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POST-EFFECTIVE  
AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO  
FORM S-6

For Registration Under the Securities Act of 1933 of Securities  
of Unit Investment Trusts Registered on Form N-8B-2

FT 983  
BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6  
(Exact Name of Trust)

First Trust Portfolios L.P.  
(Exact Name of Depositor)

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FT 983  
BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6  
2,114,043 UNITS

PROSPECTUS

Part One  
Dated August 29, 2008

Note: Part One of this Prospectus may not be distributed unless accompanied  
by Part Two and Part Three.

The Trust

FT 983, Balanced Income Portfolio, Series 6 (the "Trust") is a unit investment  
trust consisting of a portfolio containing common stocks of companies which have  
above-average dividend yields and closed-end funds which invest in U.S. and  
foreign taxable bonds and/or preferred securities. At July 1, 2008, each Unit  
represented a 1/2,114,043 undivided interest in the principal and net income of  
the Trust (see "The FT Series" in Part Two).

The Units being offered by this Prospectus are issued and outstanding Units  
which have been purchased by the Sponsor, First Trust Portfolios L.P., in the  
secondary market or from the Trustee after having been tendered for redemption.  
The profit or loss resulting from the sale of Units will accrue to the Sponsor.  
No proceeds from the sale of Units will be received by the Trust.

Public Offering Price

The Public Offering Price per Unit is equal to the aggregate value of the  
Securities in the Portfolio of the Trust, plus or minus cash, if any, in the

Income and Capital Accounts of the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 3.75% of the Public Offering Price (3.896% of the net amount invested) including Income and Principal cash. At July 1, 2008, the Public Offering Price per Unit was \$9.242 (see "Public Offering" in Part Two). The minimum purchase is \$1,000 (\$500 for Individual Retirement Accounts or other qualified retirement plans).

Please retain all parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

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FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.  
Sponsor

FT 983  
BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6  
SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF JULY 1, 2008  
Sponsor: First Trust Portfolios L.P.  
Evaluator: First Trust Advisors L.P.  
Trustee: The Bank of New York Mellon

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GENERAL INFORMATION  
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Number of Units (rounded to the nearest whole unit)	2,114,043
Fractional Undivided Interest in the Trust per Unit	1/2,114,043
Public Offering Price:	
Aggregate Value of Securities in the Portfolio	\$18,455,050
Aggregate Value of Securities per Unit	\$8.730
Income and Principal cash (overdraft) in the Portfolio	\$351,078
Income and Principal cash (overdraft) per Unit	\$0.166
Sales Charge 3.896% (3.75% of Public Offering Price, including Income and Principal cash)	\$0.346
Public Offering Price per Unit	\$9.242
Redemption Price and Sponsor Repurchase Price per Unit (\$0.346 less than the Public Offering Price per Unit)	\$8.896
Date Trust Established	May 5, 2005
Mandatory Termination Date	May 7, 2012

Portfolio supervision, bookkeeping, administrative and evaluation fees are \$0.0080 per Unit annually.

Evaluations for purposes of sale, purchase or redemption of Units are made as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day on which it is open.

Trustee's Annual Fee: \$0.0096 per Unit.

Capital Distribution Record Date and Distribution Date: Distributions from the Capital Account will be made monthly payable on the last day of the month to Unit holders of record on the fifteenth day of such month if the amount available for distribution equals at least \$0.01 per Unit. Notwithstanding, distributions of funds in the Capital Account, if any, will be made in December of each year.

Income Distribution Record Date: Fifteenth day of each month.

Income Distribution Date: Last day of each month.

A Unit holder who owns at least 2,500 Units may request an "In-Kind Distribution" upon redemption or upon termination of the Trust.

See "Income and Capital Distributions" in Part Two.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Unit Holders of FT 983,  
Balanced Income Portfolio, Series 6

We have audited the statement of assets and liabilities of FT 983, Balanced Income Portfolio, Series 6 (the "Trust"), including the schedule of investments, as of April 30, 2008, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets for each of the two years then ended and for the period from May 5, 2005 (Initial Date of Deposit) to April 30, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's Sponsor. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 financial statements are 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 financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Trust's Sponsor, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of April 30, 2008, by correspondence with the Trustee. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FT 983, Balanced Income Portfolio, Series 6, at April 30, 2008, and the results of its operations and changes in its net assets for each of the two years then ended and for the period from May 5, 2005 (Initial Date of Deposit) to April 30, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 27, 2008

FT 983  
BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

April 30, 2008

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ASSETS	
<S>	<C>
Securities, at fair value (cost, \$20,130,083)	\$ 20,855,837
Cash	344,155
Dividends receivable	44,578
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 21,244,570
	=====
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accrued liabilities	\$ 14,641
Unit redemptions payable	15,300
Payable for investments purchased	49,077
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	79,018

Net assets, applicable to 2,188,139 outstanding units of fractional undivided interest:	
Cost of Securities	20,130,083
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	725,754
Distributable funds (deficit), net of deferred sales charges of \$2,544,930 and organization costs of \$80,889	309,715
	21,165,552
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 21,244,570
Net asset value per unit	\$ 9.673

Unit amounts are rounded to the nearest whole unit.  
See notes to financial statements.  
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FT 983  
BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

April 30, 2008

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Number of Shares		Name of Issuer of Equity Securities (1) <C>	Fair Value <C>
		COMMON STOCKS - 53%	
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		CONSUMER STAPLES - 14%	
		-----	
10,190 (3)		Altria Group, Inc.	\$ 203,799
7,047		Kraft Foods Inc.	222,897
10,190 (3)		Philip Morris International, Inc.	519,996
16,850		Reynolds American Inc.	907,373
31,313 (2)		Unilever Plc (ADR)	1,051,804
		CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 1%	
		-----	
975		Idearc Inc.	3,218
		ENERGY - 10%	
		-----	
12,771		Chevron Texaco Corporation	1,227,932
11,550 (2)		Royal Dutch Shell PLC (ADR)	927,581
		FINANCIAL SERVICES - 12%	
		-----	
14,813		Bank of America Corporation	556,080
14,405		Citigroup Inc.	364,014
16,035		First Horizon National Corporation	173,178
23,511		U.S. Bancorp	796,788
22,287		Wells Fargo & Company	663,038
		HEALTHCARE - 3%	
		-----	
19,430		Merck & Co., Inc.	739,117
		TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 9%	
		-----	
28,540		AT&T Inc.	1,104,783
366 (4)		Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	3,371
19,567 (4)		Verizon Communications Inc.	752,938
		UTILITIES - 4%	
		-----	
26,503		Duke Energy Corporation	485,270
13,248		Spectra Energy Corporation	327,226

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BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

April 30, 2008

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Number of Shares	Name of Issuer of Equity Securities (1) <C>	Fair Value <C>
	CLOSED-END FUNDS - 46%	
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	CORPORATE HIGH-YIELD CLOSED-END FUNDS - 14%	
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82,637	BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund III	\$ 575,154
49,609	BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund VI, Inc.	582,410
131,709	Managed High Yield Plus Fund, Inc.	492,592
48,792	PIMCO High Income Fund	631,368
43,897	Pioneer High Income Trust	670,307
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	INVESTMENT GRADE CLOSED-END FUNDS - 15%	
	-----	
49,202	BlackRock Core Bond Trust	605,185
46,892	PIMCO Corporate Income Fund	691,657
42,268	PIMCO Corporate Opportunity Fund	625,566
106,558	Putnam Master Intermediate Income Trust	661,725
106,692	Putnam Premier Income Trust	663,624
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	GLOBAL CLOSED-END FUNDS - 17%	
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56,946	AllianceBernstein Global High Income Fund	788,702
72,855	Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Debt Fund, Inc.	708,879
51,102	Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund	773,173
75,703	Templeton Global Income Fund	688,897
36,424	Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc.	666,196
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	Total Securities (total cost \$20,130,083) - 99%	\$ 20,855,837
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BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

April 30, 2008

- (1) Percentages are calculated based on net assets. Securities of companies headquartered outside of the United States of America comprise approximately 7% of the net assets of the Trust.
- (2) This security represents the common stock of a foreign company which trades directly, or through an American Depositary Receipt (ADR), on a U.S. national securities exchange.
- (3) In March 2008, Altria Group, Inc ("MO"), one of the Trust's original holdings, spun off Philip Morris International, Inc. ("PM"). Each shareholder of MO received one share of PM for each share of MO held.
- (4) In April 2008, Verizon Communication Inc. ("Verizon") one of the Trust's original holdings, spun off Fairpoint Communications, Inc. ("FRP"). Each shareholder of Verizon received one 0.0189 shares of FRP for every share of Verizon held.

See notes to financial statements.

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BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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	Year ended April 30,		Period from
	2008	2007	May 5, 2005
			(Initial Date of
			Deposit) to
			April 30, 2006
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Dividend income	\$ 1,604,303	\$ 2,238,479	\$ 2,792,744
Expenses			
Trustee and other service fees	(29,831)	(45,691)	(53,394)
Portfolio supervision, bookkeeping, administrative and evaluation fees	(17,856)	(23,212)	(30,638)
Creation and development fees	-	-	(264,694)
Other expenses	(11,994)	(15,340)	(24,516)
Total expenses	(59,681)	(84,243)	(373,242)
Investment income (loss) - net	1,544,622	2,154,236	2,419,502
Net gain (loss) on investments:			
Net realized gain (loss)	958,780	1,575,766	270,211
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(3,600,033)	3,077,988	1,247,799
	(2,641,253)	4,653,754	1,518,010
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (1,096,631)	\$ 6,807,990	\$ 3,937,512

See notes to financial statements.

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BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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	Year ended April 30,		Period from
	2008	2007	May 5, 2005
			(Initial Date of
			Deposit) to
			April 30, 2006
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(1,096,631)	6,807,990	3,937,512

Units issued	1,094,313	427,607	54,130,805
Deferred sales charge	-	(40,181)	(2,497,624)
Organization costs	-	-	(80,454)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,094,313</b>	<b>387,426</b>	<b>51,552,727</b>
Unit redemptions	(7,629,490)	(19,236,990)	(7,077,544)
Distributions to unit holders:			
Investment income - net	(1,525,214)	(2,028,626)	(2,606,877)
Principal from investment transactions	(1,300,875)	(40,514)	(213,350)
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(2,826,089)</b>	<b>(2,069,140)</b>	<b>(2,820,227)</b>
<b>Total increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>(10,457,897)</b>	<b>(14,110,714)</b>	<b>45,592,468</b>
Net assets:			
Beginning of the period	31,623,449	45,734,163	141,695
End of the period	\$ 21,165,552	\$ 31,623,449	\$ 45,734,163
Distributable funds (deficit) at end of the period	\$ 309,715	\$ 395,915	\$ (800,940)
Trust units:			
Beginning of the period	2,826,470	4,632,226	15,001
Issued	105,572	40,015	5,348,918
Redemptions	(743,903)	(1,845,770)	(731,693)
End of the period	2,188,139	2,826,470	4,632,226

Unit amounts are rounded to the nearest whole unit.  
See notes to financial statements.  
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BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Organization

FT 983, Balanced Income Portfolio, Series 6 (the "Trust") is a unit investment trust consisting of a portfolio containing common stocks of companies which have above-average dividend yields and closed-end funds which invest in U.S. and foreign taxable bonds and/or preferred securities. The Trust was established on May 5, 2005, and has a mandatory termination date of May 7, 2012.

