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First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2017

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**Item 1. Report to Stockholders.**

The registrant's annual report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 is as follows:

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This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the goals, beliefs, plans or current expectations of First Trust Advisors L.P. ( First Trust or the Advisor ) and/or Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. ( Aberdeen or the Sub-Advisor ) and their respective representatives, taking into account the information currently available to them.

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There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund is subject to market risk, which is the possibility that the market values of securities owned by the Fund will decline and that the value of the Fund shares may therefore be less than what you paid for them. Accordingly, you can lose money by investing in the Fund. See Risk Considerations in the Additional Information section of this report for a discussion of certain other risks of investing in the Fund.

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The Advisor may also periodically provide additional information on Fund performance on the Fund's web page at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

### **How to Read This Report**

This report contains information that may help you evaluate your investment in the Fund. It includes details about the Fund and presents data and analysis that provide insight into the Fund's performance and investment approach.

By reading the portfolio commentary by the portfolio management team of the Fund, you may obtain an understanding of how the market environment affected the Fund's performance. The statistical information that follows may help you understand the Fund's performance compared to that of relevant market benchmarks.

It is important to keep in mind that the opinions expressed by personnel of Aberdeen are just that: informed opinions. They should not be considered to be promises or advice. The opinions, like the statistics, cover the period through the date on the cover of this report. The material risks of investing in the Fund are spelled out in the prospectus, the statement of additional information, this report and other Fund regulatory filings.

## Shareholder Letter

### First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund (FAM)

#### Annual Letter from the Chairman and CEO

December 31, 2017

Dear Shareholders,

First Trust is pleased to provide you with the annual report for the First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund which contains detailed information about your investment for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017, including a market overview and a performance analysis for the period. We encourage you to read this report carefully and discuss it with your financial advisor.

This was a very strong year for U.S. markets. The three major indices – the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq posted their best performance since 2013. And there was more good news for Wall Street:

The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> achieved something it had not previously, finishing 2017 with 12 months of gains;

The Dow Jones realized a milestone as well, closing above 24,000 for the first time ever on November 30; and

The Nasdaq set a record by having 11 months of gains in 2017 (June was the only down month, and by just 0.86%).

World markets were also strong in 2017. According to the MSCI AC World Index, which captures all sources of equity returns in 23 developed and 24 emerging markets, world stocks rose every month in 2017. The value of public companies on global stock markets grew by \$12.4 trillion during the year.

In 2017, stocks benefitted from increased global demand, growth in corporate profits (especially technology stocks) and an accommodative Federal Reserve. The housing market in the United States continues to grow due to a strong job market, low interest rates and tight inventory. As the year came to a close, President Trump signed the tax reform package, called the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was seen as a promise kept by then-candidate Trump to accomplish sweeping reform. It is hoped this tax reform will boost economic activity to greater highs.

At First Trust, we are optimistic about the U.S. economy. We also continue to believe that you should invest for the long term and be prepared for market volatility, which can happen at any time. How can you do this? By keeping current on your portfolio and investing goals by speaking regularly with your investment professional. It is important to keep in mind that past performance of the U.S. and global stock markets or investment products can never guarantee future results. As we've said before, markets go up and they also go down, but savvy investors are prepared for either through careful attention to their portfolios and investment goals.

Thank you for giving First Trust the opportunity to be a part of your financial plan through your investment. We value our relationship with you and will report on your investment again in six months.

Sincerely,

James A. Bowen  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Chief Executive Officer of First Trust Advisors  
L.P.

