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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21727

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

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

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
630-765-8000

Date of fiscal year end: OCTOBER 31

Date of reporting period: JANUARY 31, 2009

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

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

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

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PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	STA MATU
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 68.1%			
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)			
\$ 7,180,570	Pool 256182 .....	6.00%	03/0
9,829,877	Pool 256328 (b) .....	6.50%	07/0
7,557,561	Pool 831145 (b) .....	6.00%	12/0
6,979,368	Pool 843971 (b) .....	6.00%	11/0
5,157,854	Pool 872303 .....	6.00%	05/0
7,737,082	Pool 880203 .....	6.00%	02/0
TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (Cost \$44,446,038) .....			
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND NON-AGENCY COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 49.7%			
Banc of America Funding Corp.			
1,363,284	Series 2005-F, Class 4A1 (c) .....	5.33%	09/2
Banc of America Mortgage Securities			
145,547	Series 2002-L, Class 1A1 (c) .....	5.22%	12/2
4,073,804	Series 2007-3, Class 2A3 .....	7.00%	09/2
Chase Mortgage Finance Corp.			
3,120,661	Series 2007-A3, Class 3A1 (c) .....	5.97%	12/2
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.			
6,306,344	Series 2676, Class IK, IO .....	5.00%	02/1
301,490	Series 2716, Class CI, IO .....	5.00%	05/1
3,434,815	Series 2737, Class IG, IO .....	5.00%	08/1
11,900,860	Series 2807, Class SB, IO (d) .....	7.12%	11/1
747,982	Series 2836, Class PI, IO .....	5.00%	09/1
5,104,192	Series 2852, Class VI, IO .....	5.00%	06/1
4,739,600	Series 2870, Class JI, IO .....	5.00%	10/1
792,000	Series 2888, Class OI, IO .....	5.00%	01/1
1,774,808	Series 2921, Class IQ, IO .....	5.00%	01/1
1,326,507	Series 2938, Class PI, IO .....	5.00%	11/1
1,275,881	Series 2943, Class JI, IO .....	5.00%	01/1
894,066	Series 2961, Class IP, IO .....	5.50%	07/1
5,446,219	Series 2964, Class IA, IO .....	5.50%	02/1
1,324,049	Series 3069, Class LI, IO .....	5.50%	08/1
493,348	Series 3171, Class CS (d) .....	37.30%	06/1
1,150,000	Series 3195, Class SX (d) .....	43.98%	07/1
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., STRIP			
25,087,217	Series 227, Class IO, IO .....	5.00%	12/0
4,890,873	Series 231, Class IO, IO .....	5.50%	08/0
9,425,171	Series 232, Class IO, IO .....	5.00%	08/0
2,659,759	Series 235, Class IO, IO .....	5.50%	02/0
3,909,692	Series 240, Class IO, IO .....	5.50%	07/1
4,349,212	Series 248, Class IO, IO .....	5.50%	07/1
Federal National Mortgage Association			
3,501,492	Series 2005-122, Class SN (d) .....	27.04%	01/2
1,322,348	Series 2005-39, Class BI, IO .....	5.00%	06/2
1,637,092	Series 2006-64, Class ST (d) .....	20.19%	07/2

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)  
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PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	STA MATU
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND NON-AGENCY COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - (CONTINUED)			
\$ 9,499,551	Federal National Mortgage Association, STRIP Series 360, Class 2, IO .....	5.00%	08/0
6,151,265	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2007-1F, Class 3A10, IO .....	6.00%	01/2
237,808	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc. Series 2002-QS18, Class A1 .....	5.50%	12/2
4,861,871	Sequoia Mortgage Trust Series 2007-1, Class 2A1 (c) .....	5.81%	02/2
6,799,419	Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust Series 2006-9, Class 1A32 .....	6.00%	08/2
1,295,043	Series 2006-AR10, Class 5A2 (c) .....	5.59%	07/2
	TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND NON-AGENCY COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (Cost \$41,350,719) .....		
ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES - 0.1%			
33,069	Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-12, Class 2A1 (c) .....	0.46%	12/2
	TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES (Cost \$32,991) .....		
SHARES	DESCRIPTION		
PREFERRED SECURITIES - 0.1%			
20,000	Fannie Mae, 8.25% (e) .....		
40,000	Freddie Mac, Series Z, 8.38% (e) .....		
	TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES (Cost \$1,500,000) .....		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 118.0% (Cost \$87,329,748) (f) .....		