2. Significant accounting policies

**Basis of presentation** - The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

**Security valuation** - Securities are stated at fair value as reported by First Trust Advisors L.P. (the "Evaluator"), an affiliate of First Trust Portfolios L.P. (the "Sponsor"), and as determined generally based on the closing sale prices of listed equity securities or, if no closing sale price is available, then the closing bid price, and the closing bid prices of over-the-counter traded equity securities. If the closing bid price is unavailable, the valuation is generally determined a) on the basis of current bid prices for comparable securities, b) by appraising the value of the securities on the bid side of the market, or c) by any combination of the above.

**Dividend income** - Dividends are recognized on the ex-dividend date.

**Security cost** - Cost of the equity securities is based on the market value of such securities on the dates the securities were deposited in the Trust. The cost of securities sold is determined using the average cost method. Securities



transactions are recorded on the trade date.

Federal income taxes - The Trust is not taxable for federal income tax purposes. Each unit holder is considered to be the owner of a pro rata portion of the Trust and, accordingly, no provision has been made for federal income taxes.

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This Interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The adoption of FIN 48 did not have a material effect on the net asset value, financial condition or results of operations of the Trust as there was no liability required for the recognition for unrecognized tax benefits during the year, nor were there any such liabilities to be recorded to the beginning net asset value of the Trust.

Expenses of the Trust - The Trust pays a fee for Trustee services of \$0.0096 per annum per unit, and an annual fee for portfolio supervision, bookkeeping, administrative and evaluation services to the Evaluator of \$0.0080 per unit. Such fees are based on the largest aggregate number of units outstanding during the calendar year, except during the initial public offering period, in which case the fee is based on the largest number of units outstanding during the period for which compensation is paid. The Trust incurs expenses of the Trustee according to its responsibilities under the Trust Indenture. The Trust may incur other miscellaneous expenses.

The Trust paid a creation and development fee of \$0.050 per Unit at the end of the initial offering period, which compensated the Sponsor for creating and developing the Trust.

Organization costs - The Public Offering Price paid by unit holders included an amount sufficient to pay for all or a portion of the costs incurred in establishing the Trust, including costs of preparing the registration statement, the Trust indenture and other closing documents, registering units with the Securities and Exchange Commission and states, the initial audit of the Trust's portfolio, legal fees and the initial fees and expenses of the Trustee. Such costs, totaling \$80,889 have been paid.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)

An analysis of net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) at April 30, 2008 follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 2,466,673
Unrealized depreciation	(1,740,919)
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	\$ 725,754
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### 4. Other information

Cost to investors - The cost to initial investors of units of the Trust was based on the aggregate underlying value of the securities on the date of an investor's purchase, plus any cash, dividends receivable, and the maximum sales charge of 5.25% of the Public Offering Price (equivalent to approximately 5.25% of the net amount invested, exclusive of the deferred sales charge and the creation and development fee). The maximum sales charge consists of the deferred sales charge of \$0.475 per unit which is being paid to the Sponsor over a twelve-month period ending January 20, 2006 and the creation and development fee.

Distributions to unit holders - Income distributions to unit holders, if any, are made on the last day of each month to unit holders of record on the fifteenth day of each month. Capital distributions to unit holders, if any, are

made on the last day of each month to unit holders of record on the fifteenth day of such month if the amount available for distribution equals at least \$0.01 per unit. Notwithstanding, capital distributions, if any, will be made in December of each year.

5. Financial Highlights

Dividend income, Expenses, and Investment income (loss) - net per unit have been calculated based on the weighted-average number of units outstanding during the period. Distributions to unit holders, if any, per unit reflect the Trust's actual distributions during the period. The Net gain (loss) on investments per unit includes the effects of changes arising from the issuance and/or redemption of units during the period at net asset values which differed from the net asset value per unit at the beginning of the period. Total return does not include reinvestment of distributions. The net investment income (loss) and total expense ratios are computed based upon the quarterly weighted average net assets for the Trust.

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	Year ended April 30,		Period from
	2008	2007	May 5, 2005
			(Initial Date of
			Deposit) to
			April 30, 2006
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Dividend income	\$ 0.637	\$ 0.613	\$ 0.633
Expenses	(0.024)	(0.023)	(0.085)
	-----	-----	-----
Investment income (loss) - net	0.613	0.590	0.548
Distributions to unit holders:			
Investment income - net	(0.615)	(0.561)	(0.549)
Principal from investment transactions	(0.480)	(0.013)	(0.042)
Net gain (loss) on investments	(1.033)	1.299	0.470
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Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(1.515)	1.315	0.427
Net assets:			
Beginning of the period	11.188	9.873	9.446
	-----	-----	-----
End of the period	\$ 9.673	\$ 11.188	\$ 9.873
	=====	=====	=====
Total return	(3.75)%	19.13 %	10.78 % *
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.23 %	0.22 %	0.95 % **
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	6.02 %	5.65 %	6.12% **

\* Not annualized.

\*\* Exclusive of creation and development fees, the ratios of total expenses and net investment income to average net assets would have been 0.28% and 6.79%, respectively.

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BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6

PART ONE  
Must be Accompanied by Part Two and Part Three

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P R O S P E C T U S  
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REGISTERED PUBLIC 111 South Wacker Drive  
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This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is not lawful to make such offer in such jurisdiction.

This Prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement and exhibits relating thereto, which the Trust has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, and to which reference is hereby made.

THE FIRST TRUST SPECIAL SITUATIONS TRUST  
FT SERIES

PROSPECTUS  
Part Two  
Dated July 31, 2008

Note: This Part Two Prospectus may  
only be used with Part One  
and Part Three

The FT Series (formerly known as The First Trust Special Situations Trust) is a unit investment trust. The FT Series has many separate series. The Part One which accompanies this Part Two describes one such series of the FT Series. Each series of the FT Series consists of one or more portfolios ("Trust(s)") which invest in one or more of the following: common stock ("Equity Securities"), preferred stock ("Preferred Stocks"), trust preferred securities ("Trust Preferred Securities"), real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds ("Treasury Obligations"), corporate debt obligations ("Corporate Bonds") and/or closed-end funds ("Closed-End Funds"). See Part One and Part Three for a more complete description of the portfolio for each Trust.

All Parts of the Prospectus Should be Retained for Future Reference.

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.

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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 or its predecessor, The First Trust Special Situations Trust. See Part One for a description of the series and Trusts for which this Part Two prospectus relates.

Each 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 for certain Trusts, as set forth in Part One, Securities Evaluation Service, Inc., as Evaluator for certain Trusts, First Trust Advisors L.P., as Evaluator for certain Trusts, and First Trust Advisors L.P. as Portfolio Supervisor, governs the operation of the Trusts.

### How We Created the Trusts.

On the Initial Date of Deposit for each Trust, we deposited a portfolio or portfolios of one or more of following: Equity Securities, Preferred Stocks, Trust Preferred Securities, Closed-End Funds, Treasury Obligations, Corporate Bonds and/or REITs, (collectively, the "Securities") with the Trustee and in turn, the Trustee delivered documents to us representing our ownership of the Trusts in the form of units ("Units").

See "Portfolios-Objectives" in Part Three for each Trust for a specific description of such Trust's objective.

We cannot guarantee that a Trust will keep its present size and composition for any length of time. Since the prices of the Securities will fluctuate daily, the ratio of Securities in the Trusts, on a market value basis, will also change daily. Securities may periodically be sold under certain circumstances, and the proceeds from these sales 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 Trusts. 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.

### Risk Factors

Price Volatility. The Trusts may invest in any of the securities set forth in "The FT Series." The value of a Trust's Units will fluctuate with changes in the value of these securities. The prices of securities fluctuate for several reasons, including the type of security, changes in investor's perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant market, or when political or economic events effecting the issuers occur. In addition, prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase. However, because preferred stock dividends are fixed (though not guaranteed) and preferred stocks

typically have superior rights to common stocks in dividend distributions and liquidation, they are generally less volatile than common stocks.

The value of the Treasury Obligations will be adversely affected by decreases in bond prices and increases in interest rates. Zero coupon bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest. The buyer receives only the right to receive a final payment of the face amount of the bond at its maturity. Zero coupon bonds are subject to substantially greater price fluctuations during periods of changing market interest rates than are bonds of comparable quality that pay interest currently.

Because the Trusts are not managed, the Trustee will not sell securities 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 any Trust will be positive over any period of time, or that you won't lose money. Units of the Trusts are not deposits of any bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Small-Cap Companies. Certain of the Securities in the Trust are issued by companies with market capitalizations of less than \$1 billion. Smaller companies present some unique investment risks. Small-caps may have limited product lines, as well as shorter operating histories, less experienced management and more limited financial resources than larger companies. Stocks of smaller companies may be less liquid than those of larger companies and may experience greater price fluctuations than larger companies. In addition, small-cap stocks may not be widely followed by the investment community, which may result in low demand.

Distributions. There is no guarantee that the issuers of the Equity Securities will declare dividends in the future or that if declared they will either remain at current levels or increase over time. In addition,

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there is no assurance that the issuers of the Preferred Stocks included in a Trust will be able to pay dividends at their stated rate in the future.

Because the Treasury Obligations pay no interest until their maturity, Equity Securities may have to be sold to pay Trust expenses or meet redemption requests. As the Treasury Obligations ensure that certain Trusts will be able to provide \$10 per Unit at such Trust's termination, they will not be sold to pay expenses of that Trust or to meet redemption requests unless their sale will not reduce the per Unit termination value below \$10. The sale of a portion of the Equity Securities in these situations will reduce the capital appreciation potential of such Trust. In addition, although the Treasury Obligations pay no interest until they mature, they are deemed for federal income tax purposes to have been issued with original issue discount which accrues on a daily basis over their life. Each year you must include as part of your taxable income the amount of any accreted original issue discount on the Treasury Obligations. Therefore, you will be taxed on the Treasury Obligations even prior to receiving any cash distributions. See "Tax Status" for further information.

Termination Value. If your Trust has been designed to return to investors at least \$10 per Unit only at termination and you redeem or sell your Units prior to termination of your Trust, the amount you will receive will be affected by the values at that time of the Treasury Obligations and of the Equity Securities, and you may receive less than \$10 per Unit.