**First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund (FAM)****AT A GLANCE**

As of December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

<b>Fund Statistics</b>	
Symbol on New York Stock Exchange	FAM
Common Share Price	\$11.66
Common Share Net Asset Value ( NAV )	\$12.94
Premium (Discount) to NAV	(9.89)%
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares	\$ 167,619,812
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.0750
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share	\$0.9000
Current Distribution Rate on Common Share Price <sup>(2)</sup>	7.72%
Current Distribution Rate on NAV <sup>(2)</sup>	6.96%

**Common Share Price & NAV (weekly closing price)**

	Average Annual Total Return			
	1 Year Ended 12/31/17	5 Years Ended 12/31/17	10 Years Ended 12/31/17	Inception (11/23/04) to 12/31/17
<b>Fund Performance<sup>(3)</sup></b>				
NAV	15.91%	2.25%	6.33%	6.80%
Market Value	12.88%	0.69%	6.43%	5.58%
<b>Index Performance</b>				
Blended Index <sup>(4)</sup>	10.68%	1.15%	4.52%	5.26%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Emerging Markets Index	9.61%	3.66%	6.54%	7.35%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	7.40%	0.79%	3.09%	3.37%

(1) Most recent distribution paid or declared through 12/31/2017. Subject to change in the future.

(2) Distribution rates are calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution paid or declared through the report date and then dividing by Common Share price or NAV, as applicable, as of 12/31/2017. Subject to change in the future.

(3) Total return is based on the combination of reinvested dividend, capital gain, and return of capital distributions, if any, at prices obtained by the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and changes in NAV per share for NAV returns and changes in Common Share price for market value returns. Total returns do not reflect sales load and are not annualized for periods of less than one year. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

(4) Blended Index consists of the following: Citigroup World Government Bond Index (40.0%); JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index - Global Diversified (30.0%); JPMorgan Global Bond Index - Emerging Markets Diversified

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(30.0%).

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**First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund (FAM)****AT A GLANCE (Continued)**

As of December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

<b>Credit Quality<sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>% of Total Fixed-Income Investments</b>
AAA	10.8%
AA	2.5
A+	5.7
A	5.7
A-	6.4
BBB+	4.5
BBB	9.8
BBB-	15.7
BB+	3.3
BB	8.2
BB-	3.9
B+	7.0
B	8.3
B-	2.9
CCC-	0.1
C	0.5
Not Rated	4.7
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

<b>Top 10 Countries<sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>% of Total Investments</b>
Brazil	7.4%
South Africa	6.0
Japan	5.7
Poland	5.7
Russia	5.5
Italy	5.5
Spain	4.5
Turkey	4.5
Australia	4.4
Argentina	3.7
Total	<u>52.9%</u>

<b>Industry Classification</b>	<b>% of Total Investments</b>
Sovereigns	78.1%
Government Regional	4.4
Banks	3.8
Integrated Oils	2.5

Metals & Mining	1.6
Pipelines	1.1
Power Generation	1.1
Wireless Telecommunication Services	1.0
Utilities	0.9
Exploration & Production	0.9
Food & Beverage	0.7
Supranationals	0.5
Retail - Consumer Discretionary	0.4
Life Insurance	0.4
Real Estate	0.4
Communications Equipment	0.4
Government Development Banks	0.4
Wireline Telecommunication Services	0.3
Airlines	0.3
Construction Materials Manufacturing	0.3
Commercial Finance	0.3
Oil & Gas Services & Equipment	0.2
Industrial Other	0.0*
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

\* Amount is less than 0.1%.

<b>Top Ten Holdings</b>	<b>% of Total Investments</b>
Russian Federal Bond - OFZ, 7.05%, 1/19/28	4.5%
Treasury Corp. of Victoria, 6.00%, 10/17/22	4.4
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional, Series F, 10.00%, 1/01/25	4.4
Spain Government Bond, 5.90%, 7/30/26	3.7
Japan Government Ten Year Bond, 0.10%, 6/20/27	3.2
Turkey Government Bond, 10.40%, 3/20/24	3.0
Republic of South Africa Government Bond, 10.50%, 12/21/26	2.7
Japan Government Thirty Year Bond, 2.40%, 3/20/37	2.5
Peruvian Government International Bond, 6.90%, 8/12/37	2.5
Republic of Poland Government Bond, 5.75%, 10/25/21	2.4
Total	<u>33.3%</u>

(5) The credit quality and ratings information presented above reflects the ratings assigned by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs), including Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of the McGraw Hill Companies, Inc., Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Fitch Ratings or a comparably rated NRSRO. For situations in which a security is rated by more than one NRSRO and the ratings are not equivalent, the highest ratings are used. Sub-investment grade ratings are those rated BB+/Ba1 or lower. Investment grade ratings are those rated BBB-/Baa3 or higher. The credit ratings shown relate to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities in the Fund, and not to the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings are subject to change.

