in broker/dealer firms and similar activities designed to promote the sale of the Sponsor's products. The Sponsor makes such payments to a substantial majority of intermediaries that sell First Trust products. The Sponsor may also make certain payments to, or on behalf of, intermediaries to defray a portion of their costs incurred for the purpose of facilitating Unit sales, such as the costs of developing or purchasing trading systems to process Unit trades. Payments of such additional compensation described in this and the preceding paragraph, some of which may be characterized as "revenue

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sharing," may create an incentive for financial intermediaries and their agents to sell or recommend a First Trust product, including the Trust, over products offered by other sponsors or fund companies. These arrangements will not change the price you pay for your Units.

Advertising and Investment Comparisons.

Advertising materials regarding the Trust may discuss several topics, including: developing a long-term financial plan; working with your financial professional; the nature and risks of various investment strategies and unit investment trusts that could help you reach your financial goals; the importance of discipline; how the Trust operates; how securities are selected; various unit investment trust features such as convenience and costs; and options available for certain types of unit investment trusts. These materials may include descriptions of the principal businesses of the companies represented in the Trust, research analysis of why they were selected and information relating to the qualifications of the persons or entities providing the research analysis. In addition, they may include research opinions on the economy and industry sectors included and a list of investment products generally appropriate for pursuing those recommendations.

From time to time we may compare the estimated returns of the Trust (which may show performance net of the expenses and charges the Trust would have incurred) and returns over specified periods of other similar trusts we sponsor in our advertising and sales materials, with (1) returns on other taxable investments such as the common stocks comprising various market indexes, corporate or U.S. Government bonds, bank CDs and money market accounts or funds, (2) performance data from

Morningstar Publications, Inc. or (3) information from publications such as Money, The New York Times, U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes or Fortune. The investment characteristics of the Trust differ from other comparative investments. You should not assume that these performance comparisons will be representative of the Trust's future performance. We may also, from time to time, use advertising which classifies trusts or portfolio securities according to capitalization and/or investment style.

The Sponsor's Profits

We will receive a gross sales commission equal to the maximum transactional sales charge per Unit for the Trust less any reduction as stated in "Public Offering." We will also receive the amount of any collected creation and development fee. Also, any difference between our cost to purchase the Securities and the price at which we sell them to the Trust is considered a profit or loss (see Note 2 of "Notes to Schedule of Investments"). During the initial offering period, dealers and others may also realize profits or sustain losses as a result of fluctuations in the Public Offering Price they receive when they sell the Units.

In maintaining a market for the Units, any difference between the price at which we purchase Units and the price at which we sell or redeem them will be a profit or loss to us.

The Secondary Market

Although not obligated, we may maintain a market for the Units after the initial offering period and continuously offer to purchase Units at prices based on the Redemption Price per Unit.

We will pay all expenses to maintain a secondary market, except the Evaluator fees and Trustee costs to transfer and record the ownership of Units. We may discontinue purchases of Units at any time. IF YOU WISH TO DISPOSE OF YOUR UNITS, YOU SHOULD ASK US FOR THE CURRENT MARKET PRICES BEFORE MAKING A TENDER FOR REDEMPTION TO THE TRUSTEE (OR THE FTPS UNIT SERVICING AGENT IN THE CASE OF FTPS UNITS). If you sell or redeem your Units before you have paid the total deferred sales charge on your Units, you will have to pay the remainder at that time.

How We Purchase Units

The Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) will notify us of any tender of Units for redemption. If our bid at that time is equal to or greater than the Redemption Price per Unit, we may purchase the Units. You will receive your proceeds from the sale no later than if they were redeemed by the Trustee. We may tender Units that we hold to the Trustee for redemption as any other Units. If we elect not to purchase Units, the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) may sell tendered Units in the over-the-counter market, if any. However, the amount you will receive is the same as you would have received on redemption of the Units.

Expenses and Charges

The estimated annual expenses of the Trust are listed under "Fee Table." If actual expenses of the Trust exceed the estimate, the Trust will bear the excess. The Trustee will pay operating expenses of the Trust from

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the Income Account of the Trust if funds are available, and then from the Capital Account. The Income and Capital Accounts are non-interest-bearing to Unit holders, so the Trustee may earn interest on these funds, thus benefiting from their use.

First Trust Advisors L.P., an affiliate of ours, acts as Portfolio Supervisor and Evaluator and will be compensated for providing portfolio supervisory services and evaluation services as well as bookkeeping and other administrative services to the Trust. In providing portfolio supervisory services, the Portfolio Supervisor may purchase research services from a number of sources, which may include underwriters or dealers of the Trust. As Sponsor, we will receive brokerage fees when the Trust uses us (or an affiliate of ours) as agent in buying or selling Securities. As authorized by the Indenture, the Trustee may employ a subsidiary or affiliate of the Trustee to act as broker to execute certain transactions for the Trust. The Trust will pay for such services at standard commission rates.

FTP Services LLC, an affiliate of ours, acts as FTPS Unit Servicing Agent to the Trust with respect to the Trust's FTPS Units. FTPS Units are Units which are purchased and sold through the Fund/SERV(R) trading

system or on a manual basis through FTP Services LLC. In all other respects, FTPS Units are identical to other Units. FTP Services LLC will be compensated for providing shareholder services to the FTPS Units.

The fees payable to First Trust Advisors L.P., FTP Services LLC and the Trustee are based on the largest aggregate number of Units of the Trust outstanding at any time during the calendar year, except during the initial offering period, in which case these fees are calculated based on the largest number of Units outstanding during the period for which compensation is paid. These fees may be adjusted for inflation without Unit holders' approval, but in no case will the annual fee paid to us or our affiliates for providing services to all unit investment trusts be more than the actual cost of providing such services in such year.

As Sponsor, we will receive a fee from the Trust for creating and developing the Trust, including determining the Trust's objectives, policies, composition and size, selecting service providers and information services and for providing other similar administrative and ministerial functions. The "creation and development fee" is a charge of \$.050 per Unit outstanding at the end of the initial offering period. The Trustee will deduct this amount from the Trust's assets as of the close of the initial offering period. We do not use this fee to pay distribution expenses or as compensation for sales efforts. This fee will not be deducted from your proceeds if you sell or redeem your Units before the end of the initial offering period.

In addition to the Trust's operating expenses and those fees described above, the Trust may also incur the following charges:

- All legal expenses of the Trustee according to its responsibilities under the Indenture;
- The expenses and costs incurred by the Trustee to protect the Trust and your rights and interests;
- Fees for any extraordinary services the Trustee performed under the Indenture;
- Payment for any loss, liability or expense the Trustee incurred without negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on its part, in connection with its acceptance or administration of the Trust;
- Payment for any loss, liability or expenses we incurred without negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct in acting as Sponsor of the Trust;
- Foreign custodial and transaction fees (which may include compensation paid to the Trustee or its subsidiaries or affiliates), if any; and/or
- All taxes and other government charges imposed upon the Securities or any part of the Trust.

The above expenses and the Trustee's annual fee are secured by a lien on the Trust. In addition, if there is not enough cash in the Income or Capital Account, the Trustee has the power to sell Securities to make cash available to pay these charges which may result in capital gains or losses to you. See "Tax Status."

Tax Status

Federal Tax Matters.

This section summarizes some of the main U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning Units of the Trust. This section is current as of the date of this prospectus. Tax laws and interpretations change frequently, and these summaries do not describe all of the tax consequences to all taxpayers. For example, except as specifically provided below, these summaries generally do not describe your situation if you are a corporation, a non-U.S. person, a broker/dealer, or other investor with special circumstances. In addition, this section may not describe your state, local or foreign tax consequences.

This federal income tax summary is based in part on the advice of counsel to the Sponsor. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") could disagree with any conclusions set forth in this section. In addition, our counsel was not asked to review, and has not reached a conclusion with respect to the federal income tax treatment of the assets to be

deposited in the Trust. This may not be sufficient for you to use for the purpose of avoiding penalties under federal tax law.

As with any investment, you should seek advice based on your individual circumstances from your own tax advisor.

Trust Status.

The Trust intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company," commonly known as a "RIC," under the federal tax laws. If the Trust qualifies as a RIC and distributes its income as required by the tax law, the Trust generally will not pay federal income taxes.

For federal income tax purposes, you are treated as the owner of Trust Units and not of the assets held by the Trust. Taxability issues are taken into account at the trust level. Your federal income tax treatment of income from the Trust is based on the distributions paid by the Trust.

Income From the Trust.

Trust distributions are generally taxable. After the end of each year, you will receive a tax statement that separates the Trust's distributions into ordinary dividends, capital gains dividends and returns of capital. Income reported is generally net of expenses (but see Deductibility of Trust Expenses, below). Ordinary income distributions are generally taxed at your ordinary tax rate, however, as further discussed below, certain ordinary income distributions received from the Trust may be taxed at the capital gains tax rates. Generally, you will treat all capital gains dividends as long-term capital gains regardless of how long you have owned your Units. To determine your actual tax liability for your capital gains dividends, you must calculate your total net capital gain or loss for the tax year after considering all of your other taxable transactions, as described below. In addition, the Trust may make distributions that represent a return of capital for tax purposes and thus will generally not be taxable to you. The tax status of your distributions from the Trust is not affected by whether you reinvest your distributions in additional Units or receive them in cash. The income from the Trust that you must take into account for federal income tax purposes is not reduced by amounts used to pay a deferred sales charge, if any. The tax laws may require you to treat distributions made to you in January as if you had received them on December 31 of the previous year. The presence of the LEAPS(R) in the portfolio may reduce the amount of dividends that would otherwise be treated as capital gains dividends.

Under the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010," income from the Trust may also be subject to a new 3.8% "Medicare tax" imposed for taxable years beginning after 2012. This tax will generally apply to your net investment income if your adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts, which are \$250,000 in the case of married couples filing joint returns and \$200,000 in the case of single individuals.

Distributions with Respect to Certain Stock Dividends.

Ordinary income dividends received by an individual Unit holder from a regulated investment company such as the Trust are generally taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gain (as discussed below), provided certain holding period requirements are satisfied and provided the dividends are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Trust itself. Dividends that do not meet these requirements will generally be taxed at ordinary income rates. The Trust will provide notice to its Unit holders of the amount of any distribution which may be taken into account as a dividend which is eligible for the capital gains tax rates. The presence of the LEAPS(R) in the portfolio may reduce the amount of dividends that are eligible for capital gains rates.

Dividends Received Deduction.

A corporation that owns Units generally will not be entitled to the dividends received deduction with respect to many dividends received from the Trust because the dividends received deduction is generally not available for distributions from regulated investment companies. However, certain ordinary income dividends on Units that are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Trust from certain corporations may be reported by the Trust as being eligible for the dividends received deduction. The presence of the LEAPS(R) in the portfolio may reduce the amount of dividends that are treated as qualifying dividends.

Sale or Redemption of Units.

If you sell or redeem your Units, you will generally recognize a taxable gain or loss. To determine the amount of this gain or loss, you must subtract your tax basis in your Units from the amount you receive in the

transaction. Your tax basis in your Units is generally equal to the cost of your Units, generally including sales charges. In some cases, however, you may have to adjust your tax basis after you purchase your Units.

For Units purchased on or after January 1, 2011 (or, 2012, if the Units are acquired in a reinvestment plan in 2011), the information statement you receive in regard to the sale or redemption of your Units may contain information about your basis in the Units and whether any gain or loss recognized by you should be considered long term or short term capital gain. The information reported to you is based upon rules that do not take into consideration all facts that may be known to you or your advisors. You should consult with your tax advisors about any adjustments that may need to be made to the information reported to you.

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Capital Gains and Losses.

If you are an individual, the maximum marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 20% (0% for certain taxpayers in the 10% or 15% tax brackets).

Net capital gain equals net long-term capital gain minus net short-term capital loss for the taxable year. Capital gain or loss is long-term if the holding period for the asset is more than one year and is short-term if the holding period for the asset is one year or less. You must exclude the date you purchase your Units to determine your holding period. However, if you receive a capital gain dividend from the Trust and sell your Units at a loss after holding it for six months or less, the loss will be recharacterized as long term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain dividend received. The tax rates for capital gains realized from assets held for one year or less are generally the same as for ordinary income. The Internal Revenue Code treats certain capital gains as ordinary income in special situations.