Preferred Stocks. Certain of the Trusts may contain preferred stocks. Preferred stocks are unique securities that combine some of the characteristics of both common stocks and bonds. Preferred stocks generally pay a fixed rate of return and are sold on the basis of current yield, like bonds. However, because they are equity securities, preferred stocks provide equity ownership of a company and the income is paid in the form of dividends. Preferred stocks typically have a yield advantage over common stocks as well as comparably-rated fixed income investments. Preferred stocks are typically subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments.

Trust Preferred Securities. Certain Trusts may contain trust preferred securities. Trust preferred securities are limited-life preferred securities typically issued by corporations, generally in the form of interest-bearing notes or preferred securities, or by an affiliated business trust of a corporation, generally in the form of beneficial interests in subordinated debentures or similarly structured securities. Dividend payments of the trust preferred securities generally coincide with interest payments on the underlying obligations. Trust preferred securities generally have a yield advantage over traditional preferred stocks, but unlike preferred stocks, distributions are treated as interest rather than dividends for federal income tax purposes and therefore, are not eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Trust preferred securities are subject to unique risks which include the fact that dividend payments will only be paid if interest payments on the underlying obligations are made, which interest payments are dependent on the financial condition of the issuer and may be deferred for up to 20 consecutive quarters, and that the underlying obligations, and thus the trust preferred securities, may be prepaid after a stated call date or as a result of certain tax or regulatory events.

Investment Grade Bonds. Investment grade corporate bonds are subject to various risks including the risks that: the value of the bonds will fluctuate; a bond's issuer will be unable to meet its obligation to pay principal or interest on the bond; the issuer will pre-pay or "call" a bond before its stated maturity; a bond will fall in value if a rating agency decreases the bond's rating; and the value of a bond will fall if trading on the bond is limited or absent. The value of investment grade bonds will decline with increases in interest rates, not only because interest rates generally decrease values, but also because increased rates may indicate an economic slowdown. An economic slowdown, or a reduction in an issuer's creditworthiness, may result in the issuer being unable to maintain earnings at a level sufficient to maintain interest and principal payments on its bonds.

High-Yield Securities. Certain of the Securities held by certain Trusts are rated below investment grade by one or more rating agencies. These Securities are considered high-yield or "junk" securities. High-yield, high risk securities are subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss than securities with higher investment ratings. The value of these securities will decline significantly with increases in interest rates, not only because increases in rates generally decrease values, but also because increased rates may indicate an economic slowdown. An economic slowdown, or a reduction in an issuer's creditworthiness, may result in the issuer being unable to maintain earnings at a level sufficient to maintain interest and principal payments.

High-yield or "junk" bonds, the generic names for bonds rated below "BBB-" by Standard & Poor's or below "Baa3" by Moody's, are frequently issued by corporations in the growth stage of their development or by established companies who are highly leveraged or whose operations or

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industries are depressed. Obligations rated below "BBB-" should be considered speculative as these ratings indicate a quality of less than investment grade. Because high-yield bonds are generally subordinated obligations and are perceived by investors to be riskier than higher rated bonds, their prices tend to fluctuate more than higher rated bonds and are affected by short-term credit developments to a greater degree.

Closed End Funds. Certain Trusts may contain common stocks issued by closed-end investment companies. Closed-end funds are actively managed investment companies which invest in various types of securities. Closed-end funds issue shares of common stock that are traded on a securities exchange. Closed-end funds are subject to various risks, including management's ability to meet the closed-end fund's investment objective, and to manage the closed-end fund portfolio when the underlying securities are redeemed or sold, during periods of market turmoil and as investors' perceptions regarding closed-end funds or their underlying investments change.

Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value in the secondary market. This risk is separate and distinct from the risk that the net asset value of closed-end fund shares may decrease. The amount of such discount from net asset value is subject to

change from time to time in response to various factors.

Certain of the Closed-End Funds included in certain Trusts may employ the use of leverage in their portfolios through the issuance of preferred stock. While leverage often serves to increase the yield of a closed-end fund, this leverage also subjects the closed-end fund to increased risks, including the likelihood of increased volatility and the possibility that the closed-end fund's common share income will fall if the dividend rate on the preferred shares or the interest rate on any borrowings rises.

Real Estate Investment Trusts. Certain Trusts may contain securities issued by Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"). REITs are financial vehicles that pool investors' capital to purchase or finance real estate. REITs may concentrate their investments in specific geographic areas or in specific property types, i.e., hotels, shopping malls, residential complexes and office buildings. The value of the REITs and the ability of the REITs to distribute income may be adversely affected by several factors, including rising interest rates, changes in the national, state and local economic climate and real estate conditions, perceptions of prospective tenants of the safety, convenience and attractiveness of the properties, the ability of the owner to provide adequate management, maintenance and insurance, the cost of complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, increased competition from new properties, the impact of present or future environmental legislation and compliance with environmental laws, changes in real estate taxes and other operating expenses, adverse changes in governmental rules and fiscal policies, adverse changes in zoning laws, and other factors beyond the control of the issuers of the REITs.

Income/Royalty Trusts. Income/royalty trusts in which a Trust invests are generally equity investments and thus share many of the risks inherent in investing in equity securities. In many circumstances, the income/royalty trusts in which a Trust invests have limited operating histories. The value of income/royalty trusts in which a Trust invests may be influenced by factors that are not within such Trust's control, including the financial performance of the respective issuers, interest rates, exchange rates, commodity prices (which will vary and are determined by supply and demand factors, including weather and general economic and political conditions), the hedging policies employed by such issuers, issues relating to the regulation of the energy industry and operational risks relating to the energy industry.

Income/royalty trusts are also subject to the following risks:

- Lack of diversification. The income/royalty trusts in which a Trust invests tend to be heavily invested in real estate, oil and gas, pipelines and other infrastructure.
- Potential sacrifice of growth. Potential growth may be sacrificed because revenue is passed on to unit holders, rather than reinvested in the business.
- No guarantees. Income/royalty trusts generally do not guarantee minimum distributions or even return of capital. If the assets underlying an income/royalty trust do not perform as expected, the income/royalty trust may reduce or even eliminate distributions. The declaration of such distributions generally depends upon various factors, including the operating performance and financial condition of the income/royalty trust and general economic conditions.
- Potential for tax recharacterization or changes. The current Canadian tax treatment of certain income/royalty trusts not treated as corporations that allows income to flow through to investors and be taxed only at the individual level could be challenged under existing Canadian tax laws, or such tax laws could change. Conversely, there may

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be a risk of recharacterization to such flow-through treatment for U.S. tax purposes. On June 22, 2007, the Canadian Senate passed into law the Tax Fairness Plan, which included a tax on distributions paid by income/royalty trusts. For those income/royalty trusts that begin public trading after October 31, 2006, the application of the distribution tax commenced in 2007. For income/royalty trusts that began public trading before November 1, 2006, the distribution tax will apply beginning in

2011. The distribution tax could have a material impact on the current market value of all income/royalty trusts.

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 of the companies represented in the Trusts. In addition, litigation regarding any of the issuers of the Securities, or of the industries represented by such issuers may negatively impact the value of these Securities. We cannot predict what impact any pending or proposed legislation or pending or threatened litigation will have on the value of the Securities.

Foreign Stocks. Certain of the Securities in certain of the Trusts may be issued by foreign companies, which makes the Trusts subject to more risks than if they invested solely in domestic common stocks. These Securities are either directly listed on a U.S. securities exchange or are in the form of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") which are listed on a U.S. securities exchange. Risks of foreign common stocks include higher brokerage costs; different accounting standards; expropriation, nationalization or other adverse political or economic developments; currency devaluations, blockages or transfer restrictions; restrictions on foreign investments and exchange of securities; inadequate financial information; and lack of liquidity of certain foreign markets; and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges, brokers and issuers in foreign countries.

#### Public Offering

The Public Offering Price.

You may buy Units at the Public Offering Price, the per Unit price of which is comprised of the following:

The aggregate offering side evaluation of the Treasury Obligations;

The aggregate underlying value of the Securities (except the Treasury Obligations);

The amount of any cash in the Income and Capital Accounts;

Dividends receivable on Securities; and

The total sales charge.

The price you pay for your Units will differ from the amount stated under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part One due to various factors, including fluctuations in the prices of the Securities 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 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.

Sales Charges.

The sales charge you will pay will consist of a one-time initial sales charge as listed in Part One for each Trust. See Part Three "Public Offering" for additional information for each Trust.

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 purchase such Units at the Public Offering Price less the applicable dealer concession. 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. We reserve the right to limit or deny purchases of Units not subject to a sales charge by investors whose frequent trading activity we determine to be detrimental to a Trust.



The Value of the Securities.

The Evaluator will determine the aggregate underlying value of the Securities in a 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 will exclude Saturdays, Sundays and certain national holidays on which the NYSE is closed.

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The aggregate underlying value of the Treasury Obligations will be determined on the basis of current offering prices.

The aggregate underlying value of the Securities (except the Treasury Obligations) in a Trust will be determined as follows: if the Securities are listed on a securities exchange or The Nasdaq Stock Market, 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). For purposes of valuing Securities traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market, closing sale price shall mean the Nasdaq Official Closing Price ("NOCP") as determined by Nasdaq. However, if there is no closing sale price on that exchange or system, they are valued based on the closing bid prices. If the Securities 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 bid prices on the over-the-counter market (unless it is determined that these prices are not appropriate as a basis for valuation). If current bid prices are unavailable, the valuation is generally determined:

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

#### Distribution of Units

We intend to qualify Units of the Trusts 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 Trusts. 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 will receive concessions on the sale of Units in the amounts set forth in Part Three of this prospectus. 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 Trusts available to their customers on an agency basis. A portion of the 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 shares of 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 trading or purchasing trading systems to process Unit trades. Payments of such additional compensation, some of which may be characterized as "revenue 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 a 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 a Trust operates; how securities are selected; various unit investment trust features such as

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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 each 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 Trusts (which may show performance net of the expenses and charges the Trusts 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, BusinessWeek, Forbes or Fortune. The investment characteristics of each Trust differ from other comparative investments. You should not assume that these performance comparisons will be representative of a 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 sales charge per Unit of a Trust less any reduced sales charge as stated in Part Three of this prospectus. 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 intend to maintain a market for the Units 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, Trustee costs to transfer and record the ownership of Units and costs incurred in annually updating each Trust's registration statement. 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.

#### 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 each Trust are set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part One of this prospectus. If actual expenses of a Trust exceed the estimate, that Trust will bear the excess, other than for excess annual audit costs. The Trustee will pay operating expenses of a Trust from the Income Account of such Trust if funds are available, and then from the Capital Account. The Income and Capital Accounts are noninterest-bearing to Unit holders, so the Trustee may earn interest on these funds, thus benefiting from their use. In addition, investors will also indirectly pay a portion of the expenses of any underlying Closed-End Funds.