(6)

Portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the sub-advisor.

## Portfolio Commentary

### First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund (FAM)

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#### Advisor

First Trust Advisors L.P. ( First Trust ) is the investment advisor to the First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund (the Fund ). First Trust is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the Fund 's investment portfolio, managing the Fund 's business affairs and providing certain administrative services necessary for the management of the Fund.

#### Sub-Advisor

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. ( Aberdeen or the Sub-Advisor ), a Securities and Exchange Commission registered investment advisor, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC ( Aberdeen PLC ). The merger of Standard Life plc and Aberdeen PLC, announced on March 6, 2017 ( Merger ), closed on August 14, 2017. Aberdeen PLC became a direct subsidiary of Standard Life plc as a result of the Merger and the combined company changed its name to Standard Life Aberdeen plc. Shareholders of the Fund are not required to take any action as a result of the Merger. Following the Merger, the Sub-Advisor is an indirect subsidiary of Standard Life Aberdeen plc, but otherwise did not change. The subadvisory agreement, the services provided under the agreement, and the fees charged for services did not change as a result of the Merger. The portfolio management team did not change as a result of the Merger.

#### Portfolio Management Team

Investment decisions for the Fund are made by Aberdeen using a team approach and not by any one individual. By making team decisions, Aberdeen seeks to ensure that the investment process results in consistent returns across all portfolios with similar objectives. Aberdeen does not employ separate research analysts. Instead, Aberdeen 's investment managers combine analysis with portfolio management. Each member of the team has sector and portfolio responsibilities such as day-to-day monitoring of liquidity. The overall result of this matrix approach is a high degree of cross-coverage, leading to a deeper understanding of the securities in which Aberdeen invests. Below are the members of the team with significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Fund 's portfolio.

#### József Szabó

Head of Global Macro

#### Brett Diment

Head of Global Emerging Market Debt

**Kevin Daly**

Senior Investment Manager, Emerging Market Debt

**Edwin Gutierrez**

Head of Emerging Market Sovereign Debt

**Max Wolman**

Senior Investment Manager, Emerging Market Debt

**James Athey**

Investment Manager, Global Macro

**Commentary**

**Fund Recap**

The Fund had a net asset value ( NAV ) total return<sup>1</sup> of 15.91% and a market value total return of 12.88% for the year ended

December 31, 2017, compared to the Blended Index total return of 10.68% over the same period. In addition to this Blended Index, the Fund currently uses other indexes for comparative purposes. The total returns for the year ended December 31, 2017, for these indexes were as follows: the Bloomberg Barclays Global Emerging Markets Index was 9.61% and the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index was 7.40%.

<sup>1</sup> Total return is based on the combination of reinvested dividend, capital gain and return of capital distributions, if any, at prices obtained by the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and changes in NAV per share for NAV returns and changes in Common Share price for market value returns. Total returns do not reflect sales load and are not annualized for periods of less than one year. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Portfolio Commentary (Continued)

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An important factor impacting the return of the Fund relative to its benchmarks was the Fund's use of financial leverage through the use of bank borrowings. The Fund uses leverage because its portfolio managers believe that, over time, leverage provides opportunities for additional income and total return for common shareholders. However, the use of leverage can also expose common shareholders to additional volatility. For example, as the prices of securities held by the Fund decline, the negative impact of the evaluation changes on Common Share NAV and Common Share market value total return is magnified by the use of leverage. Conversely, leverage may enhance Common Share returns during periods when the prices of securities held by the Fund generally are rising. Unlike the Fund, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Emerging Markets Index, Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index and the components of the Blended Index are not leveraged. Leverage had a positive impact on the performance of the Fund over this reporting period.