Capital gain received from assets held for more than one year that is considered "unrecaptured section 1250 gain" is taxed at a maximum stated tax rate of 25%. In the case of capital gains dividends, the determination of which portion of the capital gains dividend, if any, is subject to the 25% tax rate, will be made based on rules prescribed by the United States Treasury.

Deductibility of Trust Expenses.

Expenses incurred and deducted by the Trust will generally not be treated as income taxable to you. In some cases, however, you may be required to treat your portion of these Trust expenses as income. In these cases you may be able to take a deduction for these expenses. However, certain miscellaneous itemized deductions, such as investment expenses, may be deducted by individuals only to the extent that all of these deductions exceed 2% of the individual's adjusted gross income. Also, certain individuals may also be subject to a phase-out of the deductibility of itemized deductions based upon their income.

Investments in Certain Foreign Corporations.

If the Trust holds an equity interest in any "passive foreign investment companies" ("PFICs"), which are generally certain foreign corporations that receive at least 75% of their annual gross income from passive sources (such as interest, dividends, certain rents and royalties or capital gains) or that hold at least 50% of their assets in investments producing such passive income, the Trust could be subject to U.S. federal income tax and additional interest charges on gains and certain distributions with respect to those equity interests, even if all the income or gain is timely distributed to its Unit holders. Similarly, if the Trust invests in a fund (a "Portfolio Fund") that invests in PFICs, the Portfolio Fund may be subject to such taxes. The Trust will not be able to pass through to its Unit holders any credit or deduction for such taxes whenever the taxes are imposed at the Trust level or on a Portfolio Fund. The Trust (or the Portfolio Fund) may be able to make an election that could ameliorate these adverse tax consequences. In this case, the Trust (or the Portfolio Fund) would recognize as ordinary income any increase in the value of such PFIC shares, and as ordinary loss any decrease in such value to the extent it did not exceed prior increases included in income. Under this election, the Trust (or the Portfolio Fund) might be required to recognize in a year income in excess of its distributions from PFICs and its proceeds from

dispositions of PFIC stock during that year, and such income would nevertheless be subject to the distribution requirement and would be taken into account for purposes of the 4% excise tax. Dividends paid by PFICs will not be treated as qualified dividend income.

Foreign Investors.

If you are a foreign investor (i.e., an investor other than a U.S. citizen or resident or a U.S. corporation, partnership, estate or trust), you should be aware that, generally, subject to applicable tax treaties, distributions from the Trust will be characterized as dividends for federal income tax purposes (other than dividends which the Trust properly reports as capital gain dividends) and will be subject to U.S. income taxes, including withholding taxes, subject to certain exceptions described below. However, except as described below, distributions received by a foreign investor from the Trust that are properly reported by such Trust as capital gain dividends may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes, provided that the Trust makes certain elections and certain other conditions are met. In addition, for taxable years beginning before 2014, certain distributions attributable to short-term capital gain or portfolio interest may qualify for exemptions from withholding provided that the Trust makes certain elections.

Distributions after December 31, 2013 may be subject to a U.S. withholding tax of 30% in the case of distributions to or dispositions by (i) certain non-U.S. financial institutions that have not entered into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to collect and disclose certain information and are not resident in a jurisdiction that has entered into such an agreement with the U.S. Treasury and (ii) certain other non-U.S. entities that do not provide certain certifications and information about the entity's U.S. owners. Dispositions of Units by such persons may be subject to such withholding after December 31, 2016.

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Foreign Tax Credit.

If at least 50% of the value of the total assets of the Trust (at the close of the taxable year) is represented by foreign securities or at least 50% of the value of the total assets of the Trust (at the close of each quarter of the taxable year) is represented by interests in other RICs, the tax statement that you receive may include an item showing foreign taxes the Trust paid to other countries. In this case, dividends taxed to you will include your share of the taxes the Trust paid to other countries. You may be able to deduct or receive a tax credit for your share of these taxes.

You should consult your tax advisor regarding potential foreign, state or local taxation with respect to your Units.

Retirement Plans

You may purchase Units of the Trust for:

- Individual Retirement Accounts;
- Keogh Plans;
- Pension funds; and
- Other tax-deferred retirement plans.

Generally, the federal income tax on capital gains and income received in each of the above plans is deferred until you receive distributions. These distributions are generally treated as ordinary income but may, in some cases, be eligible for special averaging or tax-deferred rollover treatment. Before participating in a plan like this, you should review the tax laws regarding these plans and consult your attorney or tax advisor. Brokerage firms and other financial institutions offer these plans with varying fees and charges.

Rights of Unit Holders

Unit Ownership.

Ownership of Units will not be evidenced by certificates. If you purchase or hold Units through a broker/dealer or bank, your ownership of Units will be recorded in book-entry form at the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and credited on its records to your broker/dealer's or

bank's DTC account. If you purchase or hold FTPS Units, your ownership of FTPS Units will be recorded in book-entry form on the register of Unit holdings maintained by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent. If you purchase or hold Units through First Trust's online transaction system which enables certain financial representatives to process Unit trades through the First Trust Advisor Direct system ("Advisor Direct"), your ownership of Units ("Advisor Direct Units") will be recorded in book-entry form on the register of Unit holdings maintained by the Trustee. Transfer of Units will be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and its participants if the Units are registered to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., or otherwise will be accomplished by book entries made by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, with respect to FTPS Units, or by the Trustee, with respect to Advisor Direct Units. DTC will forward all notices and credit all payments received in respect of the Units held by the DTC participants. You will receive written confirmation of your purchases and sales of Units from the broker/dealer or bank through which you made the transaction or from the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent if you purchased and hold FTPS Units or from Advisor Direct or the Trustee with respect to Advisor Direct Units. You may transfer your Units by contacting the broker/dealer or bank through which you hold your Units, or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, if you hold FTPS Units, or Advisor Direct or the Trustee, if you hold Advisor Direct Units.

Unit Holder Reports.

The Trustee will prepare a statement detailing the per Unit amounts (if any) distributed from the Income Account and Capital Account in connection with each distribution. In addition, at the end of each calendar year, the Trustee will prepare a statement which contains the following information:

- A summary of transactions in the Trust for the year;
- A list of any Securities sold during the year and the Securities held at the end of that year by the Trust;
- The Redemption Price per Unit, computed on the 31st day of December of such year (or the last business day before); and
- Amounts of income and capital distributed during the year.

It is the responsibility of the entity through which you hold your Units to distribute these statements to you. In addition, you may also request from the Trustee copies of the evaluations of the Securities as prepared by the Evaluator to enable you to comply with applicable federal and state tax reporting requirements.

Income and Capital Distributions

You will begin receiving distributions on your Units only after you become a Record Owner. The Trustee will credit dividends and interest received on the Trust's Securities to the Income Account of the Trust. All other receipts, such as return of capital or capital gain dividends, are credited to the Capital Account of the Trust.

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The Trustee will distribute money from the Income and Capital Accounts, as determined at the semi-annual Record Date, semi-annually on the twenty-fifth day of each June and December to Unit holders of record on the tenth day of such months. However, if the Capital Account contains proceeds from any matured Securities as of the tenth day of a month, the Trustee will distribute money in the Capital Account on the twenty-fifth day of such month to Unit holders of record on the tenth day of such month. In other months, the Trustee will only distribute money in the Capital Account if the amount available for distribution from that account equals at least \$1.00 per 100 Units. In any case, the Trustee will distribute any funds in the Capital Account in December of each year and as part of the final liquidation distribution. See "Summary of Essential Information." No income distribution will be paid if accrued expenses of the Trust exceed amounts in the Income Account on the Distribution Dates. Distribution amounts will vary with changes in the Trust's fees and expenses, in dividends received and with the sale of Securities. If the Trustee does not have your TIN, it is required to withhold a certain percentage of your distribution and deliver such amount to the IRS. You may recover this amount by giving your TIN to the Trustee, or when you file a tax return. However, you should check your statements to make sure the Trustee has your TIN to avoid this "back-up withholding."

We anticipate that there will be enough money in the Capital Account of the Trust to pay the deferred sales charge. If not, the Trustee may sell

Securities to meet the shortfall.

Within a reasonable time after the Trust is terminated, you will receive the pro rata share of the money from the sale of the Securities. All Unit holders will receive a pro rata share of any other assets remaining in the Trust, after deducting any unpaid expenses.

The Trustee may establish reserves (the "Reserve Account") within the Trust to cover anticipated state and local taxes or any governmental charges to be paid out of that Trust.

Redeeming Your Units

You may redeem all or a portion of your Units at any time by sending a request for redemption to your broker/dealer or bank through which you hold your Units or to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, if you hold FTPS Units, or Advisor Direct, if you hold Advisor Direct Units. No redemption fee will be charged, but you are responsible for any governmental charges that apply. Certain broker/dealers may charge a transaction fee for processing redemption requests. Three business days after the day you tender your Units (the "Date of Tender") you will receive cash in an amount for each Unit equal to the Redemption Price per Unit calculated at the Evaluation Time on the Date of Tender.

The Date of Tender is considered to be the date on which your redemption request is received by the Trustee from the broker/dealer or bank through which you hold your Units, or, if you hold FTPS Units, the date the redemption request is received by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, or, if you hold Advisor Direct Units, the date the redemption request is received either by Advisor Direct or the Trustee, as applicable (if such day is a day the NYSE is open for trading). However, if the redemption request is received after 4:00 p.m. Eastern time (or after any earlier closing time on a day on which the NYSE is scheduled in advance to close at such earlier time), the Date of Tender is the next day the NYSE is open for trading.

Any amounts paid on redemption representing income will be withdrawn from the Income Account if funds are available for that purpose, or from the Capital Account. All other amounts paid on redemption will be taken from the Capital Account. The IRS will require the Trustee to withhold a portion of your redemption proceeds if the Trustee does not have your TIN as generally discussed under "Income and Capital Distributions."

The Trustee may sell Securities to make funds available for redemption. The Trustee will purchase the LEAPS(R) which will cancel it and then sell the underlying Common Stocks. Because of the minimum amounts in which the LEAPS(R) must be traded, the proceeds of Common Stocks sold subject to the LEAPS(R) may exceed the amount required at the time to redeem Units. These excess proceeds will be distributed to Unit holders. If Securities are sold, the size and diversification of the Trust will be reduced. These sales may result in lower prices than if the Securities were sold at a different time.

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Your right to redeem Units (and therefore, your right to receive payment) may be delayed:

- If the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings);
- If the SEC determines that trading on the NYSE is restricted or that an emergency exists making sale or evaluation of the Securities not reasonably practical; or
- For any other period permitted by SEC order.

The Trustee is not liable to any person for any loss or damage which may result from such a suspension or postponement.

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The Redemption Price.

The Redemption Price per Unit is determined by the Trustee by:

adding

1. cash in the Income and Capital Accounts of the Trust not designated

to purchase Securities;

2. the aggregate underlying value of the Securities held in the Trust; and
3. dividends receivable on the Securities trading ex-dividend as of the date of computation;

4. accrued interest on the Treasury Obligations; and

deducting

1. the aggregate value of the LEAPS(R);

2. any applicable taxes or governmental charges that need to be paid out of the Trust;

3. any amounts owed to the Trustee for its advances;

4. estimated accrued expenses of the Trust, if any;

5. cash held for distribution to Unit holders of record of the Trust as of the business day before the evaluation being made;

6. liquidation costs for foreign Securities; and

7. other liabilities incurred by the Trust; and

dividing

1. the result by the number of outstanding Units of the Trust.

Any remaining deferred sales charge on the Units when you redeem them will be deducted from your redemption proceeds. In addition, until the end of the initial offering period, the Redemption Price per Unit will include estimated organization costs as set forth under "Fee Table."