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 Trusts. 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 Trusts. As Sponsor, we will receive brokerage fees when the Trusts use us (or an affiliate of ours) as agent in buying or selling Securities. Legal and regulatory filing fees and expenses associated with updating a Trust's registration statement yearly are also chargeable to the Trusts. 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 a Trust. Each Trust will pay for such services at standard commission rates

FTP Services LLC, an affiliate of ours, acts as FTPS Unit Servicing Agent to certain Trusts, as set forth in Part One, with respect to such

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Trust's FTPS Units. Fund/SERV 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, Securities Evaluation Service, Inc. and the Trustee are based on the largest aggregate number of Units of a Trust outstanding at any time during the calendar year. These fees may be adjusted for inflation without Unit holders' approval, but in no case will the annual fees 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.

For certain Trusts, as set forth in the "Summary of Essential Information" appearing in Part One for such Trusts, expenses incurred in establishing such Trusts, including costs of preparing the registration statement, the trust indenture and other closing documents, registering Units with the Securities and Exchange Commission and states, the initial audit of the Trust portfolio and the initial fees and expenses of the Trustee and any other out-of-pocket expenses, have been paid by the Trust and are being charged off over a period not to exceed five years from such Trust's Initial Date of Deposit, or over a period not to exceed the life of the Trust, if shorter than five years.

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

License fees payable by a Trust for the use of certain trademarks and trade names associated with such Trust, if any;

All legal and annual auditing expenses of the Trustee according to its responsibilities under the Indenture;

The expenses and costs incurred by the Trustee to protect a 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 a Trust;

Payment for any loss, liability or expenses we incurred without negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct in acting as Depositor of a Trust;

Foreign custodial and transaction fees, if any; and/or

All taxes and other government charges imposed upon the Securities or any part of a Trust.

The above expenses and the Trustee's annual fee are secured by a lien on the Trusts. Since the dividend income is unpredictable, we cannot guarantee that dividends will be sufficient to meet any or all expenses of the Trusts. If there is not enough cash in the Income or Capital Account, the Trustee has the power to sell Securities in a Trust to make cash available to pay these charges which may result in capital gains or losses to you. See "Tax Status." However, for certain Trusts, Treasury Obligations will not be sold to pay expenses unless their sale will not reduce the per Unit termination value below \$10.

Each Trust will be audited annually, so long as we are making a secondary market for Units. We will bear the cost of these annual audits to the extent the costs exceed \$0.0050 per Unit. Otherwise, each Trust will pay for the audit. You may request a copy of the audited financial statements from the Trustee.

#### Tax Status

##### Federal Tax Matters

This section summarizes some of the main U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning Units of a 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, 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 does 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 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 Trusts. 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.

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The following discussion applies to each Trust except a REIT Series.

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Assets of the Trusts.

Each Trust is expected to hold one or more of the following: (i) shares of stock in corporations (the "Stocks") that are treated as equity for federal income tax purposes, (ii) equity interests (the "REIT Shares") in real estate investment trusts ("REITs") that constitute interests in entities treated as real estate investment trusts for federal income tax purposes, (iii) Trust Preferred Securities and debt obligations of corporations and Treasury Obligations (collectively, the "Debt Obligations") that are treated as debt for federal income tax purposes; and/or (iv) shares (the "RIC Shares") in funds qualifying as regulated investment companies ("RICs") that are treated as interests in regulated investment companies for federal income tax purposes.

It is possible that a Trust will also hold other assets, including assets that are treated differently for federal income tax purposes from those described above, in which case you will have federal income tax consequences different from or in addition to those described in this section. All of the assets held by a Trust constitute the "Trust Assets." Neither our counsel nor we have analyzed the proper federal income tax treatment of the Trust Assets and thus neither our counsel nor we have reached a conclusion regarding the federal income tax treatment of the Trust Assets.

#### Trust Status.

Except if indicated otherwise in Part Three of this prospectus, if the Trust is at all times operated in accordance with the documents establishing the Trust and certain requirements of federal income tax law are met, the Trust will not be taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. As a Unit owner, you will be treated as the owner of a pro rata portion of each of the Trust Assets, and as such you will be considered to have received a pro rata share of income (e.g., dividends, interest, accruals of original issue discount and market discount, and capital gains, if any) from each Trust Asset when such income would be considered to be received by you if you directly owned the Trust Assets. This is true even if you elect to have your distributions reinvested into additional Units. In addition, the income from Trust Assets that you must take into account for federal income tax purposes is not reduced by amounts used to pay sales charges or Trust expenses.

#### Your Tax Basis and Income or Loss upon Disposition.

If your Trust disposes of Trust Assets, you will generally recognize gain or loss. If you dispose of your Units or redeem your Units for cash, you will also generally recognize gain or loss. To determine the amount of this gain or loss, you must subtract your tax basis in the related Trust Assets from your share of the total amount received in the transaction. You can generally determine your initial tax basis in each Trust Asset by apportioning the cost of your Units, including sales charges, among the Trust Assets ratably according to their values on the date you acquire your Units. In certain circumstances, however, you may have to adjust your tax basis after you acquire your Units (for example, in the case of certain dividends that exceed a corporation's accumulated earnings and profits, or in the case of accruals of original issue discount, market discount, premium and accrued interest with regard to the Debt Obligations, or in the case of certain distributions with respect to REIT Shares that represent a return of capital, as discussed below).

If you are an individual, the maximum marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 15% (generally 5% for certain taxpayers in the 10% and 15% tax brackets). These capital gains rates are generally effective for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011. For later periods, if you are an individual, the maximum marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 20% (10% for certain taxpayers in the 10% and 15% tax brackets). The 20% rate is reduced to 18% and the 10% rate is reduced to 8% for long-term capital gains from most property acquired after December 31, 2000 with a holding period of more than five years.

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. 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, however, 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" (which may be the case, for example, with some capital gains attributable to the REIT Shares) 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.

#### Dividends from Stocks.

Certain dividends received with respect to the Stocks may qualify to be taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gain (as discussed above), provided certain holding period requirements are satisfied. These special rules relating to the taxation of dividends at capital gains rates generally apply to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011.

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#### Dividends from RIC Shares and REIT Shares.

Some dividends on the REIT Shares or the RIC Shares may be designated as "capital gain dividends," generally taxable to you as long-term capital gains. Some dividends on the RIC Shares may qualify as "exempt interest dividends," which generally are excluded from your gross income for federal income tax purposes. Some or all of the exempt-interest dividends, however may be taken into account in determining your alternative minimum tax, and may have other tax consequences (e.g., they may affect the amount of your social security benefits that are taxed). Other dividends on the REIT Shares or the RIC Shares will generally be taxable to you as ordinary income. Certain ordinary income dividends from a RIC may qualify to be taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gain (as discussed above), provided certain holding period requirements are satisfied and provided the dividends are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the RIC itself. These special rules relating to the taxation of ordinary income dividends from regulated investment companies generally apply to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011. Regulated investment companies are required to provide notice to their shareholders of the amount of any distribution that may be taken into account as a dividend that is eligible for the capital gains tax rates. In limited circumstances, some of the ordinary income dividends from a REIT may also qualify to be taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gains. If you hold a Unit for six months or less or if your Trust holds a RIC Share or REIT Share for six months or less, any loss incurred by you related to the disposition of such RIC Share or REIT Share will be disallowed to the extent of the exempt-interest dividends you received. To the extent, if any, it is not disallowed, it will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any long-term capital gain distributions received (or deemed to have been received) with respect to such RIC Share or REIT Share. Distributions of income or capital gains declared on the REIT Shares or the RIC Shares in October, November or December will be deemed to have been paid to you on December 31 of the year they are declared, even when paid by the REIT or the RIC during the following January.

#### Dividends Received Deduction.

A corporation that owns Units will generally not be entitled to the dividends received deduction with respect to many dividends received by your Trust, because the dividends received deduction is generally not available for dividends from most foreign corporations or from REITs or RICs. However, certain dividends on the RIC Shares that are attributable to dividends received by the RIC itself from certain domestic corporations may be designated by the RIC as being eligible for the dividends received deduction. Because the Debt Obligations are treated as debt (not equity) for federal income tax purposes, distributions from the Debt Obligations are not eligible for the dividends received deduction.

#### Discount, Accrued Interest and Premium on Debt Obligations.

Some Debt Obligations may have been issued with original issue discount.

This generally means that the Debt Obligations were originally issued at a price below their face (or par) value. Original issue discount accrues on a daily basis and generally is treated as interest income for federal income tax purposes. Your basis of each Debt Obligation that was issued with original issue discount must be increased as original issue discount accrues.

Some of the Debt Obligations may give their issuers a right to defer payments on the Debt Obligations. Such Debt Obligations are subject to special treatment under the original issue discount rules. Among other things, this treatment may result in you being required to recognize income for federal income tax purposes in a particular year with respect to a Debt Obligation even though the actual cash payments on the Debt Obligation have been deferred to a later year.

Some Debt Obligations may have been purchased by you or your Trust at a market discount. Market discount is generally the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity for the Debt Obligation over the purchase price of the Debt Obligation. Market discount can arise based on the price your Trust pays for a Debt Obligation or based on the price you pay for your Units. Market discount is taxed as ordinary income. You will recognize this income when your Trust receives principal payments on the Debt Obligation, when the Debt Obligation is disposed of or redeemed, or when you sell or redeem your Units. Alternatively, you may elect to include market discount in taxable income as it accrues. Whether or not you make this election will affect how you calculate your basis and the timing of certain interest expense deductions. Stripped U.S. Treasury Obligations are subject to the original issue discount rules, rather than being treated as having market discount.

Some Debt Obligations may have been purchased by you or your Trust at a premium. Generally, if the tax basis of your pro rata portion of any Debt Obligation, generally including sales charges, exceeds the amount payable at maturity, such excess is considered premium. You may elect to amortize premium. If you make this election, you may reduce your interest income received on the Debt Obligation by the amount of the premium that is amortized and your tax basis will be reduced.

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If the price of your Units includes accrued interest on a Debt Obligation, you must include the accrued interest in your tax basis in that Debt Obligation. When your Trust receives this accrued interest, you must treat it as a return of capital and reduce your tax basis in the Debt Obligation.

This discussion provides only the general rules with respect to the tax treatment of original issue discount, market discount and premium. The rules, however, are complex and special rules apply in certain circumstances. For example, the accrual of market discount or premium may differ from the discussion set forth above in the case of Debt Obligations that were issued with original issue discount.

In-Kind Distributions.

