Corporate Investment Grade Laddered Portfolio, Series 10

FT 8249

FT 8249 is a series of a unit investment trust, the FT Series. FT 8249 consists of a single portfolio known as Corporate Investment Grade Laddered Portfolio, Series 10 (the “Trust”). The Trust invests in a laddered portfolio of investment grade corporate debt obligations (“Securities”). The Trust seeks to distribute high current monthly income and to preserve capital.

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First Trust®

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CORPORATE INVESTMENT GRADE LADDERED PORTFOLIO, SERIES 10
FT 8249

At the Opening of Business on the Initial Date of Deposit—August 15, 2019

Sponsor: First Trust Portfolios L.P.
Trustee: The Bank of New York Mellon
Evaluator: First Trust Advisors L.P.

Initial Number of Units .................................................. 5,000
Fractional Undivided Interest in the Trust per Unit .................. 1/5,000
Principal Amount (Par Value) of Securities per Unit (1) .............. $ 1,000.00
Public Offering Price:
  Public Offering Price per Unit (2) .................................. $ 1,120.70
  Less Maximum Sales Charge per Unit (3) ............................ (27.81)
 Aggregate Offering Price Evaluation of Securities per Unit (4) .... $ 1,092.89
  Less Organization Costs per Unit (5) ................................ $ (8.00)
Net Asset Value per Unit (based on aggregate offer prices of Securities) (5) $ 1,084.89

Sponsor’s Initial Repurchase Price per Unit (5) ......................... $ 1,092.89
Redemption Price per Unit (based on aggregate bid prices of Securities) (5) $ 1,083.13
Weighted Average Maturity of the Securities ........................ 5.90 years
Weighted Average Modified Duration of the Securities ............... 5.02 years
First Settlement Date ................................................. August 19, 2019
Termination Date (6) .................................................. December 31, 2029
Ticker Symbol ......................................................... FRAEHX

Distributions (7):
  Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit .................. $ 40.26
  Initial Distribution per Unit ....................................... $ 2.34
  Estimated Regular Distributions per Unit ........................ $ 3.35
Estimated Current Return (8) ........................................ 3.59%
Estimated Long-Term Return (8) ..................................... 2.04%
Cash CUSIP Number .................................................. 30311H 426
Fee Account CUSIP Number ........................................... 30311H 434
Pricing Line Product Code ............................................ 125701

(1) Because certain of the Securities may, in certain circumstances, be sold, redeemed or mature in accordance with their terms, the Unit value at the Termination Date may not equal the Principal Amount (Par Value) of Securities per Unit stated above.

(2) The Public Offering Price shown above reflects the value of the Securities on the business day prior to the Initial Date of Deposit. No investor will purchase Units at this price. The price you pay for your Units will be based on their valuation at the Evaluation Time on the date you purchase your Units. On the Initial Date of Deposit, the Public Offering Price per Unit will not include any accrued interest on the Securities. After this date, a pro rata share of any accrued interest on the Securities will be included.

(3) You will pay a maximum sales charge of 2.50% of the Public Offering Price per Unit (equivalent to 2.564% of the net amount invested). Investors will not be assessed a sales charge on the portion of their Units represented by cash deposited to pay the Trust’s organization costs.

(4) Each Security is valued at its aggregate offering price. The initial evaluation for purposes of determining the purchase, sale or redemption price of Units on the Initial Date of Deposit will occur at the latter of 4:00 p.m. Eastern time or the effectiveness of the Trust. Thereafter, evaluations for purposes of determining the purchase, sale or redemption price of Units are made as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day on which it is open (the “Evaluation Time”).

(5) The Net Asset Value per Unit figure reflects the deduction of estimated organization costs, which will be deducted from the assets of the Trust at the end of the initial offering period. The Sponsor’s Initial Repurchase Price per Unit does not reflect the deduction of estimated organization costs until the end of the initial offering period as set forth under “Fee Table.” The Redemption Price per Unit reflects the deduction of such estimated organization costs. See “Redeeming Your Units.”

(6) See “Amending or Terminating the Indenture.”

(7) Distributions will be paid on the twenty-fifth day of each month (“Distribution Date”) to Unit holders of record on the tenth day of such month (“Distribution Record Date”). The amount of the Estimated Regular Distributions per Unit was calculated on the basis of the Estimated Annual Interest Income per Unit less the estimated annual expenses divided by twelve. Each Unit holder will receive the Initial Distribution per Unit on September 25, 2019. Estimated Regular Distributions per Unit will occur monthly, beginning October 25, 2019. The actual distribution you receive will vary from that set forth above with changes in the Trust’s fees and expenses and with the sale, maturity or redemption of Securities. See “Fee Table” and “Expenses and Charges.” Distributions from the Principal Account will be made monthly if the amount available for distribution equals at least $1.00 per Unit. See “Income and Capital Distributions.”

(8) Estimated Current Return is calculated by dividing Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price. Estimated Long-Term Return is calculated using a formula which (1) factors in the relative weightings of the market values, yields (which take into account the amortization of premiums and the accretion of discounts) and estimated retirements of the Securities; and (2) takes into account a compounding factor, the sales charge and expenses. There is no assurance that the Estimated Current and Long-Term Returns set forth above will be realized in the future because the various components used to calculate these figures, such as Trust expenses, market values and estimated retirements of the Securities, will change. In addition, neither rate reflects the true return you will receive, which will be lower, because neither includes the effect of certain delays in distributions with respect to when the Securities pay interest and when distributions are paid by the Trust.
This Fee Table describes the fees and expenses that you may, directly or indirectly, pay if you buy and hold Units of the Trust. See “Public Offering” and “Expenses and Charges.” Although the Trust has a term of approximately 10.5 years, and is a unit investment trust rather than a mutual fund, this information allows you to compare fees.

### Unit Holder Sales Fees
**(as a percentage of public offering price)**
- Maximum sales charge imposed on purchase: 2.50% (a) $27.81

### Organization Costs
**Estimates of the Trust’s operating expenses**
- Estimated organization costs: .714% (b) $8.00

### Estimated Annual Trust Operating Expenses
**(as a percentage of average net assets)**
- Portfolio supervision, bookkeeping, administrative and evaluation fees: .072% $0.81
- Trustee’s fee and other operating expenses: .219% (d) $2.45
- Total: .291% $3.26

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

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

(a) The maximum sales charge consists entirely of an initial sales charge, deducted at the time of purchase. Investors will not be assessed sales charge on the portion of their Units represented by cash deposited to pay the Trust’s organization costs.

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

(c) Each of the fees listed herein is assessed on a fixed dollar amount per Unit basis which, as a percentage of average net assets, will vary over time.

(d) Other operating expenses do not include brokerage costs and other portfolio transaction fees. A portion of the Trustee’s fee represents the cost to the Trustee of advancing funds to the Trust to meet scheduled distributions, to provide funds for payment of redemptions, or otherwise as required for the administration of the Trust. The Trustee can adjust the amount of its fee in response to, among other things, changes in short-term interest rates and changes in the average cash balances on hand in the Trust Accounts. In certain circumstances, the Trust may incur additional expenses not set forth above. See “Expenses and Charges.”
To the Unit Holders and the Sponsor, First Trust Portfolios L.P., of FT 8249

Opinion on the Statement of Net Assets

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets of FT 8249, comprising Corporate Investment Grade Laddered Portfolio, Series 10 (the “Trust”), one of the series constituting the FT Series, including the schedule of investments, as of the opening of business on August 15, 2019 (Initial Date of Deposit), and the related notes. In our opinion, the statement of net assets presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as of the opening of business on August 15, 2019 (Initial Date of Deposit), in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