Removing Securities from the Trust

The portfolio of the Trust is not managed. However, we may, but are not required to, direct the Trustee to dispose of a Security (and its related LEAPS(R)) in certain limited circumstances, including situations in which:

- The issuer of the Security defaults in the payment of a declared dividend;
- Any action or proceeding prevents the payment of dividends;
- There is any legal question or impediment affecting the Security;
- The issuer of the Security has breached a covenant which would affect the payment of dividends, the issuer's credit standing, or otherwise damage the sound investment character of the Security;
- The issuer has defaulted on the payment of any other of its outstanding obligations;
- There has been a public tender offer made for a Security or a merger or acquisition is announced affecting a Security, and that in our opinion the sale or tender of the Security is in the best interest of Unit holders;
- The sale of Securities is necessary or advisable (i) in order to maintain the qualification of the Trust as a "regulated investment company" or (ii) to provide funds to make any distribution for a taxable year in order to avoid imposition of any income or excise taxes on undistributed income in the Trust;
- The price of the Security has declined to such an extent, or such other credit factors exist, that in our opinion keeping the Security would be harmful to the Trust;
- As a result of the ownership of the Security, the Trust or its Unit holders would be a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company; or
- The sale of the Security is necessary for the Trust to comply with such federal and/or state securities laws, regulations and/or regulatory actions and interpretations which may be in effect from time to time.

Except for instances in which the Trust acquires Replacement Securities, as described in "The FT Series," the Trust will generally not acquire any securities or other property other than the Securities. The Trustee,

on behalf of the Trust and at the direction of the Sponsor, will vote for or against any offer for new or exchanged securities or property in exchange for a Security, such as those acquired in a merger or other transaction. If such exchanged securities or property are acquired by the Trust, at our instruction, they will either be sold or held in the Trust. In making the determination as to whether to sell or hold the exchanged securities or property we may get advice from the Portfolio Supervisor. Any proceeds received from the sale of Securities, exchanged securities or property will be credited to the Capital Account of the Trust for distribution to Unit holders or to meet redemption requests. The Trustee may retain and pay us or an affiliate of ours to act as agent for the Trust to facilitate selling Securities, exchanged securities or property from the Trust. If we or our affiliate act in this capacity, we will be held subject to the restrictions under the 1940 Act. As authorized by the Indenture, the Trustee may also employ a subsidiary or affiliate of the Trustee to act as broker in selling such Securities or property. The Trust will pay for these brokerage services at standard commission rates.

The Trustee may sell Securities designated by us, or, absent our direction, at its own discretion, in order to meet redemption requests or pay expenses. In designating Securities to be sold, we will try to maintain the proportionate relationship among the Securities. If this is not possible, the composition and diversification of the Trust may be changed.

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Amending or Terminating the Indenture

Amendments. The Indenture may be amended by us and the Trustee without your consent:

- To cure ambiguities;
- To correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision;
- To make any amendment required by any governmental agency; or
- To make other changes determined not to be adverse to your best interests (as determined by us and the Trustee).

Termination. As provided by the Indenture, the Trust will terminate on the Mandatory Termination Date as stated in the "Summary of Essential Information." The Trust may be terminated earlier:

- Upon the consent of 100% of the Unit holders of the Trust;
- If the value of the Securities owned by the Trust as shown by any evaluation is less than the lower of \$2,000,000 or 20% of the total value of Securities deposited in the Trust during the initial offering period ("Discretionary Liquidation Amount"); or
- In the event that Units of the Trust not yet sold aggregating more than 60% of the Units of the Trust are tendered for redemption by underwriters, including the Sponsor.

If the Trust is terminated due to this last reason, we will refund your entire sales charge; however, termination of the Trust before the Mandatory Termination Date for any other stated reason will result in all remaining unpaid deferred sales charges on your Units being deducted from your termination proceeds. For various reasons, the Trust may be reduced below the Discretionary Liquidation Amount and could therefore be terminated before the Mandatory Termination Date.

Unless terminated earlier, the Trustee will begin to sell Securities in connection with the termination of the Trust during the period beginning nine business days prior to, and no later than, the Mandatory Termination Date. We will determine the manner and timing of the sale of Securities. Because the Trustee must sell the Securities within a relatively short period of time, the sale of Securities as part of the termination process may result in a lower sales price than might otherwise be realized if such sale were not required at this time.

The scheduled Mandatory Termination Date will be subsequent to the expiration date of the LEAPS(R). If the LEAPS(R) are exercised prior to their expiration, the Trust will receive cash; if the LEAPS(R) are not exercised, the Trust will continue to hold the Common Stocks in the Portfolio. If the Trust is terminated early, the Trustee will either (a) sell the Common Stocks subject to the LEAPS(R); or (b) enter into a closing purchase transaction as a result of which the LEAPS(R) will be canceled and then sell the underlying Common Stocks.

You will receive a cash distribution from the sale of the remaining Securities, along with your interest in the Income and Capital Accounts, within a reasonable time after the Trust is terminated. The Trustee will deduct from the Trust any accrued costs, expenses, advances or indemnities provided for by the Indenture, including estimated compensation of the Trustee and costs of liquidation and any amounts required as a reserve to pay any taxes or other governmental charges.

Information on the Sponsor,
the Trustee, FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and Evaluator

The Sponsor.

We, First Trust Portfolios L.P., specialize in the underwriting, trading and wholesale distribution of unit investment trusts under the "First Trust" brand name and other securities. An Illinois limited partnership formed in 1991, we took over the First Trust product line and act as Sponsor for successive series of:

- The First Trust Combined Series
- FT Series (formerly known as The First Trust Special Situations Trust)
- The First Trust Insured Corporate Trust
- The First Trust of Insured Municipal Bonds
- The First Trust GNMA

The First Trust product line commenced with the first insured unit investment trust in 1974. To date we have deposited more than \$175 billion in First Trust unit investment trusts. Our employees include a team of professionals with many years of experience in the unit investment trust industry.

We are a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Our principal offices are at 120 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; telephone number (800) 621-1675. As of December 31, 2011, the total consolidated partners' capital of First Trust Portfolios L.P. and subsidiaries was \$30,265,155 (audited).

This information refers only to us and not to the Trust or to any series of the Trust or to any other dealer. We are including this information only to inform you of our financial responsibility and our ability to carry out our contractual obligations. We will provide more detailed financial information on request.

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Code of Ethics. The Sponsor and the Trust have adopted a code of ethics requiring the Sponsor's employees who have access to information on Trust transactions to report personal securities transactions. The purpose of the code is to avoid potential conflicts of interest and to prevent fraud, deception or misconduct with respect to the Trust.

The Trustee.

The Trustee is The Bank of New York Mellon, a trust company organized under the laws of New York. The Bank of New York Mellon has its unit investment trust division offices at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286, telephone (800) 813-3074. If you have questions regarding your account or your Trust, please contact the Trustee at its unit investment trust division offices or your financial adviser. The Sponsor does not have access to individual account information. The Bank of New York Mellon is subject to supervision and examination by the Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and its deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent permitted by law.

The Trustee has not participated in selecting the Securities; it only provides administrative services.

The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent.

The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent is FTP Services LLC, an Illinois limited liability company formed in 2005 and an affiliate of the Sponsor. FTP Services LLC acts as record keeper, shareholder servicing agent and distribution agent for Units which are purchased and sold through the Fund/SERV(R) trading system or on a manual basis through FTP Services

LLC. FTP Services LLC provides FTPS Units with administrative and distribution related services as described in this prospectus. The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent's address is 120 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. If you have questions regarding the FTPS Units, you may call the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent at (866) 514-7768. The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent has not participated in selecting the Securities; it only provides administrative services to the FTPS Units. Fund/SERV(R) is a service of National Securities Clearing Corporation, a subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation.

Limitations of Liabilities of Sponsor, FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and Trustee.

Neither we, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent nor the Trustee will be liable for taking any action or for not taking any action in good faith according to the Indenture. We will also not be accountable for errors in judgment. We will only be liable for our own willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence (ordinary negligence in the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and Trustee's case) or reckless disregard of our obligations and duties. The Trustee is not liable for any loss or depreciation when the Securities are sold. If we fail to act under the Indenture, the Trustee may do so, and the Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes in good faith under the Indenture.

The Trustee will not be liable for any taxes or other governmental charges or interest on the Securities which the Trustee may be required to pay under any present or future law of the United States or of any other taxing authority with jurisdiction. Also, the Indenture states other provisions regarding the liability of the Trustee.

If we do not perform any of our duties under the Indenture or are not able to act or become bankrupt, or if our affairs are taken over by public authorities, then the Trustee may:

- Appoint a successor sponsor, paying them a reasonable rate not more than that stated by the SEC;
- Terminate the Indenture and liquidate the Trust; or
- Continue to act as Trustee without terminating the Indenture.

The Evaluator.

The Evaluator is First Trust Advisors L.P., an Illinois limited partnership formed in 1991 and an affiliate of the Sponsor. The Evaluator's address is 120 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

The Trustee, Sponsor, FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and Unit holders may rely on the accuracy of any evaluation prepared by the Evaluator. The Evaluator will make determinations in good faith based upon the best available information, but will not be liable to the Trustee, Sponsor, FTPS Unit Servicing Agent or Unit holders for errors in judgment.

Other Information

Legal Opinions.

Our counsel is Chapman and Cutler LLP, 111 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Illinois 60603. They have passed upon the legality of the Units offered hereby and certain matters relating to federal tax law. Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP acts as the Trustee's counsel.

Experts.

The Trust's statement of net assets, including the schedule of investments, as of the opening of business on the Initial Date of Deposit included in this prospectus, has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein, and is included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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Supplemental Information.

If you write or call the Sponsor, you will receive free of charge supplemental information about this Series, which has been filed with the SEC and to which we have referred throughout. This information states more specific details concerning the nature, structure and risks of this product.

First Trust(R)
Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3
FT 3955

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Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon

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1-800-446-0132
Please refer to the "Summary of Essential
Information" for the Product Code.

When Units of the Trust are no longer available, this prospectus may be used as a preliminary prospectus for a future series, in which case you should note the following:

THE INFORMATION IN THE PROSPECTUS IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. WE MAY NOT SELL, OR ACCEPT OFFERS TO BUY, SECURITIES OF A FUTURE SERIES UNTIL THAT SERIES HAS BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. NO SECURITIES CAN BE SOLD IN ANY STATE WHERE A SALE WOULD BE ILLEGAL.

This prospectus contains information relating to the above-mentioned unit investment trust, but does not contain all of the information about this investment company as filed with the SEC in Washington, D.C. under the:

- Securities Act of 1933 (file no. 333-185365) and
- Investment Company Act of 1940 (file no. 811-05903)

Information about the Trust, including its Code of Ethics, can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information regarding the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-202-942-8090.

Information about the Trust is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

To obtain copies at prescribed rates -

Write: Public Reference Section of the SEC
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January 9, 2013

PLEASE RETAIN THIS PROSPECTUS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

First Trust(R)
The FT Series

Information Supplement

This Information Supplement provides additional information concerning the structure, operations and risks of the unit investment trust contained in FT 3955 not found in the prospectus for the Trust. This Information Supplement is not a prospectus and does not include all of the information you should consider before investing in the Trust. This Information Supplement should be read in conjunction with the prospectus for the Trust in which you are considering investing.

This Information Supplement is dated January 9, 2013. Capitalized terms have been defined in the prospectus.

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Risk Factors

Securities. An investment in Units should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in common stocks entails, including the risk that the financial condition of the issuers of the Securities or the general condition of the relevant stock market may worsen, and the value of the Securities and therefore the value of the Units may decline. Common stocks are especially susceptible to general stock market movements and to volatile increases and decreases of value, as market confidence in and perceptions of the issuers change. These perceptions are based on unpredictable factors, including expectations regarding government, economic, monetary and fiscal policies, inflation and interest rates, economic expansion or contraction, and global or regional political, economic or banking crises. Both U.S. and foreign markets have experienced substantial volatility and significant declines recently as a result of certain or all of these factors.

Dividends. Shareholders of common stocks have rights to receive payments from the issuers of those common stocks that are generally subordinate to those of creditors of, or holders of debt obligations or preferred stocks of, such issuers. Shareholders of common stocks of the type held by the Trust have a right to receive dividends only when and if, and in the amounts, declared by the issuer's board of directors and have a right to participate in amounts available for distribution by the issuer only after all other claims on the issuer have been paid or provided for. Common stocks do not represent an obligation of the issuer and, therefore, do not offer any assurance of income or provide the same degree of protection of capital as do debt securities. The issuance of additional debt securities or preferred stock will create prior claims for payment of principal, interest and dividends which could adversely affect the ability and inclination of the issuer to declare or pay dividends on its common stock or the rights of holders of common stock with respect to assets of the issuer upon liquidation or bankruptcy. Cumulative preferred stock dividends must be paid before common stock dividends, and any cumulative preferred stock dividend omitted is added to future dividends payable to the holders of cumulative preferred stock. Preferred stockholders are also generally entitled to rights on liquidation which are senior to those of common stockholders.