Under certain circumstances as described in this prospectus, you may request an In-Kind Distribution of Trust Assets when you redeem your Units or at your Trust's termination. By electing to receive an In-Kind Distribution, you will receive Trust Assets plus, possibly, cash. You will not recognize gain or loss if you only receive whole Trust Assets in exchange for the identical amount of your pro rata portion of the same Trust Assets held by your Trust. However, if you also receive cash in exchange for a Trust Asset or a fractional portion of a Trust Asset, you will generally recognize gain or loss based on the difference between the amount of cash you receive and your tax basis in such Trust Asset or fractional portion.

Limitations on the Deductibility of Trust Expenses.

Generally, for federal income tax purposes, you must take into account your full pro rata share of your Trust's income, even if some of that income is used to pay Trust expenses. You may deduct your pro rata share of each expense paid by your Trust to the same extent as if you directly paid the expense. You may be required to treat some or all of the expenses of your Trust as miscellaneous itemized deductions. Individuals

may only deduct certain miscellaneous itemized deductions to the extent they exceed 2% of adjusted gross income.

Because some of the RICs pay exempt-interest dividends, which are treated as tax-exempt interest for federal income tax purposes, you will not be able to deduct some of your share of the Trust expenses. In addition, you will not be able to deduct some of your interest expense for debt that you incur or continue to purchase or carry your Units.

#### Foreign, State and Local Taxes.

Distributions by your Trust that are treated as U.S. source income (e.g., dividends received on Stocks of domestic corporations) will generally be subject to U.S. income taxation and withholding in the case of Units held by nonresident alien individuals, foreign corporations or other non-U.S. persons, subject to any applicable treaty. 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 may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes, on some or all of the income from your Trust or on any gain from the sale or redemption of your Units, provided that certain conditions are met. You should consult your tax advisor with respect to the conditions you must meet in order to be exempt for U.S. tax purposes. You should also consult your tax advisor with respect to other U.S. tax withholding and reporting requirements.

Some distributions by your Trust may be subject to foreign withholding taxes. Any income withheld will still be treated as income to you. Under the grantor trust rules, you are considered to have paid directly your share of any foreign taxes that are paid. Therefore, for U.S. tax purposes, you may be entitled to a foreign tax credit or deduction for those foreign taxes.

Under certain circumstances, a RIC may elect to pass through to its shareholders certain foreign taxes paid by the RIC. If the RIC makes this election with respect to RIC Shares, you must include in your income for federal income tax purposes your portion of such taxes and you may be entitled to a credit or deduction for such taxes.

If any U.S. investor is treated as owning directly or indirectly 10 percent or more of the combined voting power of the stock of a foreign corporation, and all U.S. shareholders of that corporation collectively own more than 50 percent of the vote or value of the stock of that corporation, the foreign corporation may be treated as a controlled foreign corporation (a "CFC"). If you own 10% or more of a CFC (through your Trust and in combination with your other investments) you will be required to include certain types of the CFC's income in your taxable income for federal income tax purposes whether or not such income is distributed to your Trust or to you.

A foreign corporation will generally be treated as a passive foreign investment company (a "PFIC") if 75 percent or more of its income is passive income or if 50% or more of its assets are held to produce passive income. If your Trust purchases shares in a PFIC, you may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a portion of certain distributions or on gains from the disposition of such shares at rates that were applicable in prior years and any gain may be recharacterized as ordinary income that is not eligible for the lower net capital gains tax

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rate. Additional charges in the nature of interest may also be imposed on you. Certain elections may be available with respect to PFICs that would limit these consequences. However, these elections would require you to include certain income of the PFIC in your taxable income even if not distributed to your Trust or to you, or require you to annually recognize as ordinary income any increase in the value of the shares of the PFIC, thus requiring you to recognize income for federal income tax purposes in excess of your actual distributions from PFICs and proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock during a particular year. Dividends paid by PFICs will not be eligible to be taxed at the net capital gains tax rate.

Based on the advice of special counsel to the Trusts for New York tax matters, under the then existing income tax laws of the State and City of New York, your Trust would not be taxed as a corporation, and the



income of your Trust would be treated as the income of the Unit holders in the same manner as for federal income tax purposes. You should consult your tax advisor regarding potential foreign, state or local taxation with respect to your Units.

#### Regulated Investment Company

The following discussion applies only to a REIT Series.

#### Trust Status.

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

#### Distributions.

Trust distributions are generally taxable. After the end of each year, you will receive a tax statement that separates your Trust's distributions into two categories, ordinary income distributions and capital gains dividends. 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 shares. 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 Trusts 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 your Trust is not affected by whether you reinvest your distributions in additional shares or receive them in cash. The income from your Trust that you must take into account for federal income tax purposes is not reduced by amounts used to pay a deferred sales fee, 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.

#### Dividends Received Deduction.

A corporation that owns shares generally will not be entitled to the dividends received deduction with respect to many dividends received from the Trusts because the dividends received deduction is generally not available for distributions from regulated investment companies. However, certain ordinary income dividends on shares that are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Trusts from certain corporations may be designated by a Trust as being eligible for the dividends received deduction.

#### Sale or Redemption of Shares.

If you sell or redeem your shares, 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 shares from the amount you receive in the transaction. Your tax basis in your shares is generally equal to the cost of your shares, generally including sales charges. In some cases, however, you may have to adjust your tax basis after you purchase your shares.

#### Capital Gains and Losses and Certain Ordinary Income Dividends.

If you are an individual, the maximum marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 15% (generally 5% for certain taxpayers in the 10% and 15% tax brackets). These new capital gains rates are generally effective for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011. For later periods, if you are an individual, the maximum marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 20% (10% for certain taxpayers in the 10% and 15% tax brackets). The 20% rate is reduced to 18% and the 10% rate is reduced to 8% for long-term capital gains from most property acquired after December 31, 2000 with a holding period of more than five years.

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 shares to determine your holding period. However, if you receive a capital gain dividend from your Trust and sell your share 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

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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.

Ordinary income dividends received by an individual shareholder from regulated investment companies such as the Trusts are generally taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gain (as discussed above), provided certain holding period requirements are satisfied and provided the dividends are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Trust itself. These special rules relating to the taxation of ordinary income dividends from regulated investment companies generally apply to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011. The Trusts will provide notice to its shareholders of the amount of any distribution which may be taken into account as a dividend which is eligible for the capital gains tax rates.

**In-Kind Distributions.**

Under certain circumstances, as described in this prospectus, you may receive an in-kind distribution of Trust securities when you redeem shares or when your Trust terminates. This distribution is generally treated as a sale for federal income tax purposes and you will generally recognize gain or loss, generally based on the value at that time of the securities and the amount of cash received. The Internal Revenue Service could, however, assert that a loss could not be currently deducted.

**Deductibility of Trust Expenses.**

Expenses incurred and deducted by your 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.

**Foreign Tax Credit.**

If your Trust invests in any foreign securities, the tax statement that you receive may include an item showing foreign taxes your Trust paid to other countries. In this case, dividends taxed to you will include your share of the taxes your Trust paid to other countries. You may be able to deduct or receive a tax credit for your share of these taxes.

**Investments in Certain Foreign Corporations.**

If a 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. The Trust will not be able to pass through to its Unit holders any credit or deduction for such taxes. The Trust may be able to make an election that could ameliorate these adverse tax consequences. In this case, the Trust 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 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.

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 a Trust will be characterized as dividends for federal income tax purposes (other than dividends which a Trust designates as capital gain dividends) and will be subject to U.S. income taxes, including withholding taxes, subject to certain exceptions described below. However, distributions received by a foreign investor from a Trust that are properly designated by such Trust as capital gain dividends may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes, provided that such Trust makes certain elections and certain other conditions are met.

#### Retirement Plans

You may purchase Units of the Trusts 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

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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.

The Trustee will treat as Record Owner of Units persons registered as such on its books. For purposes of record-keeping, the Trustee will treat the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent as sole Record Owner of FTPS Units on its books. The FTPS Unit Servicing Agent will keep a record of all individual FTPS Units holders, the actual Record Owners of such Units, on its books. It is your responsibility to notify the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) when you become Record Owner, but normally your broker/dealer provides this notice. It is your responsibility to notify the Trustee when you become Record Owner, but normally your broker/dealer provides this notice. You may elect to hold your Units in either certificated or uncertificated form.

**Certificated Units.** When you purchase your Units you can request that they be evidenced by certificates, which will be delivered shortly after your order. Certificates will be issued in fully registered form, transferable only on the books of the Trustee in denominations of one Unit or any multiple thereof. You can transfer or redeem your certificated Units by endorsing and surrendering the certificate to the Trustee, along with a written instrument of transfer. You must sign your name exactly as it appears on the face of the certificate with your signature guaranteed by an eligible institution. In certain cases the Trustee may require additional documentation before they will transfer or redeem your Units.

You may be required to pay a nominal fee to the Trustee for each certificate reissued or transferred, and to pay any government charge that may be imposed for each transfer or exchange. If a certificate gets lost, stolen or destroyed, you may be required to furnish indemnity to the Trustee to receive replacement certificates. You must surrender mutilated certificates to the Trustee for replacement.

**Uncertificated Units.** You may also choose to hold your Units in uncertificated form. If you choose this option, the Trustee (or the FTPS

Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) will establish an account for you and credit your account with the number of Units you purchase. Within two business days of the issuance or transfer of Units held in uncertificated form, the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) will send you:

A written initial transaction statement containing a description of the Trust;

A list of the number of Units issued or transferred;

Your name, address and Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN");

A notation of any liens or restrictions of the issuer and any adverse claims; and

The date the transfer was registered.

Uncertificated Units may be transferred the same way as certificated Units, except that no certificate needs to be presented to the Trustee. Also, no certificate will be issued when the transfer takes place unless you request it. You may at any time request that the Trustee issue certificates for your Units.

Unit Holder Reports.

In connection with each distribution, the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) will provide you with a statement detailing the per Unit amount of income (if any) distributed. After the end of each calendar year, the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) will provide you with the following information:

A summary of transactions in your Trust for the year;

A list of any Securities sold during the year and the Securities held at the end of that year by your 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.

You may request from the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) copies of the evaluations of the Securities as prepared by the Evaluator to enable you to comply with 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 received on a Trust's Securities to the Income Account of such Trust. All other receipts, such as return of capital or capital gain dividends, are credited to the Capital Account of such Trust.

The Trustee will distribute any net income in the Income Account on or near the Income Distribution Dates to Unit holders of record on the preceding Income Distribution Record Date. See "Summary of Essential

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Information" in Part One of this prospectus. No income distribution will be paid if accrued expenses of a Trust exceed amounts in the Income Account on the Income Distribution Dates. Distribution amounts will vary with changes in a Trust's fees and expenses, in dividends received and with the sale of Securities. The Trustee will distribute amounts in the Capital Account, net of amounts designated to meet redemptions or pay expenses on the twenty-fifth day of each month to Unit holders of record on the tenth day of each month provided the amount equals at least \$1.00 per 100 Units (\$1.00 per 1,000 Units if the Initial Public Offering Price was approximately \$1.00 per Unit). 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 Internal Revenue Service ("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."