This statement of net assets is the responsibility of the Trust’s Sponsor. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of net assets based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of net assets is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting 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.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement of net assets, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the statement of net assets. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Trust’s Sponsor, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement of net assets. Our procedures included confirmation of the securities delivered to the Trust and of the irrevocable letter of credit held by The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee, and deposited in the Trust for the purchase of securities, as shown in the statement of net assets, as of the opening of business on August 15, 2019, by correspondence with the Trustee. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois
August 15, 2019

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies sponsored by First Trust Portfolios L.P. since 2001.
Statement of Net Assets

CORPORATE INVESTMENT GRADE LADDERED PORTFOLIO, SERIES 10
FT 8249

At the Opening of Business on the
Initial Date of Deposit—August 15, 2019

NET ASSETS

Investments in Securities represented by Securities and/or purchase contracts (1)(2) .......................... $ 5,424,436
Accrued interest on underlying Securities (2)(3) .......................................................... 47,659
Cash (2) ....................................................................................................................... 40,000

5,512,095

Less liability for reimbursement to Sponsor for organization costs (4) ............................................. (40,000)
Less distributions payable (3) ......................................................................................... (47,659)
Net assets ....................................................................................................................... $ 5,424,436

Outstanding Units ....................................................................................................... 5,000
Net asset value per Unit (5) .......................................................................................... $ 1,084.89

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

Cost to investors (6) ....................................................................................................... $ 5,603,486
Less maximum sales charge (6) ..................................................................................... (139,050)
Less estimated reimbursement to Sponsor for organization costs (4) ......................... (40,000)
Net assets ....................................................................................................................... $ 5,424,436

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The Trust is registered as a unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Sponsor is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States which require the Sponsor to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported herein. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Trust intends to comply in its initial fiscal year and thereafter with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and as such, will not be subject to federal income taxes on otherwise taxable income (including net realized capital gains) distributed to Unit holders.

(1) The Trust invests in a portfolio of interest-bearing corporate debt obligations. Aggregate cost of the Securities listed under “Schedule of Investments” is based on their aggregate underlying value. The Trust has a Termination Date of December 31, 2029.

(2) An irrevocable letter of credit issued by The Bank of New York Mellon, of which $6,500,000 is allocated to the Trust, has been deposited with the Trustee as collateral, covering the monies necessary for the purchase of the Securities subject to purchase contracts ($4,808,533) (which includes accrued interest to the Initial Date of Deposit ($47,659)), cash ($40,000) and accrued interest from the Initial Date of Deposit to the later of the First Settlement Date of the Trust or the expected dates of delivery of the Securities ($2,418). The Trustee will advance to the Trust the amount of net interest accrued to the First Settlement Date, which will be distributed to the Sponsor as Unit holder of record.

(3) The purchased interest on the underlying Securities accrued to the Initial Date of Deposit will be distributed to the Sponsor as Unit holder of record.

(4) A portion of the Public Offering Price consists of an amount sufficient to reimburse the Sponsor for all or a portion of the costs of establishing the Trust. These costs have been estimated at $8.00 per Unit. A payment will be made as of the end of the initial offering period to an account maintained by the Trustee from which the obligation of the investors to the Sponsor will be satisfied. To the extent that actual organization costs are greater than the estimated amount, only the estimated organization costs added to the Public Offering Price will be reimbursed to the Sponsor and deducted from the assets of the Trust.

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

(6) The aggregate cost to investors in the Trust, excluding the amount held in cash deposited to pay the Trust’s organization costs, includes a maximum sales charge computed at the rate of 2.50% of the Public Offering Price per Unit (equivalent to 2.564% of the net amount invested), assuming no reduction of sales charge as set forth under “Public Offering.”
### Schedule of Investments

**CORPORATE INVESTMENT GRADE LADDERED PORTFOLIO, SERIES 10**

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**At the Opening of Business on the**

**Initial Date of Deposit—August 15, 2019**

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<td>AutoNation, Inc., Senior Notes, 3.80%, Due 11/15/2027 (5) (6) (7)</td>
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See “Notes to Schedule of Investments” on page 9.
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(1) The percentages shown in the Schedule of Investments represent the percentage of net assets. All Securities are represented by regular way contracts to purchase such Securities which are backed by an irrevocable letter of credit deposited with the Trustee. The Sponsor entered into purchase contracts for the Securities on August 12, 2019, August 13, 2019, August 14, 2019 and August 15, 2019, and the Sponsor expects that any outstanding purchase contracts as of August 15, 2019 will settle on or prior to August 19, 2019. Corporate debt obligations of companies headquartered or incorporated outside of the United States comprise approximately 27.38% of the investments of the Trust (consisting of Bermuda, 3.82%; Colombia, 4.12%; Japan, 3.90%; Luxembourg, 4.17% and United Kingdom, 11.37%).

(2) The cost of the Securities to the Trust represents the aggregate underlying value with respect to the Securities acquired (generally determined by the aggregate offering price of the Securities at the opening of business on the Initial Date of Deposit). The evaluation of the Securities at the opening of business on the Initial Date of Deposit has been determined by ICE Data Pricing & Reference Data, LLC, an independent pricing agent. The cost of the Securities to the Sponsor and the Sponsor’s profit (which is the difference between the cost of the Securities to the Sponsor and the cost of the Securities to the Trust) are $5,424,054 and $382, respectively. The cost of the Securities to the Sponsor may include the cost of and gain or loss on certain futures contracts entered into by the Sponsor in an effort to hedge the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the value of certain of the Securities to the extent the Sponsor entered into such contracts. The aggregate bid price of the Securities at the opening of business on the Initial Date of Deposit was $5,415,672 (unaudited).

(3) The ratings are by Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global Inc. (“S&P” or “Standard & Poor’s”) and are unaudited. Such ratings were obtained from an information reporting service other than S&P. “NR” indicates no rating by S&P. Such Securities may, however, be rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Securities rated below “BBB−” by S&P (“Below Investment Grade Securities”) are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. Within the universe of securities rated Below Investment Grade, securities rated “BB+” indicates the lowest degree of speculation while securities rated “C” indicates the highest degree of speculation. While such securities will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions. See “Risk Factors” for a discussion of the risks of investing in high-yield securities. “(e)” indicates an “Expected Rating” and is intended to anticipate Standard & Poor’s forthcoming rating assignment. Expected Ratings are generated by Bloomberg Finance L.P. (“Bloomberg”) based on sources it considers reliable or established Standard & Poor’s rating practices. Expected Ratings exist only until Standard & Poor’s assigns a rating to the issue. There is no guarantee that the ratings, when assigned, will not differ from those currently expected. See “Credit Rating Definitions.”

(4) In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820 (“ASC 820”), “Fair Value Measurement,” fair value is defined as the price that the Trust would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. ASC 820 established a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of the observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of the fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including the technique or pricing model used to measure fair value and the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that may reflect the reporting entity’s own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels: Level 1 which represents quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 which represents fair value based on other significant observable inputs (including, quoted prices for similar investments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are non-active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the investment (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates) or inputs that are derived from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means); and Level 3 which represents fair value based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Trust’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). At the date of deposit, all of the Trust’s investments are classified as Level 2; the valuation on the date of deposit was determined by the Evaluator using offering prices provided by third-party pricing services. The inputs used by these third party pricing services were based upon significant observable inputs, that included, but were not limited to, the items noted above.
(5) This Security has a “make whole” call option and is redeemable in whole or in part at any time, unless otherwise described below, at the option of the issuer, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of their principal amount or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon, discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at a set premium to the then current applicable Treasury Rate, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to the date of redemption. To the extent that Securities were deposited in the Trust at a price higher than the price at which they are redeemed, this will represent a loss of capital when compared with the original Public Offering Price of the Units. Distributions will generally be reduced by the amount of the income which would otherwise have been paid with respect to redeemed Securities and Unit holders will receive a distribution of the principal amount and any premium received on such redemption (except to the extent the proceeds of the redeemed Securities are used to pay for Unit redemptions). Estimated Current Return and Estimated Long-Term Return may also be affected by such redemptions. Securities bearing this option within the Trust and their respective premiums to the applicable Treasury rate, if available, are as follows: Aircastle Limited, 0.50%; Altria Group, Inc., 0.35% until 11/14/2028; ArcelorMittal, 0.50%; AutoNation, Inc., 0.25% until 08/15/2027; BP Capital Markets Plc, 0.20%; The Boeing Company, 0.15% until 12/01/2026; ConocoPhillips Holding Co., 0.25%; Duke Energy Progress LLC, 0.15% until 12/15/2028; Ecopetrol S.A., 0.45%; General Motors Financial Company, Inc., 0.35% until 10/15/2024; Gilead Sciences, Inc. 0.20% until 12/01/2026; International Business Machines Corporation, 0.125%; Jefferies Group LLC, 0.30%; Oracle Corporation, 0.20%; PPG Industries, Inc., 0.20% until 05/15/2029; QUALCOMM Incorporated, 0.20% until 02/20/2027 and UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, 0.15%.