Litigation

Microsoft Corporation. Microsoft Corporation has been engaged in antitrust and unfair competition litigation with the U.S. Department of Justice, the District of Columbia, and several states. Microsoft reached a settlement in 2001 with the U.S. Department of Justice which was joined by nineteen states, while three other states reached separate settlements.

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Microsoft is also involved in class action lawsuits alleging unfair competition and monopolization of markets for operating systems and certain software. The classes have consisted of both direct and indirect purchasers of Microsoft products. As of February 14, 2007, damages claims brought in class action cases by indirect purchasers have been dismissed under federal law and in 16 states. Additionally, two states have refused to certify these classes. However, classes have been

certified in several states, and Microsoft has reached settlement agreements with many of these classes. The settlement agreements have received final approval in 17 states and the District of Columbia. Two other states have granted preliminary approval of settlements. The settlement agreements generally grant the class members vouchers entitling the holder to reimbursement.

Microsoft had also been involved in antitrust and unfair competition litigation in Europe. On March 24, 2004, the European Commission (the "Commission") found that Microsoft violated the European Union Treaty's competition rules by abusing its market power. The Commission found that Microsoft abused its power by deliberately limiting the interoperability between PCs and non-Microsoft servers and bundling Windows Media Player with its Windows operating system. As remedial measures, Microsoft was ordered to disclose certain interface documentation to allow non-Microsoft servers to interact with Windows PCs and servers, and it was ordered to develop a new version of its Windows operating system without Windows Media Player. Microsoft was also fined \$605 million by the Commission, and it was fined \$351 million in 2006 for failure to comply with the Commission's disclosure order of 2004. Microsoft was fined again in February 2008, in the amount of \$1.35 billion, for failure to comply with the 2004 order. Two additional investigations were initiated in January 2008 involving the interoperability and bundling of Microsoft products. On December 16, 2009, the Commission agreed to settle its remaining antitrust issues with Microsoft in exchange for a legally binding commitment from Microsoft. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Microsoft will provide a pop-up screen which will offer users an option to replace Microsoft's Internet Explorer with a competitor's Web browser. Microsoft will provide this pop-up screen for five years and report its progress every six months to the Commission. In addition, Microsoft agreed to a public undertaking which will further the interoperability of Microsoft products with non-Microsoft technologies.

The Korean Fair Trade Commission ("KFTC") made similar anti-competitive findings regarding the bundling of instant messaging software and Windows Media Player with Microsoft's Windows operating systems. The KFTC issued an order in December 2005 which imposed a fine of \$35 million and required a modified version of Windows be made available. On August 23, 2006, versions of Microsoft Windows mandated by the KFTC were released.

Microsoft is involved in several other lawsuits arising from both intellectual property issues and the normal operations of business. It is impossible to predict what impact any future litigation or settlement will have on Microsoft or the value of its stock.

Concentration

Information Technology Companies. The Trust is considered to be concentrated in common stocks of information technology companies. Technology companies generally include companies involved in the development, design, manufacture and sale of computers and peripherals, software and services, data networking/communications equipment, internet access/information providers, semiconductors and semiconductor equipment and other related products, systems and services. The market for these products, especially those specifically related to the Internet, is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of the issuers of the Securities depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on an issuer's operating results. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that the issuers of the Securities will be able to respond in a timely manner to compete in the rapidly developing marketplace.

Based on trading history of common stock, factors such as announcements of new products or development of new technologies and general conditions of the industry have caused and are likely to cause the market price of high-technology common stocks to fluctuate substantially. In addition, technology company stocks have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that often have been unrelated to the operating performance of such companies. This market volatility may adversely affect the market price of the Securities and therefore the ability of a Unit holder to redeem Units at a price equal to or greater than the original price paid for such Units.

Some key components of certain products of technology issuers are currently available only from single sources. There can be no assurance that in the future suppliers will be able to meet the demand for components in a timely and cost effective manner. Accordingly, an issuer's operating results and customer relationships could be adversely

affected by either an increase in price for, or an interruption or reduction in supply of, any key components. Additionally, many

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technology issuers are characterized by a highly concentrated customer base consisting of a limited number of large customers who may require product vendors to comply with rigorous industry standards. Any failure to comply with such standards may result in a significant loss or reduction of sales. Because many products and technologies of technology companies are incorporated into other related products, such companies are often highly dependent on the performance of the personal computer, electronics and telecommunications industries. There can be no assurance that these customers will place additional orders, or that an issuer of Securities will obtain orders of similar magnitude as past orders from other customers. Similarly, the success of certain technology companies is tied to a relatively small concentration of products or technologies. Accordingly, a decline in demand of such products, technologies or from such customers could have a material adverse impact on issuers of the Securities.

Many technology companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by the issuers of the Securities to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such issuers' technology. In addition, due to the increasing public use of the Internet, it is possible that other laws and regulations may be adopted to address issues such as privacy, pricing, characteristics, and quality of Internet products and services. The adoption of any such laws could have a material adverse impact on the Securities in the Trust.

Like many areas of technology, the semiconductor business environment is highly competitive, notoriously cyclical and subject to rapid and often unanticipated change. Recent industry downturns have resulted, in part, from weak pricing, persistent overcapacity, slowdown in Asian demand and a shift in retail personal computer sales toward the low end, or "sub-\$1,000" segment. Industry growth is dependent upon several factors, including: the rate of global economic expansion; demand for products such as personal computers and networking and communications equipment; excess productive capacity and the resultant effect on pricing; and the rate of growth in the market for low-priced personal computers.

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CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT

A. Bonding Arrangements of Depositor:

First Trust Portfolios L.P. is covered by a Brokers' Fidelity Bond, in the total amount of \$2,000,000, the insurer being National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh.

B. This Registration Statement on Form S-6 comprises the following papers and documents:

- The facing sheet
- The Prospectus
- The signatures
- Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

The Registrant, FT 3955, hereby identifies The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 4; The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 18; The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 69; The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 108; The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 119; The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 190; FT 286; The First Trust Combined Series 272; FT 412; FT 438; FT 556; FT 754; FT 1102; FT 1179; FT 1180; FT 1221; FT 1222; FT 1318; FT 1392; FT 1393; FT 1422; FT 1423; FT 1524; FT

1525; FT 1573; FT 1590; FT 1635; FT 1638; FT 1639; FT 1693; FT 1711; FT 1712; FT 1770; FT 1809; FT 1829; FT 1859; FT 1863; FT 1888; FT 1894; FT 1911; FT 1937; FT 1977; FT 1991; FT 1994; FT 2038; FT 2051; FT 2057; FT 2079; FT 2092; FT 2106; FT 2107; FT 2126; FT 2159; FT 2165; FT 2170; FT 2181; FT 2220; FT 2253; FT 2261; FT 2311; FT 2326; FT 2356; FT 2364; FT 2386; FT 2408; FT 2427; FT 2462; FT 2482; FT 2488; FT 2489; FT 2517; FT 2530; FT 2548; FT 2603; FT 2611; FT 2617; FT 2618; FT 2659; FT 2668; FT 2681; FT 2709; FT 2746; FT 2747; FT 2752; FT 2753; FT 2772; FT 2824; FT 2866; FT 2871; FT 2878; FT 2879; FT 2884; FT 2893; FT 2935; FT 2939; FT 3007; FT 3008; FT 3016; FT 3017; FT 3022; FT 3024; FT 3025; FT 3032; FT 3109; FT 3128; FT 3161; FT 3166; FT 3167; FT 3183; FT 3196; FT 3260; FT 3266; FT 3302; FT 3306; FT 3310; FT 3311; FT 3320; FT 3335; FT 3336; FT 3367; FT 3370; FT 3397; FT 3398; FT 3400; FT 3412; FT 3419; FT 3428; FT 3430; FT 3438; FT 3449; FT 3451; FT 3452; FT 3453; FT 3472; FT 3480; FT 3514; FT 3520; FT 3521; FT 3527; FT 3529; FT 3530; FT 3548; FT 3568; FT 3569; FT 3570; FT 3572; FT 3588; FT 3590; FT 3607; FT 3615; FT 3616; FT 3617; FT 3645; FT 3646; FT 3647; FT 3650; FT 3672; FT 3689; FT 3690; FT 3691; FT 3701; FT 3706; FT 3729; FT 3740; FT 3743; FT 3745; FT 3746; FT 3768; FT 3780; FT 3783; FT 3784; FT 3845; FT 3889; FT 3897; FT 3906; FT 3907; FT 3925 and FT 3940 for purposes of the representations required by Rule 487 and represents the following:

(1) that the portfolio securities deposited in the series with respect to which this Registration Statement is being filed do not differ materially in type or quality from those deposited in such previous series;

(2) that, except to the extent necessary to identify the specific portfolio securities deposited in, and to provide essential financial information for, the series with respect to the securities of which this Registration Statement is being filed, this Registration Statement does not contain disclosures that differ in any material respect from those contained in the registration statements for such previous series as to which the effective date was determined by the Commission or the staff; and

(3) that it has complied with Rule 460 under the Securities Act of 1933.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant, FT 3955, has duly caused this Amendment to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Wheaton and State of Illinois on January 9, 2013.

FT 3955

By First Trust Portfolios L.P.
Depositor

By Elizabeth H. Bull
Senior Vice President

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed below by the following person in the capacity and on the date indicated:

Name	Title*	Date
James A. Bowen	Director of The Charger Corporation, the General Partner of First Trust Portfolios L.P.) January 9, 2013))))) Elizabeth H. Bull) Attorney-in-Fact**

* The title of the person named herein represents his capacity in and relationship to First Trust Portfolios L.P., the Depositor.

** An executed copy of the related power of attorney was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Amendment No. 2 to Form S-6 of FT 2669 (File No. 333-169625) and the same is hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the use in this Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No.

333-185365 on Form S-6 of our report dated January 9, 2013, relating to the financial statement of FT 3955, comprising Capital Strength Buy-Write Portfolio, Series 3, appearing in the Prospectus, which is a part of such Registration Statement, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Prospectus.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois
January 9, 2013

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CONSENT OF COUNSEL

The consent of counsel to the use of its name in the Prospectus included in this Registration Statement will be contained in its opinion to be filed as Exhibit 3.1 of the Registration Statement.

CONSENT OF FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P.

The consent of First Trust Advisors L.P. to the use of its name in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement will be filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 1.1 Form of Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust for FT 785 and certain subsequent Series, effective December 9, 2003 among First Trust Portfolios L.P., as Depositor, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, First Trust Advisors L.P., as Evaluator, and First Trust Advisors L.P., as Portfolio Supervisor (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 333-110799] filed on behalf of FT 785).
- 1.1.1 Form of Trust Agreement for FT 3955 and certain subsequent Series, effective January 9, 2013 among First Trust Portfolios L.P., as Depositor, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, First Trust Advisors L.P., as Evaluator, First Trust Advisors L.P., as Portfolio Supervisor, and FTP Services LLC, as FTFS Unit Servicing Agent.
- 1.2 Copy of Certificate of Limited Partnership of First Trust Portfolios L.P. (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 33-42683] filed on behalf of The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 18).
- 1.3 Copy of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of First Trust Portfolios L.P. (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 33-42683] filed on behalf of The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 18).
- 1.4 Copy of Articles of Incorporation of The Charger Corporation, the general partner of First Trust Portfolios L.P., Depositor (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 33-42683] filed on behalf of The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 18).
- 1.5 Copy of By-Laws of The Charger Corporation, the general partner of First Trust Portfolios L.P., Depositor (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-6 [File No. 333-169625] filed on behalf of FT 2669).
- 1.6 Underwriter Agreement (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 33-42755] filed on behalf of The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 19).
- 2.1 Copy of Certificate of Ownership (included in Exhibit 1.1 filed herewith on page 2 and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 2.2 Copy of Code of Ethics (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 333-156964] filed on behalf of FT 1987).

- 3.1 Opinion of counsel as to legality of securities being registered.
- 4.1 Consent of First Trust Advisors L.P.
- 6.1 List of Directors and Officers of Depositor and other related information (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 [File No. 33-42683] filed on behalf of The First Trust Special Situations Trust, Series 18).
- 7.1 Power of Attorney executed by the Director listed on page S-3 of this Registration Statement (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-6 [File No. 333-169625] filed on behalf of FT 2669).