Within a reasonable time after a 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 your Trust after deducting any unpaid expenses.

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

**Distribution Reinvestment Option.** If applicable, you may elect to have each distribution of income and/or capital (or principal and interest) reinvested into additional Units of your Trust by notifying the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units) at least 10 days before any Record Date. Each later distribution of income and/or capital on your Units will be reinvested by the Trustee into additional Units of your Trust. There is no sales charge on Units acquired through the Distribution Reinvestment Option. This option may not be available in all states. Each reinvestment plan is subject to availability or limitation by the Sponsor and each broker/dealer or selling firm. The Sponsor or broker/dealers may suspend or terminate the offering of a reinvestment plan at any time. Please contact your financial professional for additional information. Please note that even if you reinvest distributions, they are still considered distributions for income tax purposes. See Part Three of this prospectus to determine whether the distribution reinvestment option is available for a particular Trust.

#### Redeeming Your Units

You may redeem all or a portion of your Units at any time by sending the certificates representing the Units you want to redeem to the Trustee at the address set forth on the back cover of this Part Two of the prospectus. If your Units are uncertificated, you need only deliver a request for redemption to the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Units). In either case, the certificates or the redemption request must be properly endorsed with proper instruments of transfer and signature guarantees as explained in "Rights of Unit Holders-Unit Ownership" (or by providing satisfactory indemnity if the certificates were lost, stolen, or destroyed). 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. Units redeemed directly through the Trustee (or the FTPS Unit Servicing Agent in the case of FTPS Unit) are not subject to such transaction fees. 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 the Trustee receives your certificates or redemption request (if such day is a day the NYSE is open for trading). However, if your certificates or redemption request are 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 it does not have your TIN, as generally discussed under "Income and Capital Distributions."

For certain Trusts, if you tender at least the minimum number of Units specified in "Summary of Essential Information" in Part One of this prospectus, rather than receiving cash, you may elect to receive an In-Kind Distribution in an amount equal to the Redemption Price per Unit by making this request in writing to the Trustee at the time of tender. However, to be eligible to participate in the In-Kind Distribution at redemption, Fee Accounts Unit holders must have held their Units for at least one month. The In-Kind Distribution option is generally not available to FTPS Unit holders. No In-Kind Distribution requests

submitted during the 30 business days prior to a Trust's Mandatory Termination Date will be honored. Where possible, the Trustee will make an In-Kind Distribution by distributing each of the Securities in book-entry form to your bank or broker/dealer account at the Depository Trust Company. The Trustee will subtract any customary transfer and registration charges from your In-Kind Distribution. As a tendering Unit holder, you will receive your pro rata number of whole shares of the Securities that make up the portfolio, and cash from the Capital Account equal to the fractional shares to which you are entitled.

The Trustee may sell Securities to make funds available for redemption. If Securities are sold, the size and diversification of a Trust will be reduced. These sales may result in lower prices than if the Securities were sold at a different time.

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.

The Redemption Price.

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

adding

1. cash in the Income and Capital Accounts of a Trust not designated to purchase Securities;
2. the aggregate value of the Securities held in a Trust; and
3. dividends receivable on the Securities trading ex-dividend as of the date of computation; and

deducting

1. any applicable taxes or governmental charges that need to be paid out of a Trust;
2. any amounts owed to the Trustee for its advances;
3. estimated accrued expenses of a Trust, if any;
4. cash held for distribution to Unit holders of record of a Trust as of the business day before the evaluation being made;
5. liquidation costs for foreign Securities, if any; and
6. other liabilities incurred by a Trust; and

dividing

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

#### Removing Securities from a Trust

The portfolios of the Trusts are not managed. However, we may, but are not required to, direct the Trustee to dispose of a Security 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 in order to maintain the qualification of a Trust as a "regulated investment company" in the case of a Trust which has elected to qualify as such;

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 a Trust; or

As a result of the ownership of the Security, a Trust or its Unit holders would be a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company.

A Trust may not acquire any securities or other property other than the Securities. The Trustee, on behalf of the Trusts, will reject 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 nevertheless acquired by a Trust, at our instruction, they will either be sold or held in such 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 for distribution to Unit holders or to meet redemption requests. The Trustee may retain and

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pay us or an affiliate of ours to act as agent for a Trust to facilitate selling Securities, exchanged securities or property from the Trusts. If we or our affiliate act in this capacity, we will be held subject to the restrictions under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

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 a Trust may be changed.

#### 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 Trusts will terminate on the Mandatory Termination Date as stated in the "Summary of Essential Information" in Part One for each Trust. The Trusts may be terminated earlier:

Upon the consent of 100% of the Unit holders of a Trust;

If the value of the Securities owned by a 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 such Trust during the initial offering period ("Discretionary Liquidation Amount"); or

In the event that Units of a Trust not yet sold aggregating more than 60% of the Units of such Trust are tendered for redemption by underwriters, including the Sponsor.

Prior to termination, the Trustee will send written notice to registered account holders which will specify how certificates, if any, should be tendered to the Trustee. For various reasons, a 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 a 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.

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 such Trust is terminated. Regardless of the distribution involved, the Trustee will deduct from the Trusts 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, 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 \$105 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 FINRA and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Our principal offices are at 1001 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532; telephone number (630) 241-4141. As of December 31, 2007, the total consolidated partners' capital of First Trust Portfolios L.P. and subsidiaries was \$56,998,038 (audited).

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This information refers only to us and not to the Trusts or to any series of the Trusts 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.

Code of Ethics. The Sponsor and the Trusts 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 Trusts.



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 Banks of the State of New York 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 for the Trusts; 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 1001 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532. 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 Trusts; 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 1001 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

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 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

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& Milburn LLP, 2 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, acted as counsel for JPMorgan Chase Bank, as well as special New York tax counsel for the Trusts and acts as counsel for The Bank of New York Mellon, which succeeded JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee of the Trusts on June 24, 2004.

Experts.

The financial statements of the Trusts for the periods set forth in and included as part of Part One of this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports appearing herein, and are included in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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THE FIRST TRUST SPECIAL SITUATIONS TRUST  
FT SERIES

Prospectus  
Part Two

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Trustee:

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New York, New York 10286  
1-800-813-3074  
24-Hour Pricing Line:  
1-800-446-0132

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

Securities Act of 1933 (file no. set forth in Part One for each Trust) and

Information about the Trusts, including their Codes of Ethics, can be reviewed and copied at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information regarding the operation of the Commission's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the Commission at 1-202-942-8090.

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

To obtain copies at prescribed rates -

Write: Public Reference Section of the Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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July 31, 2008

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#### Balanced Income Portfolio Series

#### FT Series

PROSPECTUS  
Part Three  
Dated July 31, 2008

NOTE: THIS PART THREE PROSPECTUS  
MAY ONLY BE USED WITH  
PART ONE AND PART TWO

Each Trust invests in a diversified portfolio of common stocks of companies which have above-average dividend yields ("Common Stocks") and closed-end funds which invest in U.S. and foreign taxable bonds and/or preferred securities ("Closed-End Funds"). Collectively, the Common Stocks and Closed-End Funds are referred to as the "Securities." Certain of the Closed-End Funds invest in "high-yield" securities. See "Risk Factors" for a discussion of the risk of investing in "high-yield" or "junk" Securities. Each Trust seeks to provide a high rate of current monthly income and the potential for long-term growth of principal.

All Parts of the Prospectus Should be Retained for Future Reference.

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.

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#### Portfolios

#### Objectives.

Each Trust's objective is to provide investors with a high rate of current monthly income and the potential for long-term growth of principal. Each Trust seeks to achieve its objectives by investing in common stocks of companies which have above-average dividends and closed-end funds which invest in U.S. and foreign taxable bonds and/or preferred securities.

There is no assurance that the objectives of the Trusts will be achieved. See "Risk Factors" for a discussion of the risks of investing in the Trusts.

#### Risk Factors

Distributions. As stated under "Summary of Essential Information," each

Trust will make monthly distributions of income. The Closed-End Funds make distributions on a monthly or quarterly basis. As a result of changing interest rates, refundings, sales or defaults on the underlying bonds held by the Closed-End Funds, and other factors, there is no guarantee that distributions will either remain at current levels or increase over time.

**Common Stocks.** Common Stocks represent a proportional share of ownership in a company. 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 market volatility recently exhibited, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. Common stock prices may also be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

**Closed-End Funds.** Closed-End Funds are actively managed investment companies which invest in various types of securities. Closed-End Funds issue shares of common stock that are traded on a securities exchange. Closed-End Funds are subject to various risks, including management's ability to meet the Closed-End Fund's investment objective, and to manage the Closed-End Fund portfolio when the underlying securities are redeemed or sold, during periods of market turmoil and as investors' perceptions regarding Closed-End Funds or their underlying investments change.

Shares of Closed-End Funds frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value in the secondary market. This risk is separate and distinct from the risk that the net asset value of Closed-End Fund shares may decrease. The amount of such discount from net asset value is subject to change from time to time in response to various factors.

Certain of the Closed-End Funds included in the Trusts may employ the use of leverage in their portfolios through the issuance of preferred stock or borrowings. While leverage often serves to increase the yield of a Closed-End Fund, this leverage also subjects the Closed-End Fund to increased risks, including the likelihood of increased volatility and the possibility that the Closed-End Fund's common share income will fall if the dividend rate on the preferred shares or the interest rate on any borrowings rises.

**Investment Grade Bonds.** Certain of the Closed-End Funds held by the Trusts invest in investment grade corporate bonds. The value of these bonds will decline with increases in interest rates, not only because increases in rates generally decrease values, but also because increased rates may indicate an economic slowdown. An economic slowdown, or a reduction in an issuer's creditworthiness, may result in the issuer being unable to maintain earnings at a level sufficient to maintain interest and principal payments.

**High-Yield Bonds.** Certain of the Closed-End Funds held by the Trusts invest in high-yield bonds. High-yield, high risk corporate bonds are subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss than corporate bonds with higher investment ratings. These bonds are issued by companies that may have limited operating history, narrowly focused operations, and/or other impediments to the timely payment of periodic interest and principal at maturity. The prices of high-yield bonds are sensitive to the general level of economic activity. If the economy slows down or dips into recession, the issuers of high-yield bonds may not have sufficient resources to continue making timely payment of periodic interest and principal at maturity. The prices of high-yield bonds are also sensitive to the level of interest rates. The value of these bonds may decline with increases in interest rates, not only because increases in rates generally decrease values, but also because increased rates may lead to an economic slowdown.