#### Emerging Market Fixed Income Commentary

##### Market Recap

All components of emerging market (EM) debt performed strongly over the year, despite numerous idiosyncratic events that threatened to derail the positive sentiment towards the asset class. Demand for both hard currency and local currency bonds remained robust, while EM currencies were standout performers early on thanks to a weak U.S. dollar. An increase in commodity prices also boosted the asset class. The rally took a breather in September however, as U.S. Treasury yields rose sharply. At the same time, the euro depreciated against the U.S. dollar, paring the huge gains made during the year. The asset class exhibited a strong end to 2017, with hard currency sovereign and corporate debt returning 10.3% and 7.6% respectively during 2017, while local currency debt (15.2%) outperformed amid a strong rally in local rates and currency strength against the U.S. dollar.

EM debt enjoyed an excellent first half to 2017, posting its sixth consecutive month of positive returns in May before the rally came to an end in June. The rally played out despite relatively subdued commodity prices and a third U.S. interest rate hike in as many quarters. A dip in oil prices did put pressure on a number of EM credits, however. Flows into the asset class remained strong, while President Trump could do little to dampen sentiment despite his "America first" rhetoric. President Trump's inability to push through various pro-growth policies since taking office has been well documented, and has benefited EM debt. In Europe, the political environment calmed somewhat following Emmanuel Macron's sweeping victory in the French presidential elections. The buoyant sentiment led to hawkish comments from the European Central Bank (ECB) at its annual conference in late June, which subsequently saw rates markets sell off aggressively and yield curves steepening.

In December, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) carried out its third policy rate hike of the year, which was widely expected and carried very little broader market impact. The median dots for 2018 continued to show three rate hikes in 2018 and two in 2019, which was more dovish than the market expected given the Fed's upgrades to its U.S. growth

and employment forecasts. The yield of the U.S. 10-year treasury bond ended the year at 2.41%, four basis points ( bps ) lower than at the end of 2016. Commodities performed well as 2017 came to an end, with Brent crude oil rallying by over 5% to just shy of US\$67 per barrel, while copper, iron ore and gold also finished the year strongly.

Investment grade ( IG ) countries started strongly, outperforming their high yield counterparts which were skewed by a dramatic 12% collapse in Venezuelan asset prices. However, as has been the case for much of the year, high yield assets rebounded as IG credits were negatively affected by the sell-off in U.S. Treasuries and risk-on sentiment. Spreads on investment grade bonds in the Index narrowed by 47 bps, resulting in a 9.3% return over the period, while spreads on high yield bonds narrowed by 90 bps, resulting in an 11.4% return.

### **Performance Analysis**

The EM debt portion of the Fund outperformed the EM debt portion of the Blended Index over the period in both hard currency and local currency bonds.

Within the hard currency space, the Fund's overweight position in Ecuador was the key positive contributor to performance, as were an overweight to Iraq and Ethiopia. Security selection in Nigeria also contributed positively. On the other side, both security selection and country allocation to Venezuela detracted from performance as did security selection in Lebanon and currency allocation to the Brazilian real. Within the local currency holdings, underweight positions in Romania and Czech Republic were the primary contributors to performance as were an overweight to Indonesia and Malaysia and currency allocation to the Brazilian Real. The main detractors were all due to currency positioning, specifically in Poland, Argentina, Czech Republic, Malaysia and Hungary.

### **Market and Fund Outlook**

We believe that a strong end to 2017 suggests that sentiment will remain favourably disposed to the asset class. We expect that the new issue pipeline to be extremely strong in the first few months of the year as issuers seek to take advantage of low yields and high

## Portfolio Commentary (Continued)

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demand we believe that this will be the case in both sovereign and corporate debt. Flows into emerging markets have reached approximately US\$112.79bn as of the end of December and we believe that 2017 will likely result in the strongest year for inflows since JP Morgan started recording such data in 2004. The outlook (as long as there is not a systemic event) is expected to be similar for 2018, in our view, given that we believe on aggregate institutional investors remain underallocated to the asset class and the search for yield investment rationale endures.

#### Developed Market Commentary

##### Market Recap

The year of 2017 saw the global economic recovery broadly gain momentum prompting a number of central banks to gradually remove excess policy stimulus. Against this backdrop of positive growth, geopolitics was a major focus for global asset markets including tensions on the Korean peninsula, European elections and UK-EU post-Brexit negotiations.