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MEMORANDUM

FT 3955
File No. 333-185365

The Prospectus and the Indenture filed with Amendment No. 1 of the Registration Statement on Form S-6 have been revised to reflect information regarding the execution of the Indenture and the deposit of Securities on January 9, 2013 and to set forth certain statistical data based thereon. In addition, there are a number of other changes described below.

THE PROSPECTUS

Cover Page The date of the Trust has been added.

Page 3 The following information for the Trust appears:
The Aggregate Value of Securities initially deposited has been added.
The initial number of units of the Trust
Sales charge
The Public Offering Price per Unit as of the business day before the Initial Date of Deposit
The Mandatory Termination Date has been added.

Page 5 The Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm has been completed.

Page 6 The Statement of Net Assets has been completed.

Pages 7-10 The Schedule of Investments has been completed.

Back Cover The date of the Prospectus has been included.

THE TRUST AGREEMENT AND STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRUST

The Trust Agreement has been conformed to reflect the execution thereof.

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

January 9, 2013

TRUST AGREEMENT

Dated: January 9, 2013

The Trust Agreement among First Trust Portfolios L.P., as Depositor, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, First Trust Advisors L.P., as Evaluator and Portfolio Supervisor, and FTP Services LLC, as FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, sets forth certain provisions in full and incorporates other provisions by reference to the document entitled "Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust for FT 785 and certain subsequent Series, Effective December 9, 2003" (herein called the "Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust"), and such provisions as are incorporated by reference constitute a single instrument. All references herein to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

WITNESSETH THAT:

In consideration of the premises and of the mutual agreements herein contained, the Depositor, the Trustee, the Evaluator, the Portfolio Supervisor and the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent agree as follows:

PART I

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRUST

Subject to the provisions of Part II and Part III hereof, all the provisions contained in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety and shall be deemed to be a part of this instrument as fully and to the same extent as though said provisions had been set forth in full in this instrument.

PART II

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRUST

CAPITAL STRENGTH BUY-WRITE PORTFOLIO, SERIES 3

The following special terms and conditions are hereby agreed to:

A. The Securities initially deposited in the Trust pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust are set forth in the Schedules hereto.

B. The aggregate number of Units outstanding for the Trust on the Initial Date of Deposit and the initial fractional undivided interest in and ownership of the Trust represented by each Unit thereof are set forth in the Prospectus in the section "Summary of Essential Information."

Documents representing this number of Units for the Trust are being delivered by the Trustee to the Depositor pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

C. The Record Date shall be as set forth in the Prospectus under "Summary of Essential Information." The Trustee is authorized to make the payments specified in Part I of Section 3.05 on the last Business Day of each month.

D. The Distribution Date shall be the 25th day of the month in which the related Record Date occurs.

E. The Mandatory Termination Date for the Trust shall be as set forth in the Prospectus under "Summary of Essential Information."

F. First Trust Advisors L.P.'s compensation as referred to in Section 4.03 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust and FTP Services LLC's compensation as referred to in Section 3.16 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall collectively be an annual fee in the amount of \$.0080 per Unit.

G. The Trustee's Compensation Rate pursuant to Section 6.04 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be an annual fee in the amount of \$.0096 per Unit, calculated based on the largest number of Units outstanding during the calendar year except during the initial offering period as determined in Section 4.01 of this Indenture, in which case the fee is calculated based on the largest number of units outstanding during the period for which the compensation is paid (such annual fee to be pro rated for any calendar year in which the Trustee provides services during less than the whole of such year). However, in no event, except as may otherwise be provided in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, shall the Trustee receive compensation in any one year from any Trust of less than \$2,000 for such annual compensation. The Bank of New York Mellon, or any of its affiliates, may perform services in any capacity for any exchange traded fund, investment company, investment trust or other entity whose shares are held as an asset of the Trust, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, shall be entitled to receive the foregoing compensation, without reduction, notwithstanding that The Bank of New York Mellon or an affiliate is receiving compensation for services to such exchange traded fund, investment company, investment trust or other entity. Without limiting the scope of the expenses for which the Trustee is entitled to reimbursement in accordance with Section 6.04 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, the amounts receivable by the Trustee from the Trust shall include amounts charged by the Trustee or an affiliate in connection with custody of securities at any branch or affiliate of the Trustee located outside the United States.

H. The Initial Date of Deposit for the Trust is January 9, 2013.

I. There is no minimum amount of Securities to be sold by the Trustee pursuant to Section 5.02 of the Indenture for the redemption of Units.

J. No Unit holder will be eligible for an in-kind distribution of Securities pursuant to Section 5.02.

K. No Unit holder will be eligible for an in-kind distribution of Securities pursuant to Section 8.02.

PART III

A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 1.01 (13) shall be amended to delete the second sentence of such section and replace it with the following:

"The Percentage Ratio with respect to each Security in a Trust is that percentage derived by dividing the number of shares of such Security included in the initial deposit made pursuant to Section

2.01(a) by the total number of shares of all Securities included in such deposit."

B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 2.01(e) shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Trustee is hereby irrevocably authorized to effect registration or transfer of the Securities in fully registered form to the name of the Trustee or to the name of its nominee or to hold the Securities in a clearing agency registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in a book entry system operated by the Federal Reserve Board, with an Eligible Foreign Custodian or in an Eligible Securities Depository."

C. Section 2.01 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following section at the end of Section 2.01:

"(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, subject to the requirements set forth in this Section 2.01(g) and unless the Prospectus otherwise requires, the Depositor may, on any Business Day (the "Trade Date"), subscribe for additional Units as follows:

(i) Prior to the Evaluation Time on such Business Day, the Depositor shall provide notice (the "Subscription Notice") to the Trustee, by telephone or by written communication, of the Depositor's intention to subscribe for additional Units. The Subscription Notice shall identify the additional Securities to be acquired (which will be a precise replication of the then existing portfolio, as consistent with the provisions of Section 2.01(b)) and shall either (a) specify the quantity of additional Securities to be deposited by the Depositor on the settlement date for such subscription or (b) instruct the Trustee to purchase additional Securities with an aggregate value as specified in the Subscription Notice.

(ii) Promptly following the Evaluation Time on such Business Day, the Depositor shall verify with the Trustee the number of additional Units to be created.

(iii) Not later than the time on the settlement date for such subscription when the Trustee is to deliver or assign the additional Units created hereby, the Depositor shall deposit with the Trustee (a) any additional Securities specified in the Subscription Notice (or contracts to purchase such additional Securities together with cash or a Letter of Credit in the amount necessary to settle such contracts) or (b) cash or a Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the aggregate value of the additional Securities specified in the Subscription Notice to be purchased by the Trustee, and adding and subtracting the amounts specified in the first and second sentences of Section 5.01, computed as of the Evaluation Time on the Business Day preceding the Trade Date divided by the number of Units outstanding as of the Evaluation Time on the Business Day preceding the Trade Date, times the number of additional Units to be created.

(iv) On the settlement date for such subscription, the Trustee shall, in exchange for the Securities and cash, cash or Letter of Credit described above, deliver to, or assign in the name of or on the order of, the Depositor the number of Units verified by the Depositor with the Trustee.

(v) In the event the Depositor fails to take such action required by paragraph (iii) above, the Trustee shall, on the settlement date for such subscription, settle the securities transactions specified in the Subscription Notice.

(vi) Neither the Trust nor Unit holders of the Trust will be responsible for any loss resulting from the failure of the Depositor to take such action required by paragraph (iii) above."

D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 6.01(e) shall be amended to read as follows:

"(e) (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the Trustee may employ agents, sub-custodians, attorneys, accountants and auditors and shall not be answerable for the default or misconduct of any such agents, sub-custodians, attorneys, accountants or auditors if such agents, sub-custodians, attorneys, accountants or auditors shall have been selected with reasonable care. The Trustee shall be fully protected in respect of any action under this Indenture taken or suffered in good faith by the Trustee in accordance with the opinion of counsel, which may be counsel to the Depositor acceptable to the Trustee, provided, however that this disclaimer of liability shall not excuse the Trustee from the responsibilities specified in subparagraph (2) below. The fees and expenses charged by such agents, sub-custodians, attorneys, accountants or auditors shall constitute an expense of the Trust reimbursable from the Income and Capital Accounts of the Trust as set forth in section 7.04 hereof.

(2) To the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as evidenced by an opinion of counsel to the Depositor satisfactory to the Trustee or "no-action" letters or exemptive orders issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff, the Trustee may place and maintain in the care of an Eligible Foreign Custodian (which is employed by the Trustee as a sub-custodian as contemplated by subparagraph (1) of this paragraph (e) and which may be an affiliate or subsidiary of the Trustee or any other entity in which the Trustee may have an ownership interest) or an Eligible Securities Depository the Trust's investments (including foreign currencies) for which the primary market is outside the United States, and such cash and cash equivalents in amounts reasonably necessary to effect the Trust's transactions in such investments, provided that:

(A) The Trustee shall indemnify the Trust and hold the Trust harmless from and against any risk of loss of Trust assets held with an Eligible Foreign Custodian in accordance with the foreign custody contract.

(B) The Trustee shall exercise reasonable care, prudence and diligence such as a person having responsibility for the safekeeping of Trust assets would exercise, and shall be liable to the Trust for any loss occurring as a result of its failure to do so.

(C) The Trustee shall perform all duties assigned to the Foreign Custody Manager by Rule 17f-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR Section 270.17f-5), as now in effect or as such rule may be amended in the future ("Rule 17f-5"). The Trustee shall not delegate such duties.

(D) The Trustee shall (i) provide the Depositor with an analysis of the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with an

Eligible Securities Depository; (ii) monitor the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with the Eligible Securities Depository on a continuing basis and promptly notify the Depositor of any material change in such risks; and (iii) exercise reasonable care, prudence and diligence in performing the foregoing duties. The Depositor shall instruct the Trustee to take such action as the Depositor deems appropriate in response to a notification by the Trustee provided pursuant to (ii) in the preceding sentence.

(E) The Trust's Prospectus shall contain such disclosure regarding foreign securities and foreign custody as is required for management investment companies by Forms N-1A and N-2. Such Prospectus shall also contain disclosure concerning the Depositor's responsibilities described in (D) above.

(F) The Trustee shall maintain and keep current written records regarding the basis for the choice or continued use of a particular Eligible Foreign Custodian pursuant to this subparagraph for a period of not less than six years from the end of the fiscal year in which the Trust was terminated, the first two years in an easily accessible place. Such records shall be available for inspection by Unit holders and the Securities and Exchange Commission at the Trustee's corporate trust office during its usual business hours."

E. Section 4.05 shall be amended to add the following paragraph as the third paragraph of Section 4.05 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust:

"The Portfolio Supervisor may employ one or more sub-Portfolio Supervisors to assist in performing the services set forth in this Section 4.05 and shall not be answerable for the default of any such sub-Portfolio Supervisors if such sub-Portfolio Supervisors shall have been selected with reasonable care, provided, however, that the Portfolio Supervisor will indemnify and hold the Trust harmless from and against any loss occurring as a result of a sub-Portfolio Supervisor's willful misfeasance, reckless disregard, bad faith, or gross negligence in performing supervisory duties. The fees and expenses charged by such sub-Portfolio Supervisors shall be paid by the Portfolio Supervisor out of proceeds received by the Portfolio Supervisor in accordance with Section 4.03 hereof."

F. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, the Trustee may deem and treat the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent as the sole Unit holder of FTPS Units for all purposes of the Indenture and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

G. Section 1.01 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following:

"Section 1.01(31). "FTPS Unit" shall mean Units which are purchased through the Fund/SERV(R) trading system or on a manual basis through FTP Services LLC or for which FTP Services LLC is acting as FTPS Unit Servicing Agent.

Section 1.01(32). "FTPS Unit Servicing Agent" shall mean FTP Services LLC or any successor FTPS Unit servicing agent appointed as hereinafter provided."

H. Section 3.05.I. of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following at the end of such section:

"(d) deduct from the Income account or, to the extent funds are not available in such Account, from the Capital Account and pay to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent the amount that it is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 3.16."