(6) The following Securities are redeemable at any time after the dates listed below and at the prices listed below.

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(7) The coupon interest rate on this Security will increase by 0.25% above the interest rate payable on the Security on the Security’s date of issuance for each rating downgrade below “BBB−” and/or “Baa3” by S&P and Moody’s, respectively, capped at 2%. Thereafter, any credit rating upgrade by S&P and Moody’s will reset the coupon interest rate on the Security to the rate applicable to that credit rating.

† This Security represents the corporate debt obligation of a foreign company.
The FT Series Defined.

We, First Trust Portfolios L.P. (the “Sponsor”), have created hundreds of similar yet separate series of a unit investment trust which we have named the FT Series. The series to which this prospectus relates, FT 8249, consists of a single portfolio known as Corporate Investment Grade Laddered Portfolio, Series 10.

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

You may get more specific details concerning the nature, structure and risks of this product in an “Information Supplement” by calling the Sponsor at 800–621–1675, dept. code 2.

How We Created the Trust.

On the Initial Date of Deposit, we deposited corporate debt obligations and/or contracts for corporate debt obligations (including a letter of credit or the equivalent) with the Trustee and, in turn, the Trustee delivered documents to us representing our ownership of the Trust, in the form of units (“Units”).

After the Initial Date of Deposit, we may deposit additional Securities in the Trust, or cash (including a letter of credit or the equivalent) with instructions to buy more Securities to create new Units for sale. If we create additional Units, we will attempt, to the extent practicable, to maintain the percentage relationship established among the Securities on the Initial Date of Deposit (as set forth under “Schedule of Investments”), adjusted to reflect the sale, redemption or liquidation of any of the Securities or other similar event affecting the capital structure of the issuer of the Securities.

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

An affiliate of the Trustee may receive these brokerage fees or the Trustee may retain and pay us (or our affiliate) to act as agent for the Trust to buy Securities. If we or an affiliate of ours act as agent to the Trust, we will be subject to the restrictions under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). When acting in an agency capacity, we may select various broker/dealers to execute securities transactions on behalf of the Trust, which may include broker/dealers who sell Units of the Trust. We do not consider sales of Units of the Trust or any other products sponsored by First Trust as a factor in selecting such broker/dealers.

We cannot guarantee that the Trust will keep its present size and composition for any length of time. Securities may be periodically sold under certain circumstances to satisfy Trust obligations, to meet redemption requests and, as described in “Removing Securities from the Trust,” to maintain the sound investment character of the Trust, and the proceeds received by the Trust will be used to meet Trust obligations or distributed to Unit holders, but will not be reinvested. However, Securities will not be sold to take advantage of market fluctuations or changes in anticipated rates of appreciation or depreciation, or if they no longer meet the criteria by which they were selected. You will not be able to dispose of or vote any of the Securities in the Trust. As the holder of the Securities, the Trustee will vote the Securities and, except as described in “Removing Securities from the Trust,” will endeavor to vote the Securities such that the Securities are voted as closely as possible in the same manner and the same general proportion as are the Securities held by owners other than such Trust.

Neither we nor the Trustee will be liable for a failure in any of the Securities. However, if a contract for the purchase of any of the Securities initially deposited in the Trust fails, unless we can purchase substitute Securities ("Replacement Securities") we will refund to you that portion of the purchase price and sales charge resulting from the failed contract on the next Distribution Date. Any Replacement Security the Trust acquires will meet the requirements specified in the Indenture.
Objectives.
The Trust seeks to distribute high current monthly income and to preserve capital. Under normal circumstances, the Trust will invest at least 80% of its assets in investment grade corporate bonds. The Trust is concentrated in corporate bonds of financial companies.

Corporate Bond Basics.
A corporate bond is a debt obligation issued by a corporation. Issuing bonds can be an alternative to offering equity ownership by issuing stock. Payments to bondholders have priority over payments to stockholders.

The Portfolio.
The Trust invests in a professionally selected portfolio of fixed-rate corporate bonds that mature at regular intervals over the life of the Trust. The bonds selected for the Trust consist of investment grade debt issues. Certain bonds held by the Trust are rated as investment grade by only one of either Standard & Poor’s or Moody’s and either unrated or below investment grade by the other. A bond’s rating is based upon an evaluation by a credit rating organization of the corporation’s credit history and ability to repay obligations.

Why Investment Grade.
Within the bond market, there is a category of bonds considered “investment grade.” Investment grade bonds are rated BBB/Baa or higher by major credit rating agencies. The designation of a bond as investment grade is based upon an evaluation by a credit rating agency of the corporation’s credit history and ability to repay obligations. This rating of investment grade generally signifies that a credit rating agency considers the quality of a particular bond to be sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of the issuer’s ability to meet their obligations to bondholders. There is, however, no assurance that the securities selected for the Trust will continue to receive an investment grade rating in the future or that such rating will ensure an issuer’s ability to satisfy its obligations to bondholders.

Investment grade bonds generally are a high credit quality asset class with historically low default rates. The average default rates for investment grade bonds have been significantly lower than for the speculative grade bonds based on the most recent data available from Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. Current default rates may vary from that of their historical averages and there can be no assurance that the default rate for investment grade bonds will not rise in the future.

As of the Initial Date of Deposit, all of the Securities were rated “BBB–” or better by Standard & Poor’s, or of comparable quality by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization. See “Description of Bond Ratings.” After the Initial Date of Deposit, a Security’s rating may be lowered. This would not immediately cause the Security to be removed from the Trust, but may be considered by us in determining whether to direct the Trustee to dispose of such Security. See “Removing Securities from the Trust.”

What is a Bond Ladder?
A bond ladder is a portfolio of fixed-income securities that mature at regular intervals across a chosen maturity range. The purpose of a laddered portfolio is to generate a more predictable income stream with the potential to minimize interest rate risk by holding both short-term and long-term securities. The portfolio is comprised of five distinct groupings of corporate bond securities with maturities beginning approximately two years after the initial date of deposit. The Trust is designed to return approximately 20% of your principal beginning approximately two years after the initial date of deposit and thereafter approximately 20% of your principal every two years.

Securities Selection.
The corporate bonds were selected by our research department based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, a security’s creditworthiness and valuation. Creditworthiness is assessed on the evaluation of fundamental characteristics of the issuer as well as industry specific and geographic risk. Credit ratings and financial outlooks are also considered. Factors considered at the security level include the analysis of the issuer’s capital structure, the subordination of the security, the coupon type, liquidity and the amount of an issue outstanding. These factors in combination with the duration, yield, price, call features and maturity dates result in an overall determination of relative value.