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a) - (CONTINUED)  
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PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION
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REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT - (23.7)%	
\$(15,955,000)	With UBS Securities 0.35% dated 01/30/09, to be repurchased at \$15,955,465 on 02/02/09 .....
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 5.7% .....
	NET ASSETS - 100.0% .....

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- (a) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
  - (b) This security or a portion of this security is segregated as collateral for the reverse repurchase agreement.
  - (c) Floating rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at January 31, 2009.
  - (d) Inverse floating rate instrument. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at January 31, 2009.
  - (e) The U.S. Government took control over this company in September 2008, and it has since suspended its dividend.
  - (f) Aggregate cost for federal income tax and financial reporting purposes. As of January 31, 2009, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$2,660,644 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$10,564,675.
- IO Interest Only - represents the interest only portion of a mortgage-backed security, which allows the holder to receive interest only payments based on the amount of notional principal outstanding.

STRIP Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities - Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities are created by separating the interest payments from the principal payments of underlying mortgage securities to create new interest only (IO) and principal only (PO) zero coupon securities.

#### SECURITY VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2009 is as follows (See Note 1A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments):

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VALUATION INPUTS -----	INVESTMENTS -----	OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS* -----
Level 1 - Quoted Prices .....	\$ 64,800	\$(15,955,000)
Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs ...	79,360,917	--
Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs .....	--	--
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Total .....	\$79,425,717	\$(15,955,000)
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\* The other financial instrument is a reverse repurchase agreement referenced in the Portfolio of Investments.

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NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of First Trust/FIDAC Mortgage Income Fund (the "Fund") is determined daily, as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. Domestic debt securities and foreign securities are priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. The NAV per Common Share is calculated by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends declared but unpaid and any borrowings of the Fund), by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value according to valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at market value, which is currently determined using the last reported sale price or, if no sales are reported (as in the case of some securities traded over-the-counter), the last reported bid price, except that certain U.S. Government securities are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices. The Fund values Mortgage-Backed Securities and other debt securities not traded in an organized market on the basis of valuations provided by dealers or by an independent pricing service, approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which uses information with respect to transactions in such securities, quotations from dealers, market transactions for comparable securities, various relationships between securities and yield to maturity in determining value. Debt securities having a remaining maturity of less than sixty days when purchased are valued at amortized cost. In the event that market quotations are not readily available, the pricing service does not provide a valuation for a particular asset, or the valuations are deemed unreliable, the Fund's Board of Trustees has designated First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") to use a fair value method to value

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the Fund's securities and other investments. Additionally, if events occur after the close of the principal markets for particular securities (e.g., domestic debt and foreign securities), but before the Fund values its assets, that could materially affect NAV, First Trust may use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and other investments. The use of fair value pricing by the Fund is governed by valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157"), effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 became effective for the Fund as of November 1, 2008, the beginning of its current fiscal year. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157 are described as follows:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2009 is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS:

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

### C. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS:

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

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Information for the three months ended January 31, 2009:

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Maximum amount outstanding during the period .....	\$24,719,000
Average amount outstanding during the period* .....	\$39,767,739
Average monthly shares outstanding during the period .....	4,045,889
Average debt per share outstanding during the period .....	\$ 9.83

\* The average amount outstanding during the period was calculated by adding the borrowings at the end of each day and dividing the sum by the number of days in the three-month period ended January 31, 2009.

Interest rates ranged from 0.10% to 0.70% during the three-month period ended January 31, 2009, on borrowings by the Fund under reverse repurchase agreements, which had interest expense that aggregated \$15,365.

### D. INVERSE FLOATING-RATE INSTRUMENTS:

An inverse floating-rate security is one where the coupon is inversely indexed to a short-term floating interest rate multiplied by a specific factor. As the floating rate rises, the coupon is reduced. Conversely, as the floating rate declines, the coupon is increased. The price of these securities may be more volatile than the price of a comparable fixed-rate security. These instruments are typically used to enhance the yield of the portfolio. These investments are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

### E. STRIPPED MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES:

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

### F. INTEREST ONLY SECURITIES:

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

## ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the

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"1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c)) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND

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

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

Date MARCH 26, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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

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

Date MARCH 26, 2009

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

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Mark R. Bradley, Treasurer, Controller, Chief  
Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer



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(principal financial officer)

Date

MARCH 26, 2009

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