High-yield or "junk" bonds, the generic names for bonds rated below "BBB-" by Standard & Poor's or below "Baa3" by Moody's, are frequently issued by corporations in the growth stage of their development or by established companies who are highly leveraged or whose operations or industries are depressed. Obligations rated below "BBB-" should be considered speculative as these ratings indicate a quality of less than investment grade. Because high-yield bonds are generally subordinated obligations and are perceived by investors to be riskier than higher rated bonds, their prices tend to fluctuate more than higher rated bonds and are affected by short-term credit developments to a greater degree.

The market for high-yield bonds is smaller and less liquid than that for investment grade bonds. High-yield bonds are generally not listed on a national securities exchange but trade in the over-the-counter markets. Due to the smaller, less liquid market for high-yield bonds, the bid-

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offer spread on such bonds is generally greater than it is for investment grade bonds and the purchase or sale of such bonds may take longer to complete.

**Preferred Securities.** Certain of the Closed-End Funds held by the Trusts invest in preferred securities. Preferred securities typically are issued as preferred stock or trust preferred securities. Preferred stocks are unique securities that combine some of the characteristics of both common stocks and bonds. Preferred stocks generally pay a fixed rate of return and are sold on the basis of current yield, like bonds. However, because they are equity securities, preferred stocks provide equity ownership of a company and the income is paid in the form of dividends. Preferred stocks typically have a yield advantage over common stocks as well as comparably-rated fixed income investments. Preferred stocks are typically subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments.

Trust preferred securities are limited-life preferred securities typically issued by corporations, generally in the form of interest-bearing notes or preferred securities, or by an affiliated business trust of a corporation, generally in the form of beneficial interests in subordinated debentures or similarly structured securities. Dividend payments of the trust preferred securities generally coincide with interest payments on the underlying obligations. Trust preferred securities generally have a yield advantage over traditional preferred stocks, but unlike preferred stocks, distributions are treated as interest rather than dividends for federal income tax purposes and therefore, are not eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Trust preferred securities prices fluctuate for several reasons including changes in investors' perception of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the market for trust preferred securities, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. Trust preferred securities are also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase in a rising interest rate environment and the risk that a trust preferred security may be called for redemption in a falling interest rate environment. Trust preferred securities are also subject to unique risks which include the fact that dividend payments will only be paid if interest payments on the underlying obligations are made, which interest payments are dependent on the financial condition of the issuer and may be deferred for up to 20 consecutive quarters. During any deferral period, investors are generally taxed as if their Trust had received current income. In such a case, Unit holders will have income taxes due prior to receiving cash distributions to pay such taxes. In addition, the underlying obligations, and thus the trust preferred securities, may be prepaid after a stated call date or as a result of certain tax or regulatory events. Preferred securities are typically subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments.

**Foreign Securities.** One of the Common Stocks in each Trust is issued by a foreign company, which makes the Trusts subject to more risks than if they invested solely in domestic common stocks. This Common Stock is directly listed on a U.S. securities exchange. Certain of the underlying bonds held by certain of the Closed-End Funds in the Trusts are also issued by foreign entities, which makes these Trusts subject to more risks than if they only invested in Closed-End Funds which invest solely in domestic bonds. Risks of foreign bonds include restrictions on foreign investments and exchange of securities and inadequate financial information. Foreign securities may also be affected by market and political factors specific to the issuer's country as well as fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Risks associated with investing in foreign securities may be more pronounced in emerging markets where the securities markets are substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid, less regulated, and more volatile than the

securities markets of the U.S. and developed foreign markets. Investments in debt securities of foreign governments present special risks, including the fact that issuers may be unable or unwilling to repay principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt, or may be unable to make such repayments when due in the currency required under the terms of the debt. Political, economic and social events also may have a greater impact on the price of debt securities issued by foreign governments than on the price of U.S. securities. In addition, brokerage and other transaction costs on foreign securities exchanges are often higher than in the United States and there is generally less government supervision and regulation of exchanges, brokers and issuers in foreign countries.

#### Public Offering

##### Discounts for Certain Persons.

The following persons may purchase Units at the Public Offering Price less the applicable dealer concession:

- Employees, officers and directors of the Sponsor, our related companies and dealers.

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- Immediate family members of the above (spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, and trustees, custodians or fiduciaries for the benefit of such persons).

#### Distribution of Units

##### Dealer Concessions.

Dealers and other selling agents can purchase Units at prices which represent a concession or agency commission of 65% of the then current maximum sales charge.

#### Distributions

Distribution Reinvestment Option. You may elect to have each distribution of income and/or capital reinvested into additional Units of your Trust by notifying the Trustee at least 10 days before any Record Date. Each later distribution of income and/or capital on your Units will be reinvested by the Trustee into additional Units of the Trust. This option may not be available in all states. Each reinvestment plan is subject to availability or limitation by the Sponsor and each broker/dealer or selling firm. The Sponsor or broker/dealers may suspend or terminate the offering of a reinvestment plan at any time. Please contact your financial professional for additional information. PLEASE NOTE THAT EVEN IF YOU REINVEST DISTRIBUTIONS, THEY ARE STILL CONSIDERED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

#### Other Information

##### 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.

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PART THREE PROSPECTUS  
Must be Accompanied by Parts One and Two

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THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL, OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY, SECURITIES IN ANY JURISDICTION TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS NOT LAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER IN SUCH JURISDICTION.

THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS RELATING THERETO, WHICH THE TRUST HAS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AND THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE.

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Balanced Income Portfolio Series

The FT Series

Information Supplement

This Information Supplement provides additional information concerning the structure, operations and risks of unit investment trusts ("Trusts") contained in the Trusts not found in the prospectus. This Information Supplement is not a prospectus and does not include all of the information that a prospective investor should consider before investing in a Trust. This Information Supplement should be read in conjunction with the prospectus for the Trust in which an investor is considering investing ("prospectus").

This Information Supplement is dated July 31, 2008. Capitalized terms have been defined in the prospectus.

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#### Risk Factors

Common Stocks. 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 Common Stocks or the general condition of the relevant stock market may worsen, and the value of the Common Stocks 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.

**Closed-End Funds.** Closed-end mutual funds' portfolios are managed and their shares are generally listed on a securities exchange. The net asset value of closed-end fund shares will fluctuate with changes in the value of the underlying securities which the closed-end fund owns. In addition, for various reasons closed-end fund shares frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value in the secondary market. The amount of such discount from net asset value is subject to change from time to time in response to various factors. Closed-end funds' articles of incorporation may contain certain anti-takeover provisions that may have the effect of inhibiting a fund's possible conversion to open-end status and limiting the ability of other persons to acquire control of a fund. In certain circumstances, these provisions might also inhibit the ability of stockholders (including the Trusts) to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices. This characteristic is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that a fund's net asset value will decrease. In particular, this characteristic would increase the loss or reduce the return on the sale of those closed-end fund shares which were purchased by a Trust at a premium. In the unlikely event that a closed-end fund converts to open-end status at a time when its shares are trading at a premium there would be an immediate loss in value to the Trusts since shares of open-end funds trade at net asset value. Certain closed-end funds may have in place or may put in place in the future plans pursuant to which the fund may repurchase its own shares in the marketplace. Typically, these plans are put in place in an attempt by a fund's board of directors to reduce a discount on its share price. To

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the extent such a plan was implemented and shares owned by a Trust are repurchased by a fund, such Trust's position in that fund would be reduced and the cash would be distributed.

The Trusts are prohibited from subscribing to a rights offering for shares of any of the closed-end funds in which they invest. In the event of a rights offering for additional shares of a fund, Unit holders should expect that their Trust will, at the completion of the offer, own a smaller proportional interest in such fund that would otherwise be the case. It is not possible to determine the extent of this dilution in share ownership without knowing what proportion of the shares in a rights offering will be subscribed. This may be particularly serious when the subscription price per share for the offer is less than the fund's net asset value per share. Assuming that all rights are exercised and there is no change in the net asset value per share, the aggregate net asset value of each shareholder's shares of common stock should decrease as a result of the offer. If a fund's subscription price per share is below that fund's net asset value per share at the expiration of the offer, shareholders would experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of their shares of common stock as a result of the offer, which could be substantial.

Closed-end funds may utilize leveraging in their portfolios. Leveraging can be expected to cause increased price volatility for those fund's shares, and as a result, increased volatility for the price of the Units of a Trust. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is employed.

See "High-Yield Bonds" below for a discussion of certain of the risks associated with specific types of bonds.

**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. 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.

Foreign Issuers. Since certain of the Securities included in the Trusts consist of securities of foreign issuers and certain or all of the underlying bonds held by certain of the Closed-End Funds in the Trusts are issued by foreign companies, an investment in the Trusts involves certain investment risks that are different in some respects from an investment in a trust which invests entirely in the securities of domestic issuers. These investment risks include future political or governmental restrictions which might adversely affect the payment or receipt of payment of dividends on the relevant Securities, the possibility that the financial condition of the issuers of the Securities may become impaired or that the general condition of the relevant stock market may worsen (both of which would contribute directly to a decrease in the value of the Securities and thus in the value of the Units), the limited liquidity and relatively small market capitalization of the relevant securities market, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, economic uncertainties and foreign currency devaluations and fluctuations. In addition, for foreign issuers that are not subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, there may be less publicly available information than is available from a domestic issuer. Also, foreign issuers are not necessarily subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers. The securities of many foreign issuers are less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable domestic issuers. In addition, fixed brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on foreign securities exchanges are generally higher than in the United States and there is generally less government supervision and regulation of exchanges, brokers and issuers in foreign countries than there is in the United States. However, due to the nature of the issuers of the Securities selected for the Trusts, the Sponsor believes that adequate information will be available to allow the Supervisor to provide portfolio surveillance for a Trust.

Securities issued by non-U.S. issuers generally pay dividends in foreign currencies and are principally traded in foreign currencies. Therefore, there is a risk that the U.S. dollar value of these securities will vary with fluctuations in the U.S. dollar foreign exchange rates for the various Securities.

On the basis of the best information available to the Sponsor at the present time, none of the Securities in the Trusts are subject to exchange control restrictions under existing law which would materially interfere with payment to a Trust of dividends due on, or proceeds from the sale of, the Securities. However, there can be no assurance that exchange control regulations might not be adopted in the future which might adversely affect payment to a Trust. The adoption of exchange control regulations and other legal restrictions could have an adverse impact on the marketability of international securities in the Trusts and on the ability of a Trust to satisfy its obligation to redeem Units tendered to the Trustee for redemption. In addition, restrictions on the settlement of transactions on either the purchase or sale side, or both, could cause delays or increase the costs associated with the purchase and sale of the foreign Securities and correspondingly could affect the price of the Units.

Investors should be aware that it may not be possible to buy all Securities at the same time because of the unavailability of any Security, and restrictions applicable to the Trusts relating to the purchase of a Security by reason of the federal securities laws or otherwise.