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

Estimated Returns

The Estimated Current and Long-Term Returns set forth in the “Summary of Essential Information” are estimates and are designed to be comparative rather than predictive. We cannot predict your actual return, which will vary with Unit price, how long you hold your investment and with changes in the portfolio, interest income and expenses. In addition, neither rate reflects the true
return you will receive, which will be lower, because neither includes the effect of certain delays in distributions with respect to when the Securities pay interest and when distributions are paid by the Trust. Estimated Current Return equals the estimated annual interest income to be received from the Securities less estimated annual Trust expenses, divided by the Public Offering Price per Unit (which includes the sales charge). Estimated Long-Term Return is a measure of the estimated return over the estimated average life of the Trust and is calculated using a formula which (1) factors in the market values, yields (which take into account the amortization of premiums and the accretion of discounts) and estimated retirements of the Securities, and (2) takes into account a compounding factor, the sales charge and expenses. Unlike Estimated Current Return, Estimated Long-Term Return reflects maturities, discounts and premiums of the Securities in the Trust. We will provide you with estimated cash flows for the Trust at no charge upon your request.

**Weighted Average Modified Duration of the Securities**

The Weighted Average Modified Duration of the Securities in the Trust as of the business day before the Initial Date of Deposit is set forth in the “Summary of Essential Information.” Modified duration is a calculation that expresses the measurable change in the value of a security in response to a change in interest rates. Modified duration follows the concept that interest rates and bond prices move in opposite directions. This formula is used to determine the effect that a 1% change in interest rates might have on the price of a bond. For example, if a portfolio has a duration of 3 years then that portfolio’s value is estimated to decline approximately 3% for each 1% increase in interest rates or rise approximately 3% for each 1% decrease in interest rates. Weighted Average Modified Duration of the Securities will vary with changes in the value and yield of the Securities and with the default, redemption, maturity, exchange, sale or other liquidation of Securities. The Weighted Average Modified Duration of the Securities set forth in the “Summary of Essential Information” relates only to the Securities in the Trust and not to the Trust itself or Units. Weighted Average Modified Duration of Securities does not account for the Trust sales charge or expenses and is not intended to predict or guarantee future performance of the Securities or the Trust.

**Risk Factors**

**Price Volatility.** The Trust invests in corporate debt obligations. The value of the Trust’s Units will fluctuate with changes in the value of these securities. Corporate bond prices fluctuate for several reasons including changes in investors’ perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant market for corporate debt obligations, such as the current market volatility, or when political or economic events affecting the issuers occur. In addition, corporate bond prices may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

Because the Trust is 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 the Trust will be positive over any period of time or that you won’t lose money. Units of the Trust are not deposits of any bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Interest.** There is no guarantee that the issuers of the Securities will be able to satisfy their interest payment obligations to the Trust over the life of the Trust.

**Current Economic Conditions.** The global economy continues to experience moderate growth. At the same time developed and developing economies outside the United States are broadly experiencing economic recoveries on a regional and global perspective. Worldwide, central bank monetary policy is trending towards policies of interest rate normalization though at different levels of commitment and in varying degrees of progress.

As economies around the world have begun to reflate, inflation has trended modestly higher but so far not to worrisome levels. Inflation remains relatively tame worldwide, partly reflecting unemployment rates, worker participation rates and a continuation of the process of financial deleveraging in major developed economies. The global employment situation has improved but upside to wage growth remains challenged, as the effects of globalization and technology continue to weigh on labor markets in many countries and regions. Prices of most primary commodities, a driving force behind some emerging market economies, have come off their highs recently due to a number of factors including regional economic slowdowns and concerns tied to trade skirmish/war risk. Recent strength of the U.S. dollar against
a number of foreign currencies has negatively impacted sentiment towards foreign assets and attracted investors to U.S. assets. Concern about the continued strength in the price of oil would appear somewhat overstated considering the effects of technology on production, distribution and usage, which are counter-inflationary over the intermediate to long term.

Monetary risk remains a concern should central banks raise their benchmark rates suddenly at a quicker pace and to unexpectedly higher levels.

Tax reform in the United States, in the form of tax cuts and opportunity for repatriation of earnings for corporations, could provide liquidity as the Federal Reserve removes stimulus via the process of normalization. In effect, this could enable companies to navigate the process of interest rate normalization without as much disruption as some expect.

Tariff risk could possibly recede quickly should resolution appear on the horizon. For now, fundamentals stateside (economic and corporate revenue and earnings) do not appear to be showing signs of deterioration but rather look to have further room for improvement.

Due to the current state of uncertainty in the economy, the value of the Securities held by the Trust may be subject to steep declines or increased volatility due to changes in performance or perception of the issuers.

**Corporate Bonds.** Corporate bonds, which are debt instruments issued by corporations to raise capital, have priority over preferred securities and common stock in a company’s capital structure, but may be subordinated to an issuer’s other debt instruments. The financial markets, including those for corporate bonds, have recently experienced periods of extreme illiquidity and volatility. Due to these significant difficulties in the financial markets, there can be substantial uncertainty in assessing the value of an issuer’s assets or the extent of its obligations. For these or other reasons, the ratings of the bonds in the Trust’s portfolio may not accurately reflect the current financial condition or prospects of the issuers of the bonds. In addition, the financial condition of an issuer may worsen or its credit ratings may drop, resulting in a reduction in the value of your Units.

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

The Trust is concentrated in debt obligations of financials companies.

**Financials.** Companies in the financial services sector include banks, thrifts, brokerage firms, broker/dealers, investment banks, finance companies, mutual fund companies, mortgage real estate investment trusts and insurance companies.

Banks, thrifts and their holding companies are especially subject to the adverse effects of economic recession, decreases in the availability of capital, volatile interest rates, portfolio concentrations in geographic markets and in commercial and residential real estate loans, and competition from new entrants in their fields of business. Although legislation repealed most of the barriers which separated the banking, insurance and securities industries, these industries are still extensively regulated at both the federal and state level and may be adversely affected by increased regulations.

The financial crisis, initially related to the subprime mortgage market, spread to other parts of the economy, and subsequently affected credit and capital markets worldwide and reduced the willingness of lenders to extend credit, thus making borrowing on favorable terms more difficult. In addition, the liquidity of certain debt instruments has been reduced or eliminated due to the lack of available market makers. Negative economic events in the credit markets have also led some firms to declare bankruptcy, forced short-notice sales to competing firms, or required government intervention by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) or through an infusion of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds. Furthermore, accounting rule changes, including the standards regarding the valuation of assets, consolidation in the banking industry and additional volatility in the stock market have the potential to significantly impact financial services companies as well.

In response to recent market and economic conditions, the U.S. Government has taken a variety of extraordinary measures designed to stimulate the economy and financial markets including capital injections and the acquisition of illiquid assets. In addition, governmental authorities in the United States and other countries have passed and may continue to pass laws and regulations, such as the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Act (“Dodd-Frank”), that have had a direct impact on companies in the financial services sector. These recent laws and regulations provide for increased restrictions on investment activities; increased oversight, regulation and involvement in the practices of
companies in the financial services sector by entities such as the Federal Reserve Board, the office of the Controller of the Currency and the FDIC; contain safeguard provisions limiting the way banks and their holding companies are able to pay dividends, purchase their own common stock and compensate officers; subject companies in the financial services sector to forward looking stress tests to determine if they have sufficient capital to withstand certain economic scenarios, including situations more severe than the current recession; and increase efforts to investigate the actions of companies and individuals in the financial services sector. These regulatory changes could cause business disruptions or result in significant loss of revenue, and there can be no assurance as to the actual impact that these laws and their regulations will have on the financial markets. In addition, with the election of a Republican president and a Republican-controlled Congress, it is possible that there will be significant changes to Dodd-Frank and other recently enacted laws and regulations. It is difficult to predict the impact that such changes will have on the economy, generally or companies in the financial services sector.