U.S. growth was solid while the labor market continued to tighten. The unemployment rate fell to a post-crisis low of 4.1%, although inflationary pressures remained tepid. U.S. 10-year treasury yields closed the period four bps lower at 2.41%, while the curve flattened as the Fed delivered three 25 bps rate hikes, increasing the Fed funds target range to 1.25-1.5% and announced the beginning of balance sheet unwind. Jerome Powell was also announced as the new Fed Chair and will replace Janet Yellen in February 2018. Of the potential candidates, he represents the most continuity with current Fed policy. Much attention was on Trump's plans for tax reform and after numerous impediments (e.g., failure to repeal and replace Obamacare), a bill which features \$1.5 trillion worth of cuts over the next decade was signed into law in December.

Europe was preoccupied with political developments with a calendar chockfull of elections beginning with the Netherlands, followed by France in June. Markets welcomed both results, particularly the appointment of French President Emmanuel Macron and the possible implementation of reforms, as well as reduced European break up risk. The improved sentiment prompted a sharp appreciation in the euro and a sharp selloff in German bunds, while peripheral spreads grinded tighter. In Germany, the incumbent CDU/CSU party lost 10% of the vote share relative to the previous elections in 2013, while the right-wing Alternative for Germany party saw increased support. Former coalition partners Social Democrats Party have agreed to have talks with the Christian Democratic Union of Germany/the Christian Social Union of Bavaria after initially consigning themselves to opposition. Catalonia also held a regional election in December which failed to resolve its independence issues as separatists retained a slim majority, although, Ciudadanos, who favor union with Spain, emerged as the single largest party.

The European recovery gained momentum with gross domestic product (GDP) growth reaching 2.8% year-on-year in the third quarter, while the unemployment rate fell to 8.7% prompting the European Central Bank (ECB) to guide



markets towards an exit from excessive monetary stimulus. Indeed, the ECB announced it would taper its asset purchases from 60bn to 30bn as of January 2018 and extend the program by nine months, or longer. German bunds traded in a wide range reaching a low of 15 bps in April, over European Union ( EU ) break up concerns ahead of the French presidential election, then moving sharply higher after some hawkish comments from Draghi at a conference in Sintra. The 10-year yield closed 22 bps at 42 bps. The euro was the top performing currency in G10 space, appreciating 14% versus the U.S. dollar.

In the UK, the Bank of England raised interest rates by 25 bps to 0.5% for the first time in 15 years amid rising inflation following the post-Brexit vote currency depreciation. Politics continued to remain a focus for market participants. Prime Minister Theresa May announced a snap general election supposedly to strengthen her hand in Brexit negotiations. This proved to be a miscalculation as the election resulted in a hung parliament. The Conservatives now rely on the Irish Democratic Unionist Party for their majority. After protracted negotiations, the UK finally reached an agreement with the EU on its divorce terms. The UK will commit to continued regulatory alignment with the EU to avoid the Irish border dispute, which may push the UK towards a softer form of Brexit. The deal also requires the UK to honour outstanding EU liabilities, with a net payment is estimated around 45-55bn. Overall, the terms of agreement are closely aligned with the opening demands made by the EU, which may be viewed unfavourably by Brexiteers, however, it paves the way for trade talks, with emphasis on a two-year transition period likely to begin immediately. Sterling was fairly volatile but closed 10% higher versus the U.S. dollar. UK gilt ten year yields moved a touch higher, while the yield curve flattened.

The Bank of Japan ( BoJ ) maintained steadfast policy targeting a ten-year yield of 0% and committing to a 2% inflation target, helping act as an anchor for global yields. Incumbent Prime Minister Shinzo Abe won a convincing victory in the snap general election, securing around a 2/3 majority. The yen weakened following the result, partly driven by expectations of continued very easy policy by the BoJ as it is assumed that Kuroda will remain as Governor, but closed 3% stronger versus the U.S. dollar at the end of the period.