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Foreign securities generally have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be exempt from the registration requirements of such Act. Sales of non-exempt Securities by a Trust in the United States securities markets are subject to severe restrictions and may not be practicable. Accordingly, sales of these Securities by a Trust will generally be effected only in foreign securities markets. Although the Sponsor does not believe that the Trusts will encounter obstacles in disposing of the Securities, investors should realize that

the Securities may be traded in foreign countries where the securities markets are not as developed or efficient and may not be as liquid as those in the United States. The value of the Securities will be adversely affected if trading markets for the Securities are limited or absent.

**Preferred Stocks.** An investment in Units of the Trusts should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in preferred stocks entails, including the risk that the financial condition of the issuers of the Securities or the general condition of the preferred stock market may worsen, and the value of the preferred stocks and therefore the value of the Units may decline. Preferred stocks may be 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, market liquidity, and global or regional political, economic or banking crises. Preferred stocks are also vulnerable to Congressional reductions in the dividends-received deduction which would adversely affect the after-tax return to the investors who can take advantage of the deduction. Such a reduction might adversely affect the value of preferred stocks in general. Holders of preferred stocks, as owners of the entity, have rights to receive payments from the issuers of those preferred stocks that are generally subordinate to those of creditors of, or holders of debt obligations or, in some cases, other senior preferred stocks of, such issuers. Preferred 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 senior preferred stocks will create prior claims for payment of principal and interest and senior dividends which could adversely affect the ability and inclination of the issuer to declare or pay dividends on its preferred stock or the rights of holders of preferred stock with respect to assets of the issuer upon liquidation or bankruptcy. The value of preferred stocks is subject to market fluctuations for as long as the preferred stocks remain outstanding, and thus the value of the Securities may be expected to fluctuate over the life of the Trusts to values higher or lower than those prevailing on the Initial Date of Deposit.

**Trust Preferred Securities.** An investment in Units of the Trusts should also be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in trust preferred securities entails. Holders of trust preferred securities incur risks in addition to or slightly different than the typical risks of holding preferred stocks. As previously discussed, trust preferred securities are limited-life preferred securities that are typically issued by corporations, generally in the form of interest-bearing notes or preferred securities issued by corporations, or by an affiliated business trust of a corporation, generally in the form of beneficial interests in subordinated debentures issued by the corporation, or similarly structured securities. The maturity and dividend rate of the trust preferred securities are structured to match the maturity and coupon interest rate of the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures. Trust preferred securities usually mature on the stated maturity date of the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures and may be redeemed or liquidated prior to the stated maturity date of such instruments for any reason on or after their stated call date or upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances at any time. Trust preferred securities generally have a yield advantage over traditional preferred stocks, but unlike preferred stocks, distributions on the trust preferred securities are treated as interest rather than dividends for Federal income tax purposes. Unlike most preferred stocks, distributions received from trust preferred securities are not eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Certain of the risks unique to trust preferred securities include: (i) distributions on trust preferred securities will be made only if interest payments on the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures are made; (ii) a corporation issuing the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures may defer interest payments on these instruments for up to 20 consecutive quarters and if such election is made, distributions will not be made on the trust preferred securities during the deferral period; (iii) certain tax or regulatory events may trigger the redemption of the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures by the issuing

corporation and result in prepayment of the trust preferred securities prior to their stated maturity date; (iv) future legislation may be proposed or enacted that may prohibit the corporation from deducting its interest payments on the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures for tax purposes, making redemption of these instruments likely; (v) a corporation may redeem the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures in whole at any

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time or in part from time to time on or after a stated call date; (vi) trust preferred securities holders have very limited voting rights; and (vii) payment of interest on the interest-bearing notes, preferred securities or subordinated debentures, and therefore distributions on the trust preferred securities, is dependent on the financial condition of the issuing corporation.

High-Yield Bonds.

High-Yield Obligations. An investment in Units of the Trusts should be made with an understanding of the risks that an investment in "high-yield, high-risk," fixed-rate, domestic and foreign debt obligations or "junk bonds" may entail, including increased credit risks and the risk that the value of the Units will decline, and may decline precipitously, with increases in interest rates. In recent years there have been wide fluctuations in interest rates and thus in the value of fixed-rate, debt obligations generally. Bonds such as those included in the funds in the Trusts are, under most circumstances, subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss of income and principal than are investments in lower-yielding, higher-rated bonds, and their value may decline precipitously because of increases in interest rates, not only because the increases in rates generally decrease values, but also because increased rates may indicate a slowdown in the economy and a decrease in the value of assets generally that may adversely affect the credit of issuers of high-yield, high-risk bonds resulting in a higher incidence of defaults among high-yield, high-risk bonds. A slowdown in the economy, or a development adversely affecting an issuer's creditworthiness, may result in the issuer being unable to maintain earnings or sell assets at the rate and at the prices, respectively, that are required to produce sufficient cash flow to meet its interest and principal requirements. For an issuer that has outstanding both senior commercial bank debt and subordinated high-yield, high-risk bonds, an increase in interest rates will increase that issuer's interest expense insofar as the interest rate on the bank debt is fluctuating. However, many leveraged issuers enter into interest rate protection agreements to fix or cap the interest rate on a large portion of their bank debt. This reduces exposure to increasing rates, but reduces the benefit to the issuer of declining rates. The Sponsor cannot predict future economic policies or their consequences or, therefore, the course or extent of any similar market fluctuations in the future.

"High-yield" or "junk" bonds, the generic names for bonds rated below "BBB-" by Standard & Poor's, or below "Baa3" by Moody's, are frequently issued by corporations in the growth stage of their development, by established companies whose operations or industries are depressed or by highly leveraged companies purchased in leveraged buyout transactions. The market for high-yield bonds is very specialized and investors in it have been predominantly financial institutions. High-yield bonds are generally not listed on a national securities exchange. Trading of high-yield bonds, therefore, takes place primarily in over-the-counter markets which consist of groups of dealer firms that are typically major securities firms. Because the high-yield bond market is a dealer market, rather than an auction market, no single obtainable price for a given bond prevails at any given time. Prices are determined by negotiation between traders. The existence of a liquid trading market for the bonds may depend on whether dealers will make a market in the bonds. There can be no assurance that a market will be made for any of the bonds, that any market for the bonds will be maintained or of the liquidity of the bonds in any markets made. Not all dealers maintain markets in all high-yield bonds. Therefore, since there are fewer traders in these bonds than there are in "investment grade" bonds, the bid-offer spread is usually greater for high-yield bonds than it is for investment grade bonds. The price at which the bonds may be sold to meet redemptions and the value of a Trust will be adversely affected if trading markets for the bonds are limited or absent. If the rate of redemptions is great, the value of a Trust may decline to a level that requires liquidation.

Lower-rated bonds tend to offer higher yields than higher-rated bonds with the same maturities because the creditworthiness of the issuers of lower-rated bonds may not be as strong as that of other issuers. Moreover, if a bond is recharacterized as equity by the Internal Revenue Service for federal income tax purposes, the issuer's interest deduction with respect to the bond will be disallowed and this disallowance may adversely affect the issuer's credit rating. Because investors generally perceive that there are greater risks associated with lower-rated bonds, the yields and prices of these bonds tend to fluctuate more than higher-rated bonds with changes in the perceived quality of the credit of their issuers. In addition, the market value of high-yield, high-risk, fixed-income bonds may fluctuate more than the market value of higher-rated bonds since high-yield, high-risk, fixed-income bonds tend to reflect short-term credit development to a greater extent than higher-rated bonds. Lower-rated bonds generally involve greater risks of loss of income and principal than higher-rated bonds. Issuers of lower-rated bonds may possess fewer creditworthiness characteristics than issuers of higher-rated bonds and, especially in the case of issuers whose

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obligations or credit standing have recently been downgraded, may be subject to claims by debtholders, owners of property leased to the issuer or others which, if sustained, would make it more difficult for the issuers to meet their payment obligations. High-yield, high-risk bonds are also affected by variables such as interest rates, inflation rates and real growth in the economy. Therefore, investors should consider carefully the relative risks associated with investment in bonds which carry lower ratings.

The value of the Units reflects the value of the portfolio bonds, including the value (if any) of bonds in default. Should the issuer of any bond default in the payment of principal or interest, the funds in the Trusts may incur additional expenses seeking payment on the defaulted bond. Because amounts (if any) recovered by the funds in payment under the defaulted bond may not be reflected in the value of the fund shares until actually received by the funds, and depending upon when a Unit holder purchases or sells his or her Units, it is possible that a Unit holder would bear a portion of the cost of recovery without receiving any portion of the payment recovered.

High-yield, high-risk bonds are generally subordinated obligations. The payment of principal (and premium, if any), interest and sinking fund requirements with respect to subordinated obligations of an issuer is subordinated in right of payment to the payment of senior obligations of the issuer. Senior obligations generally include most, if not all, significant debt obligations of an issuer, whether existing at the time of issuance of subordinated debt or created thereafter. Upon any distribution of the assets of an issuer with subordinated obligations upon dissolution, total or partial liquidation or reorganization of or similar proceeding relating to the issuer, the holders of senior indebtedness will be entitled to receive payment in full before holders of subordinated indebtedness will be entitled to receive any payment. Moreover, generally no payment with respect to subordinated indebtedness may be made while there exists a default with respect to any senior indebtedness. Thus, in the event of insolvency, holders of senior indebtedness of an issuer generally will recover more, ratably, than holders of subordinated indebtedness of that issuer.

Obligations that are rated lower than "BBB-" by Standard & Poor's, or "Baa3" by Moody's, respectively, should be considered speculative as such ratings indicate a quality of less than investment grade. Investors should carefully review the objective of a Trust and consider their ability to assume the risks involved before making an investment in such Trust.

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This Post-Effective Amendment of Registration Statement  
comprises the following papers and documents:

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Public Accounting Firm

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant, FT 983, BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6, certifies that it meets all of the requirements for effectiveness of this Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 485(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment of its Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized in the Village of Lisle and State of Illinois on August 29, 2008.

FT 983

BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO, SERIES 6  
(Registrant)

By: FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.  
(Depositor)

By: Jason T. Henry  
Senior Vice President

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
Judith M. Van Kampen	Director ) of The Charger ) Corporation, the ) General Partner of ) First Trust ) Portfolios L.P. )	August 29, 2008
Karla M. Van Kampen-Pierre	Director ) of The Charger ) Corporation, the ) General Partner of ) First Trust ) Portfolios L.P. )	Jason T. Henry Attorney-in-Fact**
David G. Wisen	Director ) of The Charger ) Corporation, the ) General Partner of ) First Trust ) Portfolios L.P. )	

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

\*\* An executed copy of the related power of attorney was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 of FT 597 (File No. 333-76518) and the same is hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the use in this Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement 333-124362 of our report dated August 29, 2008, relating to the financial statements of FT 983, Balanced Income Portfolio, Series 6 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.

Chicago, Illinois  
August 29, 2008