Banks and thrifts face increased competition from nontraditional lending sources and financial services providers including brokerage firms, broker/dealers, investment banks, mutual fund companies and other companies that offer various financial products. Technological advances allow these nontraditional lending sources and financial services providers to cut overhead and permit the more efficient use of customer data. These companies compete with banks and thrifts to provide traditional financial services products in addition to their brokerage and investment advice. The FRB recently issued a final rule which establishes requirements for determining when a company is predominately engaged in financial activities. While the final rule does not designate any companies for additional supervision or regulation, these companies could be subject to the requirements of the Bank Holding Act of 1956 (“BHC Act”). These companies could be required to register as bank holding companies with the FRB and could be subject to capital and other regulatory requirements of traditional banks, among other potential new or enhanced regulatory standards. The BHC Act generally restricts bank holding companies from engaging in business activities other than the business of banking and certain closely related activities. This may result in a decrease in profits and missed business opportunities for these companies. Additionally, certain companies that are unable to meet the newly imposed regulatory requirements might be forced to cease their activities, which could further reduce available credit for consumers.

Mortgage real estate investment trusts (“Mortgage REITs”) provide financing for real estate by purchasing or originating mortgages and mortgage-backed securities and earn income from the interest on these investments. The value of Mortgage REITs and the ability of Mortgage REITs to distribute income may be adversely affected by factors that impact companies in the financial services sector such as rising interest rates and changes in the national, state and local economic climate, but also by risks associated with investments in real estate, such as 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 Mortgage REITs.

Companies involved in the insurance industry are engaged in underwriting, selling, distributing or placing of property and casualty, life or health insurance. Insurance company profits are affected by many factors, including interest rate movements, the imposition of premium rate caps, competition and pressure to compete globally. Property and casualty insurance profits may also be affected by weather catastrophes, acts of terrorism and other disasters. Life and health insurance profits may be affected by mortality rates. Already extensively regulated, insurance companies’ profits may also be adversely affected by increased government regulations or tax law changes. Dodd-Frank also established the Treasury’s Federal Insurance Office. The Federal Insurance Office has the authority to monitor all aspects of the insurance sector, to monitor the extent to which underserved communities and consumers have the ability to access affordable non-health insurance products, and to represent the United States on international insurance matters. This enhanced oversight into the insurance industry may pose unknown risks to the sector as a whole.

Investment Grade Bonds. Investment grade corporate bonds are subject to various risks described below. 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 on its bonds.

**Market Risk.** Market risk is the risk that the value of the Securities held by the Trust will fluctuate. Market value fluctuates in response to various factors. These can include changes in interest rates, inflation, the financial condition of a Securities’ issuer, perceptions of the issuer, ratings on a bond, or political or economic events affecting the issuer. Because the Trust is not managed, the Trustee will not sell Securities in response to or in anticipation of market fluctuations, as is common in managed investments.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Securities will fall if interest rates increase. Bonds typically fall in value when interest rates rise and rise in value when interest rates fall. Bonds with longer periods before maturity are often more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**Credit Risk.** Credit risk is the risk that a security’s issuer is unable or unwilling to make dividend, interest or principal payments when due and the related risk that the value of a security may decline because of concerns about the issuer’s ability or willingness to make such payments.

**Call Risk.** Call risk is the risk that the issuer pre-pays or “calls” a bond before its stated maturity. An issuer might call a bond if interest rates fall and the bond pays a higher than market interest rate or if the issuer no longer needs the money for its original purpose. If an issuer calls a bond, the Trust will distribute the principal to you but your future interest distributions will fall. You might not be able to reinvest this principal in another investment with as high a yield. A bond’s call price could be less than the price the Trust paid for the bond and could be below the bond’s par value. This means you could receive less than the amount you paid for your Units. The Trust contains bonds that have “make whole” call options that generally cause the bonds to be redeemable at any time at a designated price. Such bonds are generally more likely to be subject to early redemption and may result in the reduction of income received by the Trust. If enough bonds in the Trust are called, the Trust could terminate early.

**Bond Quality Risk.** Bond quality risk is the risk that a bond will fall in value if a rating agency decreases the bond’s rating.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk is the risk that the value of a bond will fall if trading in the bond is limited or absent. No one can guarantee that a liquid trading market will exist for any bond because these bonds generally trade in the over-the-counter market (they are not listed on a securities exchange). During times of reduced market liquidity, the Trust may not be able to sell Securities readily at prices reflecting the values at which the Securities are carried on the Trust’s books. Sales of large blocks of securities by market participants, such as the Trust, that are seeking liquidity can further reduce security prices in an illiquid market.

**Extension Risk.** If interest rates rise, certain obligations may be paid off by the obligor at a slower rate than expected, which will cause the value of such obligations to fall.

**Prepayment Risk.** Many types of debt instruments are subject to prepayment risk, which is the risk that the issuer will repay principal prior to the maturity date. Debt instruments allowing prepayment may offer less potential for gains during a period of declining interest rates.

**Event Risk.** Event risk is the risk that corporate issuers may undergo restructurings, such as mergers, leveraged buyouts, takeovers or similar events financed by increased debt. As a result of the added debt, the credit quality and market value of an issuer’s bonds may decline significantly.

**Market Discount.** Certain of the Securities held by the Trust may have current market values which are below the principal value of such Securities on the Initial Date of Deposit. A primary reason for the market value of such bonds being less than principal value at maturity is that the interest rate of such bonds is at lower rates than the current market interest rate for comparably rated bonds. Bonds selling at market discounts tend to increase in market value as they approach maturity. Because the Trust is not actively managed, the Trustee will not sell bonds in response to or in anticipation of market discounts or fluctuations.

On sale or redemption, Unit holders may receive ordinary income dividends from the Trust if the Trust sells or redeems bonds that were acquired at a market discount, or sells bonds at a short-term capital gain. In general, the Internal Revenue Service will treat bonds as market discount bonds when the cost of the bond, plus any original issue discount that has not yet accrued, is less than the amount due to be paid at the maturity of the bond. Any gain realized that is in excess of the earned portion of original issue discount will be taxable as capital gain unless the gain is attributable to market discount in which case the accretion of market discount is taxable as ordinary income.
Foreign Securities. Certain of the Securities held by the Trust are issued by foreign entities, which makes the Trust subject to more risks than if it invested solely in domestic corporate debt obligations. Risks of foreign corporate debt obligations 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; lack of liquidity of certain foreign markets; and less government supervision and regulation of exchanges, brokers, and issuers in foreign countries. Securities issued by non-U.S. issuers may pay interest and/or dividends in foreign currencies and may be primarily traded in foreign currencies. Therefore, there is a risk that the U.S. dollar value of these interest and/or dividend payments and/or securities will vary with fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. 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. 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 United States and developed foreign markets.

Small and/or Mid Capitalization Companies. Certain of the Securities held by the Trust are issued by small and/or mid capitalization companies. Investing in stocks of such companies may involve greater risk than investing in larger companies. For example, such companies may have limited product lines, as well as shorter operating histories, less experienced management and more limited financial resources than larger companies. Securities of such companies generally trade in lower volumes and are generally subject to greater and less predictable changes in price than securities of larger companies. In addition, small and mid-cap stocks may not be widely followed by the investment community, which may result in low demand.

Cybersecurity Risk. As the use of Internet technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Trust has become more susceptible to potential operational risks through breaches in cybersecurity. A breach in cybersecurity refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Trust to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption or lose operational capacity. Such events could cause the Sponsor of the Trust to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. Cybersecurity breaches may involve unauthorized access to digital information systems utilized by the Trust through “hacking” or malicious software coding, but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks through efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. In addition, cybersecurity breaches of the Trust’s third-party service providers, or issuers in which the Trust invests, can also subject the Trust to many of the same risks associated with direct cybersecurity breaches. The Sponsor of, and third-party service provider to, the Trust have established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cybersecurity. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because the Trust does not directly control the cybersecurity systems of issuers or third-party service providers.