I. Article III of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following section:

"Section 3.16. FTPS Unit Servicing Agent. FTP Services LLC acts as record keeper, shareholder servicing agent and distribution agent for Units which are purchased and sold through the Fund/SERV(R) trading system or on a manual basis through FTP Services LLC. ("FTPS Units"). (a) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall perform all of the duties with respect to recordkeeping of FTPS Units and FTPS Unit holders, distributions, redemption of FTPS Units and communications to and with FTPS Unit holders listed below.

(1) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall keep proper books of record and account of all of the transactions in the FTPS Units of each Trust under this Indenture at its corporate office, including a record of the name and address of, and the FTPS Units issued by each Trust and held by, every FTPS Unit holder, and such books and records of each Trust shall be made available to the Trustee and the Depositor promptly upon request and open to inspection by any FTPS Unit holder of such Trust, with respect to such FTPS Unit holders transactions, at all reasonable times during usual business hours. Without limiting the foregoing, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall make any records or documents described in Reg. 270.31(a)-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 available promptly to the Trustee and the Depositor upon request during usual business hours and will preserve such records and documents for the periods prescribed in Reg. 270.31(a)-2 thereunder.

(2) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall distribute on or shortly after the Distribution Dates specified in the Trust Agreement to each FTPS Unit holder of record on its books on the Record Date for each such Distribution Date specified in the Trust Agreement such FTPS Unit holder's distribution as computed under the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

(3) In connection with such distributions set forth above, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall furnish a Distribution Statement to FTPS Unit holders of record on its books. The content and frequency of such Distribution Statements shall in no respect be less detailed or frequent than that specified in Section 3.06 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

(4) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall transmit to each FTPS Unit holder of record any notice or other communication received from the Trustee and shall be solely responsible for soliciting and transmitting to the Trustee any notice required from FTPS Unit holders.

(5) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall be responsible for all tax reporting required from time to time by applicable law and regulations with respect to holders of FTPS Units, and reporting of cost basis in respect of the FTPS Units of such holders (including, without limitation, reporting required by Section 6045(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended).

(6) For purposes of permitting FTPS Unit holders to satisfy any reporting requirements of applicable federal or state tax law, the FTPS

Unit Servicing Agent shall provide the Trustee with the name, address, number of FTPS Units held by, and such other information as requested by the Trustee, for every FTPS Unit holder so that the Trustee can transmit to any FTPS Unit holder of record on the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent's books any reports required to be distributed pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust. The Trustee may rely on the accuracy and completeness of the information (including any records or documents made available) provided to it by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and may accept such information without inquiry. Each of the Depositor and the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent hereby agree, jointly and severally, to indemnify the Trustee and hold Trustee harmless from and against any and all costs, expenses, penalties, damages, liabilities or claims including attorneys' and accountants' fees sustained or incurred by or asserted against the Trustee by reason of or as a result of any of the information provided to the Trustee by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent being inaccurate or incomplete. This indemnity shall be a continuing obligation of each of the Depositor and the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, and their successors and assigns, notwithstanding the termination of this Trust Agreement.

(7) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall distribute to redeeming FTPS Unit holders of record on its books redemption proceeds it receives pursuant to Section 5.02 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust from the Trustee as the sole record owner of FTPS Units on the Trustee's books.

(8) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall distribute to FTPS Unit holders of record on its books a pro rata portion of termination proceeds it receives pursuant to Section 8.02 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust from the Trustee as the sole record owner of FTPS Units on the Trustee's books.

(9) In connection with such termination distributions set forth above, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall furnish a Final Distribution Statement to FTPS Unit holders of record on its books. The content of such Final Distribution Statements shall in no respect be less detailed than that specified in Section 8.02 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

(10) As requested by the Depositor and/or the Trustee, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall perform such other functions which, from time to time, are agreed upon by the parties hereto and which may give rise to additional fees.

(b) As compensation for providing the services set forth herein, of a character described in Section 26(a)(2)(C) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, and to the extent that such services are in addition to, and do not duplicate, the services to be performed by the Trustee, FTP Services LLC shall receive, in arrears, against a statement or statements therefore submitted to the Trustee monthly or annually an aggregate annual fee in the per Unit amount set forth in Part II of the Trust Agreement for the Trust, calculated based on the largest number of Units outstanding during the calendar year, except during the initial offering period as determined in Section 4.01 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, in which case the fee is calculated based on the largest number of Units outstanding during the period for which the compensation is paid (such annual fee to be pro rated for any calendar year in which FTP Services LLC provides services described herein during less than the whole of such year). Such fee may exceed the actual cost of providing such services for the Trust,

but at no time will the total amount received by FTP Services LLC for rendering the services described in this Section 3.16 and First Trust Advisors, L.P. for rendering the services described in Section 4.03 to unit investment trusts of which the Depositor is the sponsor in any calendar year exceed the aggregate cost to FTP Services LLC and First Trust Advisors L.P. of supplying such services in such year. Such compensation may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Depositor provided that the total adjustment upward does not, at the time of such adjustment, exceed the percentage of the total increase, after the date hereof, in consumer prices for services as measured by the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index entitled "All Services Less Rent of Shelter" or similar index, if such index should no longer be published. The consent or concurrence of any Unit holder hereunder shall not be required for any such adjustment or increase. Such compensation shall be paid by the Trustee, upon receipt of an invoice therefore from FTP Services LLC, which shall constitute the representation by FTP Services LLC that the bookkeeping and administrative services for which compensation is claimed are properly compensable hereunder and that the aggregate cost incurred by FTP Services LLC of providing FTPS Unit shareholder servicing hereunder was not less than the compensation claimed, upon which representation the Trustee may conclusively rely. Such compensation shall be charged against the Income and/or Capital Accounts, in accordance with Section 3.05 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

If the cash balance in the Income and Capital Accounts shall be insufficient to provide for amounts payable pursuant to this Section 3.16, the Trustee shall have the power to sell (i) Securities from the current list of Securities designated to be sold pursuant to Section 5.02 hereof, or (ii) if no such Securities have been so designated, such Securities as the Trustee may see fit to sell in its own discretion, and to apply the proceeds of any such sale in payment of the amounts payable pursuant to this Section 3.16.

All moneys payable to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent pursuant to this Section 3.16 shall be secured by a lien on the Trust prior to the interest of Unit holders, but no such lien shall be prior to any lien in favor of the Trustee under the provisions of Section 6.04 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust.

(c) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall be under no liability for any action taken in good faith on any appraisal, paper, order, list, demand, request, consent, affidavit, notice, opinion, direction, evaluation, endorsement, assignment, resolution, draft or other document, whether or not of the same kind, prima facie properly executed, or for the disposition of moneys, pursuant to this Indenture, except by reason of its own negligence, lack of good faith or willful misconduct, provided that the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall not in any event be liable or responsible for any evaluation made by the Evaluator.

(d) Except as the context otherwise requires, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall be subject to the provisions of Section 4.05 herein in the same manner as it would if it were the Evaluator.

(e) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall be indemnified ratably by the affected Trust and held harmless against any loss or liability accruing to it without negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on its part, arising out of or in connection with the operations of the Trust, including the costs and expenses (including counsel fees) of defending itself against any claim of liability in the premises,

including without limitation any loss, liability or expense incurred in acting pursuant to written directions to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent given by the Trustee or Depositor from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture or in undertaking actions from time to time which the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent deems necessary in its discretion to protect the Trust and the rights and interests of the FTPS Unit holders pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

(f) The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall conduct its operations in a manner that is compatible with the current operational procedures and requirements of the Trustee (including, without limiting the foregoing, the provision and receipt of data in such format and meeting such technical requirements as the Trustee may specify) and shall exercise its best efforts to accommodate any changes in the operational procedures and requirements which the Trustee may make upon prior notice to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent. The Depositor acknowledges and agrees that the default of the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in its obligations under this paragraph, or the performance by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent of its obligations in a manner which shall adversely affect the Trustee's performance of its duties, shall be a sufficient grounds for the Trustee to remove the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent pursuant to Section 3.16(d) and Section 4.05.

(g) As used in this Section 3.16, "FTPS Unit holder," when referring to the records of the Trustee, shall mean the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent and, when referring to the records to be maintained by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, shall mean each owner of a FTPS Unit identified on the records of the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent."

J. Section 4.01(a) and (b) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent among the parties who are furnished information concerning the Evaluation of each issue of Securities deposited in the Trust and the Trust Fund Evaluation.

K. The second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 4.03 shall be replaced with the following:

"Such fee may exceed the actual cost of providing such services for the Trust, but at no time will the total amount received by First Trust Advisors, L.P. for rendering the services described in this Section 4.03 and FTP Services LLC for rendering the services described in Section 3.16 to unit investment trusts of which the Depositor is the sponsor in any calendar year exceed the aggregate cost to FTP Services LLC and First Trust Advisors, L.P. of supplying such services in such year."

L. Section 4.04 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced in its entirety by the following:

"Section 4.04. Liability of Evaluator. The Trustee, FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, Depositor and the Unit holders may rely on any Evaluation furnished by First Trust Advisors, L.P., acting in its capacity as Evaluator, and shall have no responsibility for the accuracy thereof. The determinations made by the Evaluator hereunder shall be made in good faith upon the basis of the best information available to it. The Evaluator shall be under no liability to the Trustee, FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, Depositor or the Unit holders for errors in judgment; provided, however, that this provision shall not protect the Evaluator against any liability to which it would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance

of its duties or by reason of its reckless disregard of its obligations and duties hereunder."

M. The second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 5.01 shall be amended to delete subsection (ii) of such sentence and replace it in its entirety with the following:

"(ii) amounts representing estimated accrued expenses of such Trust including but not limited to unpaid fees and expenses of the Trustee, the Evaluator, the Portfolio Supervisor, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, the Depositor and its counsel, in each case as reported by the Trustee to the Depositor on or prior to the date of Evaluation,"

N. Section 6.01(c) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced in its entirety with the following:

"(c) The Trustee shall not be responsible for or in respect of the recitals herein, the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or for the due execution hereof by the Depositor, the Portfolio Supervisor, the Evaluator, or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, or for the form, character, genuineness, sufficiency, value or validity of any of the Securities (except that the Trustee shall be responsible for the exercise of due care in determining the genuineness of Securities delivered to it pursuant to contracts for the purchase of such Securities) or for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of the Units or of the Certificates (except for the due execution thereof by the Trustee) or for the due execution thereof by the Depositor, and the Trustee shall in no event assume or incur any liability, duty or obligation to any Unit holder, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent or the Depositor other than as expressly provided for herein. The Trustee shall not be responsible for or in respect of the validity of any signature by or on behalf of the Depositor, the Portfolio Supervisor, the Evaluator or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent;"

O. Section 8.02(b) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced in its entirety with the following:

"(b) deduct from the Income Account of such Trust or, to the extent that funds are not available in such Account, from the Capital Account of such Trust, and pay accrued and unpaid fees of the Evaluator, the Portfolio Supervisor, the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, the Depositor and counsel in connection with such Trust, if any;"

P. Section 8.05 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to add the following paragraph immediately preceding the last paragraph of such section:

"Any notice, demand, direction or instruction to be given to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent shall be in writing and shall be duly given if mailed or delivered to the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent at 120 E. Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, IL 60187, or at such other address as shall be specified by the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent to the other parties hereto in writing."

Q. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, the second paragraph in Section 8.02 shall be amended to read as follows:

"In the event of any termination of the Trust prior to the Mandatory Termination Date, the Trustee shall proceed to liquidate the Securities then held and make the payments and distributions provided

for hereinafter in this Section 8.02, except that in such event, the distribution to each Unit holder shall be made in cash and shall be such Unit holder's pro rata interest in the balance of the principal and income accounts after the deductions herein provided. In the event that the Trust shall terminate on or after the Mandatory Termination Date, the Trustee shall, at least thirty days prior to the Mandatory Termination Date, send a written notice to all Unit holders of record. If such Unit holder owns at least the minimum number of Units of Trust set forth in Part II of the Trust Agreement, such notice shall further indicate that such Unit holder may elect to receive an in-kind distribution of their pro rata share of the Securities, to the extent of whole shares. The Trustee will honor duly executed requests for in-kind distributions received (accompanied by the electing Unit holder's Certificate, if issued) by the close of business ten business days prior to the Mandatory Termination Date. Unit holders who do not effectively request an in-kind distribution shall receive their distribution upon termination in cash. Unit holders shall receive their distribution upon termination in cash."