Legislation/Litigation Risk. From time to time, various legislative initiatives are proposed in the United States and abroad which may have a negative impact on the Securities. In addition, litigation regarding any of the issuers of the Securities, such as that concerning Altria Group, Inc. or the industries represented by these 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.

Public Offering

The Public Offering Price.

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

- The aggregate underlying value of the Securities;
- The amount of any cash in the Interest and Principal Accounts of the Trust;
- Net interest accrued but unpaid on the Securities after the First Settlement Date to the date of settlement; and
- The sales charge.

The price you pay for your Units will differ from the amount stated under “Summary of Essential Information” due to various factors, including fluctuations in the offering prices of the Securities, changes in the value of
the Interest and/or Principal Accounts and the accrual of interest on the Securities.

Although you are not required to pay for your Units until two 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, as amended.

**Organization Costs.** Cash which comprises the portion of the Public Offering Price intended to be used to reimburse the Sponsor for the Trust’s organization costs (including costs of preparing the registration statement, the Indenture and other closing documents, registering Units with the SEC and states, the initial audit of the Trust’s statement of net assets, legal fees and the initial fees and expenses of the Trustee) has been included in the Trust. The Sponsor will be reimbursed for the Trust’s organization costs at the end of the initial offering period (a significantly shorter time period than the life of the Trust). To the extent actual organization costs are less than the estimated amount, only the actual organization costs will ultimately be charged to the Trust.

**Accrued Interest.**

Accrued interest represents unpaid interest on a bond from the last day it paid interest. Interest on the Securities generally is paid semi-annually, although the Trust accrues such interest daily. Because the Trust always has an amount of interest earned but not yet collected, the Public Offering Price of Units will have added to it the proportionate share of accrued interest to the date of settlement. You will receive the amount, if any, of accrued interest included in your purchase price on the next Distribution Date. In addition, if you sell or redeem your Units you will be entitled to receive your proportionate share of the accrued interest from the purchaser of your Units.

**Minimum Purchase.**

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

**Sales Charge.**

**Initial Offering Period.** The maximum sales charge during the initial offering period equals 2.50% of the Public Offering Price, less cash deposited to pay the Trust’s organization costs (equivalent to 2.564% of the net amount invested).

**Secondary Market.** The maximum sales charge during the secondary market is determined based upon the number of years remaining to the maturity of each Security in the Trust, but in no event will the secondary market sales charge exceed 3.75% of the Public Offering Price (equivalent to 3.896% of the net amount invested). For purposes of computation, Securities will be deemed to mature either on their expressed maturity dates, or an earlier date if: (a) they have been called for redemption or funds have been placed in escrow to redeem them on an earlier call date; or (b) such Securities are subject to a “mandatory tender.” The effect of this method of sales charge computation will be that different sales charge rates will be applied to each of the Securities, in accordance with the following schedule:

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**Discounts for Certain Persons.**

The maximum sales charge is 2.50% per Unit and the maximum dealer concession is 1.60% per Unit.

If you are purchasing Units for an investment account, the terms of which provide that your registered investment advisor or registered broker/dealer (a) charges periodic fees in lieu of commissions; (b) charges for financial planning, investment advisory or asset management services; or (c) charges a comprehensive “wrap fee” or similar fee for these or comparable services (“Fee Accounts”), you will purchase Units subject to a sales charge of 0.60% of the Public Offering Price (equivalent to 0.604% of the net amount invested). These Units will be designated as Fee Account Units and assigned a Fee Account CUSIP Number. Certain Fee Account Unit holders may be assessed transaction or other account fees on the purchase and/or redemption of such Units by their registered investment advisor, 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 the transactional sales charge by investors whose frequent trading activity we determine to be detrimental to the Trust.
Employees, officers and directors (and immediate family members) of the Sponsor, our related companies, and dealers and their affiliates will purchase Units at the Public Offering Price less the applicable dealer concession, subject to the policies of the related selling firm. Immediate family members include spouses, or the equivalent if recognized under local law, children or step-children under the age of 21 living in the same household, parents or step-parents and trustees, custodians or fiduciaries for the benefit of such persons. Only employees, officers and directors of companies that allow their employees to participate in this employee discount program are eligible for the discounts.

The Value of the Securities.

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

The aggregate underlying value of the Securities in the Trust will be determined by the Evaluator as follows:

a) On the basis of current market offering prices for the Securities obtained from dealers or brokers who customarily deal in bonds comparable to those held by the Trust;

b) If such prices are not available for any of the Securities, on the basis of current market offering prices of comparable bonds;

c) By determining the value of the Securities on the offering side of the market by appraisal; or

d) By any combination of the above.

After the initial offering period is over, the aggregate underlying value of the Securities in the Trust will be determined as set forth above, except that bid prices are used instead of offering prices when necessary. The offering price of the Securities may be expected to be greater than the bid price by approximately 1–3% of the aggregate principal amount of such Securities.

Distribution of Units

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

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

Dealer Concessions.

Dealers and other selling agents can purchase Units at prices which represent a concession or agency commission of 1.60% per Unit during the Initial Offering Period (80% of the maximum sales charge for secondary market sales), but will not receive a concession or agency commission on the sale of Fee Account Units.

Underwriters other than the Sponsor will sell Units to other broker-dealer and selling agents (including the Sponsor) at the Public Offering Price less a concession or agency commission not in excess of a maximum concession of 1.70%.

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

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

**Other Compensation and Benefits to Broker/Dealers.**

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

**Advertising and Investment Comparisons.**

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

From time to time we may compare the estimated returns of the Trust (which may show performance net of the expenses and charges the Trust would have incurred) and returns over specified periods of other similar trusts we sponsor in our advertising and sales materials, with (1) returns on other taxable investments such as the common stocks comprising various market indexes, corporate or U.S. Government bonds, bank CDs and money market accounts or funds, (2) performance data from Morningstar, Inc. or (3) information from publications such as *Money, The New York Times, U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes* or *Fortune*. The investment characteristics of the Trust differ from other comparative investments. You should not assume that these performance comparisons will be representative of the Trust’s future performance. We may also, from time to time, use advertising which classifies trusts or portfolio securities according to capitalization and/or investment style.

**Underwriting Concessions**

The Agreement Among Underwriters provides that a public offering of the Units of each Trust will be made at the Public Offering Price described in the prospectus. Units may also be sold to or through dealers and other selling agents during the initial offering period and in the secondary market at prices representing a concession or agency commission as described in “Distribution of Units.”

The Sponsor will sell Units of the Trust to Underwriters on the Initial Date of Deposit at the Public Offering Price per Unit less a concession of 1.85% per Unit.
underwritten, based on a minimum underwriting of 1,000 Units. Underwriting concessions also apply on a dollar basis using a $1,000 Unit equivalent and will be applied on whichever basis is more favorable to the Underwriter. In addition, Underwriters that underwrite at least 3,000 Units will receive a volume concession of up to 0.100% on the Units actually underwritten, but are not eligible to receive the volume concession as described in “Distribution of Units.”

In addition to any other benefits that the Underwriters may realize from the sale of the Units of the Trust, the Agreement Among Underwriters provides that the Sponsor will share with the other Underwriters, on a pro rata basis, 50% of the net gain, if any, represented by the difference between the Sponsor’s cost of the Securities in connection with their acquisition and the Aggregate Offering Price thereof on the Initial Date of Deposit, less a charge for acquiring the Securities in the portfolio and for the Sponsor maintaining a secondary market for the Units.

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### The Sponsor’s Profits

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

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

### The Secondary Market

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

We will pay all expenses to maintain a secondary market, except the Evaluator fees and Trustee costs to transfer and record the ownership of Units. We may discontinue purchases of Units at any time. **If you wish to dispose of your Units, you should ask us for the current market prices before making a tender for redemption to the Trustee.** If you sell or redeem your Units before you have paid the total deferred sales charge on your Units, you will have to pay the remainder at that time.