R. Section 6.01 shall be amended to add the following as paragraph (n):

"(n) The Trustee may act, and may engage any corporation, partnership or other entity affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon (an "Affiliated Entity") to act, as broker or dealer to execute transactions, including the purchase or sale of any securities currently distributed, underwritten or issued by any Affiliated Entity, and receive, or pay to the Affiliated Entity, as applicable, compensation for such services at standard commission rates, markups or concessions."

S. Section 3.02 shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Section 3.02 Income Account. The Trustee shall collect the dividends and other cash distributions on the Securities in each Trust which would be treated as dividend (other than capital gain dividends) or interest income under the Internal Revenue Code as such become payable (including all monies which would be so treated representing penalties for the failure to make timely payments on the Securities, or as liquidated damages for default or breach of any condition or term of the Securities or of the underlying instrument relating to any Securities and other income attributable to a Failed Contract Obligation for which no Replacement Security has been obtained pursuant to Section 3.12 hereof) and credit such income to a separate account for each Trust to be known as the "Income Account."

Any non-cash distributions received by a Trust shall be sold to the extent they would be treated as dividend or interest income under the Internal Revenue Code and the proceeds shall be credited to the Income Account. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, non-cash distributions received by a Trust (other than a non-taxable distribution of the shares of the distributing corporation which shall be retained by a Trust) shall be dealt with in the manner described in Section 3.11, herein, and shall be retained or disposed of by such Trust according to those provisions and the proceeds thereof shall be credited to the Capital (Principal) Account. Neither the Trustee nor the Depositor shall be liable or responsible in any way for depreciation or loss incurred by reason of any such sale.

All other distributions received by a Trust shall be credited to the Capital (Principal) Account."

T. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, the first paragraph of Section 3.05.(II)(a) shall be amended to provide as follows:

"On each Distribution Date, the Trustee shall distribute to each Unit holder of record at the close of business on the Record Date immediately preceding such Distribution Date an amount per Unit equal to such Unit holder's Income Distribution (as defined below), plus such Unit holder's pro rata share of the balance of the Capital Account (except for monies on deposit therein required to purchase Contract Obligations and, with respect to any Trust which is a widely held fixed investment trust as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(b)(22), monies constituting proceeds of pro-rata sales of Trust assets to effect redemptions, which proceeds shall be retained for payment of redemptions) computed as of the close of business on such Record Date after deduction of any amounts provided in Subsection I, provided, however, that notwithstanding any contrary provisions of paragraph (II)(c) of this Section, the Trustee shall not be required to make a distribution from the Capital Account unless the balance available for distribution is equal to or greater than \$1.00 per 100 Units, except that, notwithstanding any provision of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust or this Trust Agreement to the contrary:

(i) With respect to any Trust which is a widely held fixed investment trust as defined on Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(b)(22), the Trustee shall on any Distribution Date distribute the cash available for distribution in the Income and Capital Accounts within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(b)(5) if the aggregate amount of such cash available for distribution is equal to or greater than .1% of the net asset value of the Trust on the related Record Date. This provision is intended to comply with Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(v)(C) and shall be interpreted consistent therewith and with any successor regulations.

(ii) With respect to any trust which intends to qualify as a regulated investment company, as set forth in the Prospectus for such trust, the Trustee may make such distributions from the Income or Capital Accounts as may be necessary, as determined by the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm, in order to avoid imposition of any income or excise taxes on undistributed income in the Trust. In addition, the Trustee will distribute any funds in the Capital Account in December of each year."

U. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, the ninth paragraph of Section 5.02 of the Standard Terms shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"With respect to any Trust which is a widely held fixed investment trust as defined on Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(b)(22), for the purpose of funding the Principal Account for payment of the Redemption Value with respect to each tender of a Unit or Units for redemption, the Depositor may direct the trustee to sell and, in the absence of contrary direction from the Depositor, the Trustee may sell, the pro rata amount of each Security allocable to the tendered Units as soon as reasonably practicable following such tender. In determining such pro rata amount, the Trustee may apply the calendar month aggregation method provided

in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(G)(3)(i). If the proceeds of such pro rata sales are insufficient, the Trustee may (i) sell additional Securities as directed by the Sponsor or, in the absence of direction, sell Securities in amounts which are reasonably pro rata as determined by the Trustee or (ii) advance funds required to pay the Redemption Value, provided that the Trustee shall have no obligation to advance funds if the unreimbursed amount advanced to the Trust for this purpose then equals at least \$15,000. When directed by the Depositor or determined by the Trustee, but in all events as promptly as reasonably practicable whenever the unreimbursed amount advanced by the Trustee equals or exceeds \$15,000, the Trustee shall sell additional Securities in the manner provided in clause (i) of the preceding sentence and shall reimburse itself the amount of the advance, provided that the Trustee's right to reimbursement shall not be affected by any delay in sale or reimbursement. The Trustee's right to reimbursement shall be secured by a lien on the Trust prior to the interest of the Unit holders. The net proceeds of any sale of Securities representing income shall be credited to the Income Account and then disbursed therefrom for payment of expenses and payments to Unit holders as otherwise provided in this Indenture. The balance of such net proceeds shall be credited to the Principal Account. The Depositor and the Trustee shall use their reasonable efforts to conduct pro rata sales of Securities qualifying for exception from tax reporting as described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(G) and, during the final calendar year of the trust, qualifying for the exception from tax reporting described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(F). Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Trustee nor the Depositor shall be liable to any person in the event sales proceeds for any calendar year exceed the general de minimis test of Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(D)(1) (whether or not due to a failure to sell Securities pro rata) or otherwise require reporting under Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5."

V. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 6.02 of the Standard Terms is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Section 6.02. Books, Records and Reports. (a) General. The Trustee shall keep proper books of record and account of all the transactions of each Trust under this Indenture at its corporate trust office, including a record of the name and address of, and the Units issued by each Trust and held by, every Unit holder, and such books and records of each Trust shall be open to inspection by any Unit holder of such Trust at all reasonable times during the usual business hours. The Trustee shall make such annual or other reports as may from time to time be required under any applicable state or federal statute or rule or regulations thereunder.

(b) Audit of trust accounts. Unless the Depositor determines that such an audit is not required, the accounts of the Trust shall be audited not less than annually by independent public accountants designated from time to time by the Depositor and the Trustee and the reports of such accountants shall be furnished upon request to Unit holders. So long as the Depositor is making a secondary market for Units, the Depositor shall bear the cost of such annual audits to the extent such cost exceeds \$.50 per 100 Units.

(c) Costs of updating of registration statement. If provided for in the Prospectus for a Trust, the Trustee shall pay, or reimburse

to the Depositor, the expenses related to the updating of the Trust's registration statement, to the extent of legal fees, typesetting fees, electronic filing expenses and regulatory filing fees. Such expenses shall be paid from the Income Account, or to the extent funds are not available in such Account, from the Capital Account, against an invoice or invoices therefor presented to the Trustee by the Depositor. By presenting such invoice or invoices, the Depositor shall be deemed to certify, upon which certification the Trustee is authorized conclusively to rely, that the amounts claimed therein are properly payable pursuant to this paragraph. The Depositor shall provide the Trustee, from time to time as requested, an estimate of the amount of such expenses, which the Trustee shall use for the purpose of estimating the accrual of Trust expenses. The amount paid by the Trust pursuant to this paragraph in each year shall be separately identified in the annual statement provided to Unit holders. The Depositor shall assure that the Prospectus for the Trust contains such disclosure as shall be necessary to permit payment by the Trust of the expenses contemplated by this paragraph under applicable laws and regulations. The provisions of this paragraph shall not limit the authority of the Trustee to pay, or reimburse to the Depositor or others, such other or additional expenses as may be determined to be payable from the Trust as provided in this Section 6.02.

(d) Tax reporting for grantor trusts. With respect to any Trust which is a widely held fixed investment trust as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(b)(22), the Depositor and the Trustee agree that the Trust meets the requirements of Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(f)(1)(i), and the Trustee is authorized:

(i) to report in accordance with any of the safe harbor methods described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(f);

(ii) to report sales proceeds, whenever permitted, as provided in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(f)(1)(iv)(B);

(iii) to report proceeds of sales and dispositions described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(D)(4)(ii) as provided in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(D)(4)(i); and

(iv) to use the measuring date, as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(D)(1), in lieu of the start-up date, wherever permitted.

For purposes of Treas. Reg. Section 1.671-5(f)(1)(iv)(A)(2), the date of the last deposit under 2.01(b) prior to the expiration of the initial offering period, as certified to the Trustee by the Depositor, shall be considered the 'start-up date' of the Trust.

(e) Cost-basis reporting for Unit holders who purchase or hold their Units through the First Trust Advisor Direct system ("Advisor Direct"). The Depositor shall maintain information required for the reporting of the cost basis of Advisor Direct holders (as defined in section 2.03(b)) as may be required from time to time by applicable law (including, without limitation, Section 6045(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) and regulations, and the Depositor shall be responsible for the reporting of such information to the Advisor Direct holders, or if reporting by the Depositor is not permitted by applicable law or regulation or if the Depositor and Trustee otherwise agree that the Trustee shall report such information, the Depositor shall provide the Trustee such information as will permit the Trustee to provide required cost-basis information to the Advisor Direct holders and shall

provide the information at such times and in such form as the Trustee may reasonably request. The Depositor will be solely responsible for the accuracy of such cost-basis information and the reporting thereof to Advisor Direct holders as provided above. The Trustee may rely conclusively upon the cost-basis information provided by the Depositor with respect to Advisor Direct holders, and shall be indemnified in accordance with Section 6.04 of the Indenture against any loss or liability, including any penalty or other charge imposed by any taxing authority in respect of such cost-basis information or reporting thereof made by the Depositor as provided in this paragraph."

W. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of the Trust, the eighth paragraph of Section 5.02 of the Standard Terms shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5.02, the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) is hereby irrevocably authorized in its discretion, in the event that the Depositor does not purchase any Units tendered to the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) for redemption, or in the event that a Unit is being tendered by the Depositor for redemption, in lieu of redeeming Units, to sell Units in the over-the-counter market through any broker-dealer of its choice for the account of the tendering Unit holder at prices which will return to the Unit holder an amount in cash, net after deducting brokerage commissions, transfer taxes and other charges, equal to or in excess of the Redemption Value which such Unit holder would otherwise be entitled to receive on redemption pursuant to this Section 5.02. The Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) shall pay to the Unit holder the net proceeds of any such sale on the day on which such Unit holder would otherwise be entitled to receive payment of the Redemption Value hereunder."

X. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 6.01(l) shall be replaced in its entirety with the following:

"The Trust may include (I) a letter or letters of credit meeting the requirements of Section 2.05 for the purchase of Securities or Contract Obligations issued by the Trustee in its individual capacity for the account of the Depositor or (II) Securities issued by the Trustee, its parent, or affiliates, and the Trustee may otherwise deal with the Depositor and the Trust with the same rights and powers as if it were not the Trustee hereunder; and"

Y. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 3.07 shall be amended to add the following immediately after Section 3.07(i):

"(j) that as a result of the ownership of the Security, the Trust or its Unit holders would be a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company as defined in section 1297(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(k) that such sale is necessary for the Trust to comply with such federal and/or state securities laws, regulations and/or regulatory actions and interpretations which may be in effect from time to time."

Z. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, paragraph (e) of Section 6.05 shall be amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:

"The Trustee's and each successor Trustee's right to indemnification shall survive its resignation or removal."

AA. All references to The Bank of New York in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced with "The Bank of New York Mellon."

BB. Any notice, demand, direction or instruction to be given to either the Depositor, Portfolio Supervisor or Evaluator shall be in writing and shall be duly given if mailed or delivered to such party at 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, or at such other address as shall be specified by the Depositor, Portfolio Supervisor or Evaluator to the other parties hereto in writing.

CC. Article IV of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to add the following:

"Section 4.06. Liability of Portfolio Supervisor. The Portfolio Supervisor shall be under no liability to the Unit holders for any action taken or for refraining from the taking of any action in good faith pursuant to this Indenture or for errors in judgment, but shall be liable only for its own willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of its reckless disregard of its obligations and duties hereunder."