### How We Purchase Units

The Trustee 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 we hold to the Trustee for redemption as any other Units. If we elect not to purchase Units, the Trustee may sell tendered Units in the over-the-counter market, if any. However, the amount you will receive is the same as you would have received on redemption of the Units.

### Expenses and Charges

The estimated annual expenses of the Trust are listed under “Fee Table.” If actual expenses exceed the estimate, the Trust will bear the excess. The Trustee will pay operating expenses of the Trust from the Interest Account if funds are available, and then from the Principal Account. The Interest and Principal Accounts are non-interest-bearing to Unit holders, so the Trustee may earn interest on these funds, thus benefiting from their use.

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

The fees payable to First Trust Advisors L.P. and the Trustee are based on the largest aggregate number of Units of the Trust outstanding at any time during the calendar year, except during the initial offering period, in which case these fees are calculated based on the largest number of Units outstanding during the period for which compensation is paid. These fees may be adjusted for inflation without Unit holders’ approval, but in no case will the annual 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.

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

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

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

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

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Unit investment trusts maintain both Interest and Principal Accounts, regardless of tax structure. Please refer to the “Income and Capital Distributions” section of the prospectus for more information.

The Trust intends to qualify as a “regulated investment company,” commonly known as a “RIC,” under the federal tax laws. If the Trust qualifies as a RIC and distributes its income as required by the tax law, the Trust generally will not pay federal income taxes. For federal income tax purposes, you are treated as the owner of the Trust Units and not of the assets held by the Trust.

### Income from the Trust.

Trust distributions are generally taxable. After the end of each year, you will receive a tax statement that separates the Trust’s distributions into ordinary income dividends, capital gain dividends and return of capital. Income reported is generally net of expenses (but see “Treatment of Trust Expenses” below). Ordinary income dividends are generally taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. Generally, all capital gain dividends are treated as long-term capital gains regardless of how long you have owned your Units. In addition, the Trust may make distributions that represent a return of capital for tax purposes and will generally not be currently taxable to you,

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although they generally reduce your tax basis in your Units and thus increase your taxable gain or decrease your loss when you dispose of your Units. 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.

Some distributions from the Trust may qualify as long-term capital gains, which, if you are an individual, is generally taxed at a lower rate than your ordinary income and short-term capital gain income. The distributions from the Trust that you must take into account for federal income tax purposes are not reduced by the amount used to pay a deferred sales charge, if any. Distributions from the Trust, including capital gains, may also be subject to a “Medicare tax” if your adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts.

The Trust may be required to recognize income on some of its investments without receiving cash in exchange for the investments. The Trust would still be required to make distributions to maintain its RIC status, so depending upon the circumstances, some assets of the Trust may need to be sold to fund the required distributions.

Sale of Units.

If you sell your Units (whether to a third party or to the Trust), you will generally recognize a taxable gain or loss. To determine the amount of this gain or loss, you must subtract your (adjusted) tax basis in your Units from the amount you receive from the sale. Your original tax basis in your Units is generally equal to the cost of your Units, including sales charges. In some cases, however, you may have to adjust your tax basis after you purchase your Units, in which case your gain would be calculated using your adjusted basis.

The tax statement you receive in regard to the sale or redemption of your Units may contain information about your basis in the Units and whether any gain or loss recognized by you should be considered long-term or short-term capital gain. The information reported to you is based upon rules that do not take into consideration all of the facts that may be known to you or to your advisors. You should consult with your tax advisor about any adjustments that may need to be made to the information reported to you in determining the amount of your gain or loss.

Treatment of Trust Expenses.

Expenses incurred and deducted by the Trust will generally not be treated as income taxable to you. In some cases, however, you may be required to treat your portion of these Trust expenses as income. You may not be able to take a deduction for some or all of these expenses even if the cash you receive is reduced by such expenses.

Non-U.S. Investors.

If you are a non-U.S. investor, distributions from the Trust treated as dividends will generally be subject to a U.S. withholding tax of 30% of the distribution. Certain dividends, such as capital gains dividends, short-term capital gains dividends, and distributions that are attributable to certain interest income may not be subject to U.S. withholding taxes. In addition, some non-U.S. investors may be eligible for a reduction or elimination of U.S. withholding taxes under a treaty. However, the qualification for those exclusions may not be known at the time of the distribution.

Separately, the United States, pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”) imposes a 30% tax on certain non-U.S. entities that receive U.S. source interest or dividends if the non-U.S. entity does not comply with certain U.S. disclosure and reporting requirements. This FATCA tax was also scheduled to apply to the gross proceeds from the disposition of securities that produce U.S. source interest or dividends after December 31, 2018. However, proposed regulations may eliminate the requirement to withhold on payments of gross proceeds from dispositions.

It is the responsibility of the entity through which you hold your Units to determine the applicable withholding.

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

Retirement Plans

You may purchase Units of the Trust for:

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

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

Unit Ownership.

Ownership of Units will not be evidenced by certificates. If you purchase or hold Units through a broker/dealer or bank, your ownership of Units will be recorded in book-entry form at the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and credited on its records to your broker/dealer’s or bank’s DTC account. Transfer of Units will be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and its participants if the Units are registered to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co. DTC will forward all notices and credit all payments received in respect of the Units held by the DTC participants. You will receive written confirmation of your purchases and sales of Units from the broker/dealer or bank through which you made the transaction. You may transfer your Units by contacting the broker/dealer or bank through which you hold your Units.

Unit Holder Reports.

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

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

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

Income and Capital Distributions

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

After deducting the amount of accrued interest the Trustee advanced to us as Unit holder of record as of the First Settlement Date, the Trustee will distribute to Unit holders of record on the next and each following Distribution Record Date an amount of income substantially equal to their pro rata share of the balance of the Interest Account calculated on the basis of the interest accrued per Unit on the Securities from and including the preceding Distribution Record Date, after deducting estimated expenses. See “Summary of Essential Information” for the Trust. The amount of the initial distribution of income from the Interest Account will be prorated based on the number of days in the first payment period. Because interest is not received by the Trust at a constant rate throughout the year, the distributions you receive may be more or less than the amount credited to the Interest Account as of the Distribution Record Date. In order to minimize fluctuations in distributions, the Trustee is authorized to advance such amounts as may be necessary to provide distributions of approximately equal amounts. The Trustee will be reimbursed, without interest, for any such advances from funds in the Interest Account at the next Distribution Record Date to the extent funds available exceed the amount required for distribution. The Trustee will distribute capital from the Principal Account 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 Unit. However, amounts in the Principal Account from the sale of Securities designated to meet redemptions of Units or pay expenses will not be distributed. If the Trustee does not have your taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), it is required to withhold a certain percentage of your distribution and deliver such amount to the IRS. You may recover this amount by giving your TIN to the Trustee, or when you file a tax return. However, you should check your statements to make sure the Trustee has your TIN to avoid this “back-up withholding.”

If an Interest or Principal Account distribution date is a day on which the NYSE is closed, the distribution will be made on the next day the stock exchange is open. Distributions are paid to Unit holders of record determined as of the close of business on the Record Date for that distribution or, if the Record Date is a day on which the NYSE is closed, the first preceding day on which the exchange is open.

Within a reasonable time after the Trust is terminated you will receive the pro rata share of the money from the sale of the Securities and amounts in the Interest and Principal Accounts. All Unit holders will receive a pro rata share of any other assets remaining in the Trust after deducting any unpaid expenses.
The Trustee may establish reserves (the “Reserve Account”) within the Trust to cover anticipated state and local taxes or any governmental charges to be paid out of the Trust.

Redeeming Your Units

You may redeem all or a portion of your Units at any time by sending a request for redemption to your broker/dealer or bank through which you hold your Units. No redemption fee will be charged, but you are responsible for any governmental charges that apply.

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

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

The Redemption Price.

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

adding
1. cash in the Interest and Principal Accounts of the Trust not designated to purchase Securities;
2. the aggregate underlying value of the Securities held in the Trust; and
3. accrued interest on the Securities; and

deducting
1. any applicable taxes or governmental charges that need to be paid out of the Trust;
2. any amounts owed to the Trustee for its advances;
3. estimated accrued expenses of the Trust, if any;
4. cash held for distribution to Unit holders of record of the 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 the Trust; and

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

Until they are collected, the Redemption Price per Unit will include estimated organization costs as set forth under “Fee Table.”

Removing Securities from the Trust

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

• The issuer of the Security has defaulted in the payment of principal or interest on the Securities;
• Any action or proceeding seeking to restrain or enjoin the payment of principal or interest on the Securities has been instituted;
• 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 principal or interest on the Security, the issuer’s credit standing, or otherwise damage the sound investment character of the Security;
• 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 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 in our opinion the sale or tender of the Security is in the best interest of Unit holders;
• Such Securities are the subject of an advanced refunding;
• Such factors arise which, in our opinion, adversely affect the tax or exchange control status of the Securities;
• The sale of Securities is necessary or advisable (i) in order to maintain the qualification of the Trust as a “regulated investment company” in the case of the Trust which has elected to qualify as such or (ii) to provide funds to make any distribution for a taxable year in order to avoid imposition of any income or excise taxes on undistributed income in the Trust which is a “regulated investment company;”
• The price of the Security has declined to such an extent, or such other credit factors exist, that in our opinion keeping the Security would be harmful to the Trust which;
• As a result of the ownership of the Security, the Trust or its Unit holders would be a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company; or
• The sale of the Security is necessary for the Trust to comply with such federal and/or state securities laws, regulations and/or regulatory actions and interpretations which may be in effect from time to time.

If a Security defaults in the payment of principal or interest and no provision for payment is made, the Trustee must notify us of this fact. If we fail to instruct the Trustee whether to sell or hold the Security within 30 days of our being notified, the Trustee may, in its discretion, sell any defaulted Securities and will not be liable for any depreciation or loss incurred thereby.

Amendments. The Indenture may be amended by us and the Trustee without your consent:
• To cure ambiguities;
• To correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision;
• To make any amendment required by any governmental agency; or
• To make other changes determined not to be adverse to your best interests (as determined by us and the Trustee).

Termination. As provided by the Indenture, the Trust will terminate upon the redemption, sale or other disposition of the last Security held in the Trust, but in no case later than the Termination Date as stated in the “Summary of Essential Information.” The Trust may be terminated prior to the Termination Date:
• Upon the consent of 100% of the Unit holders of the Trust;
• If the value of the Securities owned by the Trust as shown by any evaluation is less than the lower of $2,000,000 or 20% of the total value of Securities deposited in the Trust during the initial offering period (“Discretionary Liquidation Amount”); or
• In the event that Units of the Trust not yet sold aggregating more than 60% of the Units of the Trust are tendered for redemption by underwriters, including the Sponsor.

If the Trust is terminated due to this last reason, we will refund your entire sales charge. For various reasons, the Trust may be reduced below the Discretionary Liquidation Amount and could therefore be terminated before the Termination Date.

The Trustee will notify you of any termination prior to the Termination Date. You will receive a cash distribution from the sale of the remaining Securities, along with your interest in the Interest and Principal Accounts, within a reasonable time after the Trust is terminated. The sale of Securities upon termination may result in a lower sales price than might otherwise be realized if the sale were not required at that time. For this reason, among others, the amount realized by a Unit holder upon termination may be less than the principal amount of Securities per Unit or value at the time of purchase. The Trustee will deduct from the Trust any accrued costs, expenses, advances or indemnities provided for by the Indenture, including estimated compensation of the Trustee and costs of liquidation and any amounts required as a reserve to pay any taxes or other governmental charges.

Information on the Sponsor, Trustee 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 $425 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 SIPC. Our principal offices are at 120 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; telephone number 800–621–1675. As of December 31, 2018, the total partners’ capital of First Trust Portfolios L.P. was $44,255,416.

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

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

The Trustee.

The Trustee is The Bank of New York Mellon, a trust company organized under the laws of New York. The Bank of New York Mellon has its unit investment trust division offices at 240 Greenwich 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 advisor. The Sponsor does not have access to individual account information. The Bank of New York Mellon is subject to supervision and examination by the Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and its deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent permitted by law.

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

Limitations of Liabilities of Sponsor and Trustee.

Neither we 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 Trustee’s case) or reckless
disregard of our obligations and duties. The Trustee is not liable for any loss or depreciation when the Securities are sold. If we fail to act under the Indenture, the Trustee may do so, and the Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes in good faith under the Indenture.

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

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

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

The Evaluator.

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

The Trustee, Sponsor 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.

Legal Opinions.

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

Experts.

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

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.

Credit Rating Definitions*

* As published by Standard & Poor’s.

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An S&P Global Ratings’ issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation, a specific class of financial obligations, or a specific financial program (including ratings on medium-term note programs and commercial paper programs). It takes into consideration the creditworthiness of guarantors, insurers, or other forms of credit enhancement on the obligation and takes into account the currency in which the obligation is denominated. The opinion reflects S&P Global Ratings’ view of the obligor’s capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments as they come due, and this opinion may assess terms, such as collateral security and subordination, which could affect ultimate payment in the event of default.

Issue credit ratings can be either long-term or short-term. Short-term ratings are generally assigned to those obligations considered short-term in the relevant market. Short-term ratings are also used to indicate the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to put features on long-term obligations. Medium-term notes are assigned long-term ratings.

Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings.

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on S&P Global Ratings’ analysis of the following considerations:

1. The likelihood of payment: the capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitments on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
2. The nature and provisions of the financial obligation, and the promise we impute; and
3. The protection afforded by, and relative position of, the financial obligation in the event of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors’ rights.

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An issue rating is an assessment of default risk, but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

AAA An obligation rated ‘AAA’ has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA An obligation rated ‘AA’ differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.

A An obligation rated ‘A’ is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.

BBB An obligation rated ‘BBB’ exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

Obligations rated ‘BB,’ ‘B,’ ‘CCC,’ ‘CC’ and ‘C’ are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. ‘BB’ indicates the least degree of speculation and ‘C’ the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB An obligation rated ‘BB’ is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor’s inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

B An obligation rated ‘B’ is more vulnerable to non-payment than obligations rated ‘BB,’ but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor’s capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

CCC An obligation rated ‘CCC’ is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

CC An obligation rated ‘CC’ is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The ‘CC’ rating is used when a default has not yet occurred but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.

C An obligation rated ‘C’ is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.

D An obligation rated ‘D’ is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the ‘D’ rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The ‘D’ rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation’s rating is lowered to ‘D’ if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

Ratings from ‘AA’ to ‘CCC’ may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

Expected Ratings are designated on the “Schedule of Investments” by an “(e)” after the rating code. Expected Ratings are intended to anticipate S&P’s forthcoming rating assignments. Expected Ratings are generated by Bloomberg based on sources it considers reliable or established S&P rating practices. Expected Ratings exist only until S&P assigns a rating to the issue.

“NR” indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that Standard & Poor’s does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

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Please refer to the “Summary of Essential Information” for the Product Code.

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

The information in the prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell, or accept offers to buy,
securities of a future series until that series has become effective with the SEC. No securities can be sold in any state
where a sale would be illegal.

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

• Securities Act of 1933 (file no. 333–232875) and
• Investment Company Act of 1940 (file no. 811–05903)

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

Information about the Trust is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC’s Internet site at www.sec.gov.

To obtain copies at prescribed rates –

Write: Public Reference Section of the SEC
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August 15, 2019

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