DD. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, the last sentence of Section 3.01 shall be replaced with the following:

"As used herein, the Depositor's reimbursable expenses of organizing the Trust shall include the cost of the initial preparation and typesetting of the registration statement, prospectuses (including preliminary prospectuses), the indenture, and other documents relating to the Trust, SEC and state blue sky registration fees, the cost of the initial valuation of the portfolio and audit of the Trust, the costs of a portfolio consultant, if any, the initial fees and expenses of the Trustee, and legal and other out-of-pocket expenses related thereto, but not including the expenses incurred in the printing of preliminary prospectuses and prospectuses, expenses incurred in the preparation and printing of brochures and other advertising materials and any other selling expenses."

EE. Section 2.03(b) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust is restated in full as follows:

"Notwithstanding any provisions of the Indenture to the contrary, Units shall be held solely in uncertificated form evidenced by appropriate notation in the registration books of the Trustee, and no Unit holder shall be entitled to the issuance of a Certificate evidencing the Units owned by such Unit holder. The only permitted registered holders of Units shall be (i) Depository Trust Company (or its nominee, Cede & Co.), (ii) the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, or (iii) Unit holders who purchase or otherwise hold their Units through Advisor Direct ("Advisor Direct holders"); consequently, individuals who are not Advisor Direct holders or holders of FTPS Units must hold their Units

through an entity which is a participant in Depository Trust Company. Except as provided by the preceding provisions of this paragraph, the rights specified in this Indenture of holders of Units evidenced by a Certificate shall apply to holders of Units held in uncertificated form."

FF. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 3.13 shall be amended by adding the following sentences at the end thereof:

"To the extent permitted by applicable law and regulatory authorization, unpaid portions of the deferred sales charge shall be secured by a lien on the Trust in favor of the Depositor, provided that such lien shall be subordinate to the lien of the Trustee granted by Section 6.04 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust. To the extent of such lien, the Trustee shall hold the assets of the Trust for the benefit of the Depositor, provided that the Trustee is authorized to make dispositions, distributions and payments for expenses in the ordinary course of the administration of the trust without regard to such lien."

GG. For Trusts which make annualized distributions of income, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trusts, Section 2.01(b)(4), as renumbered hereby, shall be amended to add the following sentence at the end thereof:

"If the Cash amount pursuant to the foregoing calculation is negative, the Trustee shall distribute to the Depositor the amount of such deficit, and may advance funds to the Trust for such purpose, such advance to be repaid and secured in the manner provided in Section 3.05(II)(b) as amended herein."

HH. Section 3.07(h) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced in its entirety with the following:

"(h) in the case of a Trust which has elected to qualify as a "regulated investment company," that the sale of Securities is necessary or advisable: (i) in order to maintain the qualification of the Trust as such; or (ii) to provide funds to make any distribution from such a Trust for a taxable year in order to avoid imposition of any income or excise taxes on undistributed income in the Trust;"

II. For Trusts which intend to qualify as a regulated investment company, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trusts, the first two sentences in the second paragraph of Section 3.11 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced in their entirety with the following:

"In the event that an offer by the issuer of any of the Securities or any other party shall be made to issue new securities, or to exchange securities, for Trust Securities, the Trustee will, at the direction of the Depositor, vote for or against any offer for new or exchanged securities or property in exchange for a Trust Security. Should any issuance, exchange or substitution be effected, any securities, cash and/or property received shall be deposited hereunder and shall be promptly sold, if securities or property, by the Trustee pursuant to the Depositor's direction, unless the Depositor advises the Trustee to keep such securities or property."

JJ. For Trusts which intend to qualify as a regulated investment company, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trusts, Section 2.01(b)(4)

of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be deleted in its entirety and Section 2.01(b) (5) shall be renumbered to "Section 2.01(b) (4)."

KK. For Trusts which intend to qualify as a regulated investment company, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trusts, Section 3.12(a) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be replaced in its entirety with the following:

"(a) The New Securities shall be Securities as originally selected for Deposit in that Series of the Trust or securities which the Depositor determines to be similar in character as Securities originally selected for Deposit;"

LL. For Trusts which intend to qualify as a regulated investment company, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trusts, Article III of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following section:

"Section 3.17. Regulated Investment Company Election. Each Trust elects to be treated and to qualify as a "regulated investment company" as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, and the Trustee is hereby directed to make such elections, including any appropriate election to be taxed as a corporation, as shall be necessary to effect such qualification."

MM. For Trusts which intend to qualify as a regulated investment company, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trusts, Section 8.01(b) shall be amended to remove the following text from such section:

"as a grantor trust."

NN. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, for Trusts which make annualized distributions of income, as set forth in the Prospectus for such Trust, Section 3.05 (II) (b) shall be replaced with the following:

"(b) For purposes of this Section 3.05, the Unit holder's Income Distribution shall be equal to such Unit holder's pro rata share of the balance of the Income Account calculated as of the prior Record Date, on the basis of one-twelfth of (i) the annual income of the Trust for the ensuing twelve months estimated by reference to the distributions made on the Securities during the preceding calendar quarter (as adjusted for any information with respect to future dividends received by the Trustee prior to such Record Date) less (ii) the fees and expenses then deductible pursuant to Section 3.05 (I) and (iii) the Trustee's estimate of other expenses properly chargeable to the Income Account pursuant to the Indenture which have accrued, as of such Record Date, or are otherwise properly attributable to the period to which such Income Distribution relates. The Trustee shall advance out of its own funds and deposit in and credit to the Income Account on each Distribution Date, to the extent that there is not sufficient cash in the Income Account, the additional amount, if any, anticipated by the Trustee to be necessary to make the Income Distribution as specified in the preceding sentence; the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed from the Income Account without interest when funds are available therein from income on any of the Securities, including upon the sale of Securities to meet redemptions, for any and all amounts advanced by it pursuant to this paragraph. The Trustee shall be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the

income of the Trust to the extent such income is required to reimburse the Trustee for amounts advanced by it pursuant to this paragraph; amounts payable to the Trustee in respect of such advances shall be secured by a lien on the Trust prior to the interests of Unit holders. In the event any issuer of Securities fails to make an anticipated distribution, or there is a disposition of Securities or other event that reduces the net income which will be received from that estimated by the Trustee, the Trustee shall, on the Record Date next following the Trustee's determination that such event has occurred, reduce the amount of the next following distribution by such amount as will enable the Trustee to recover any advances to the Trust referable to the anticipated receipt of such unrealized income. As determined by the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm, the Trustee shall adjust the December distribution from the Income and Capital Accounts as may be necessary so that the Trust distributions during the calendar year equal an amount necessary to avoid paying any regulated investment company excise tax during such year. The Trustee is authorized to reduce the following January distribution by the amount of any such increase."

OO. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Article III of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following section:

"Section 3.18. Selection of Brokers or Dealers in Connection with the Acquisition and Disposition of Securities. In acquiring or disposing of Securities, including without limitation Additional Securities and New Securities, the Trustee (or the Depositor, if the Depositor is acquiring or disposing of Securities for the account of the Trust) shall direct transactions to such brokers or dealers as the Depositor selects or, if the Depositor fails so to direct, to such brokers or dealers from whom the Trustee expects to obtain the most favorable execution of orders. The Depositor or an affiliate of the Depositor or of the Trustee may act as broker. If the Depositor acts as broker, it shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Any affiliate of the Trustee acting as broker shall receive such compensation as may be agreed upon with the Depositor (or, if selected by the Trustee, at the affiliate's standard commission rates, concessions or markups), without reduction of the compensation payable to the Trustee for its services as such."

PP. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Article III of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following section:

"Section 3.19. Authority of Depositor to Purchase or Sell Securities for the Account of the Trust. Whenever in this Agreement it is provided that the Trustee shall purchase or sell Securities, the Depositor is authorized to purchase or sell the Securities for the account of the Trust, and the Trustee shall purchase or sell Securities only in the event the Depositor fails to do so. The Trustee shall have no responsibility or liability for any purchase or sale of Securities made by the Depositor."

QQ. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 3.05. (II)(a) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following at the end of such section:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on the 10th day of a month the Capital Account contains proceeds from any matured Securities, the Trustee shall on the 25th day of such month distribute to each Unit holder of record at the close of business on such 10th day of a month an amount per Unit equal to such Unit holder's pro rata share of the balance of the Capital Account (except for monies on deposit therein required to purchase Contract Obligations) computed as of the close of business on the 10th day of such month after deduction of any amounts provided in Subsection I."

RR. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 5.02 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust shall be amended to include the following paragraph at the end of such section:

"If a Trust contains Securities which are subject to written call options, to the extent such Securities are sold for the purpose of funding the Capital Account for redemption of Units tendered for redemption, the Trustee shall acquire call options of the same type, thereby offsetting the obligation under the call option. The Trustee shall have no responsibility or liability for any purchase of call options pursuant to this Section."

SS. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, in connection with any deposit of Securities made pursuant to Section 2.01, the Trustee shall, as directed by the Depositor, sell call options and apply the proceeds to the purchase of Securities acquired in connection with such deposit. The Trustee is authorized to pledge Trust Securities as may be required in connection with the Depositor's deposit of Securities subject to call options and in connection with the sale of call options pursuant to the preceding sentence.

TT. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust, Section 1.01(18) shall be replaced with the following:

"(18) "Securities" shall mean equity securities of corporations or other entities, U.S. Treasury securities and/or call options, deposited in the Trust Fund as specified in the Trust Agreement thereof, which Securities are listed in Schedule A to the Trust Agreement or are Securities deposited in the Trust Fund pursuant to Section 2.01(b) hereof, and Replacement Securities acquired pursuant to Section 3.12 hereof, as may from time to time be construed to be held as part of the Trust Fund."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, First Trust Portfolios L.P., The Bank of New York Mellon, First Trust Advisors L.P. and FTP Services LLC have each caused this Trust Agreement to be executed and the respective corporate seal to be hereto affixed and attested (if applicable) by authorized officers; all as of the day, month and year first above written.

FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.,
Depositor

By Elizabeth H. Bull
Senior Vice President

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
Trustee

By Joan A. Currie
Managing Director

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ATTEST:

Elizabeth A. Fernandes
Vice President

FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P.,
Evaluator

By Elizabeth H. Bull
Senior Vice President

FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P.
Portfolio Supervisor

By Elizabeth H. Bull
Senior Vice President

FTP Services LLC,
FTPS Unit Servicing Agent

By Elizabeth H. Bull
Senior Vice President

SCHEDULE A TO TRUST AGREEMENT

Securities Initially Deposited
FT 3955

(Note: Incorporated herein and made a part hereof for the Trust is the "Schedule of Investments" for the Trust as set forth in the Prospectus.)

Chapman and Cutler LLP

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January 9, 2013

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Re: FT 3955

Gentlemen:

We have served as counsel for First Trust Portfolios L.P., as Sponsor and Depositor of FT 3955 in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of a Trust Agreement dated January 9, 2013 among First Trust Portfolios L.P., as Depositor, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, First Trust Advisors L.P., as Evaluator and Portfolio Supervisor, and FTP Services LLC as FTPS Unit Servicing Agent, pursuant to which the Depositor has delivered to and deposited the Securities listed in Schedule A to the Trust Agreement with the Trustee and pursuant to which the Trustee has issued to or on the order of the Depositor units of fractional undivided interest in and ownership of the Fund created under said Trust Agreement.

In connection therewith, we have examined such pertinent records and documents and matters of law as we have deemed necessary in order to enable us to express the opinions hereinafter set forth.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. the execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement and the issuance of Units in the Fund have been duly authorized; and

2. the Units in the Fund when duly issued and delivered by the Trustee in accordance with the aforementioned Trust Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Fund and the Depositor and such Units, when issued and delivered in accordance with the Trust Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth in the Trust prospectus, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement (File No. 333-185365) relating to the Units referred to above, to the use of our name and to the reference to our firm in said Registration Statement and in the related Prospectus.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

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January 9, 2013

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Re: FT 3955

Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement File No. 333-185365 for the above captioned fund. We hereby consent to the use in the Registration Statement of the references to First Trust Advisors L.P. as evaluator.

You are hereby authorized to file a copy of this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Sincerely,

First Trust Advisors L.P.

Elizabeth H. Bull
Senior Vice President