## Portfolio Commentary (Continued)

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#### Performance Analysis

The Fund's developed market bond portfolio outperformed in 2017, with a return of 10.15% versus 7.40% for the Blended Index. The portfolio's investments continued to be concentrated in Australia, New Zealand, and the Eurozone relative to underweight positions in the U.S. and Japan.

Currency exposures after hedges were the biggest drag on performance. The Fund was overweight U.S. dollars and underweight Japanese yen and euro in a year when the dollar was weakening. Additions in non-euro European currencies in the second half of the year added value and reduced the drag from the EUR underweight.

Currency hedging in total over the year detracted from performance as it hedged non-USD exposure back into underperforming USD.

Rates exposures offset the negative contribution from currencies though. The biggest support came from European peripheral holdings where both the EUR denominated bond holdings and the USD denominated bonds performed strongly with yield spreads over the respective reference markets (Germany and U.S.) tightening, particularly on Portuguese holdings. The portfolio reduced its long exposure on periphery, taking profits in the second half of the year. Long duration positions in Australia and New Zealand also added value as those markets provided one of the highest absolute returns in developed markets. With the U.S. and core European bond markets underperforming short durations positions there also boosted performance.

Coming from the absolute positive return and the outperformance of the Fund versus benchmarks, leverage was contributing positively.

#### Market and Fund Outlook

Our global markets outlook is characterized by late cycle dynamics. We expect central banks to pursue further normalisation led by the Fed, to be joined by the ECB later in 2018. However, given that the BoJ continues to anchor the long end of yield curves globally for now, we expect this normalization to lead to further flattening of the U.S. curve, with some potential for inflation surprises.

Supported by robust growth and risk asset momentum, this can remain a bullish impulse for a while for risk assets, but in our risk spectrum that sums up influences, we see a number of growing vulnerabilities including geopolitical concerns, EU politics, China debt and the pervasively high market valuations. In other words, we acknowledge the strength of the late cycle environment, but medium term we are inclined to see returns skewed to the downside for risk assets.

The sum of these influences, in our view, gives us a modestly bullish signal on interest rate risk, positive on the U.S. dollar and neutral to negative on credit. We think the pricing out of European political risk is getting complacent as we go into elections in Italy and will watch developments closely there.

**First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund (FAM)****Portfolio of Investments**

December 31, 2017

Principal Value (Local Currency)	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value (US Dollars)
<b>FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (a) 107.2%</b>				
<b>Argentina 4.7%</b>				
68,744,138	Argentina POM Politica Monetaria, Argentina Central Bank 7 day repurchase reference rate (ARS) (b)	28.75%	06/21/20	\$ 3,931,483
1,350,000	Argentine Republic Government International Bond (EUR)	5.25%	01/15/28	1,688,261
715,040	Argentine Republic Government International Bond (USD)	8.28%	12/31/33	829,803
1,300,000	Argentine Republic Government International Bond (USD)	7.13%	07/06/36	1,411,800
				7,861,347
<b>Australia 5.9%</b>				
10,972,000	Treasury Corp. of Victoria (AUD)	6.00%	10/17/22	9,922,399
<b>Bahrain 0.9%</b>				
800,000	Bahrain Government International Bond (USD)	7.00%	01/26/26	834,312
680,000	Bahrain Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.00%	10/12/28	692,107
				1,526,419
<b>Brazil 5.9%</b>				
32,600,000	Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional, Series F (BRL)	10.00%	01/01/25	9,840,037
<b>Canada 2.5%</b>				
4,043,000	Canadian Government Bond (CAD)	8.00%	06/01/23	4,221,381
<b>Czech Republic 0.8%</b>				
20,910,000	Czech Republic Government Bond (CZK)	5.70%	05/25/24	1,269,026
<b>Dominican Republic 1.9%</b>				
142,500,000	Dominican Republic Bond (DOP) (c)	10.50%	04/07/23	3,229,519

<b>Ecuador 3.4%</b>				
740,000	Ecuador Government International Bond (USD) (c)	8.75%	06/02/23	820,475
2,750,000	Ecuador Government International Bond (USD)	9.65%	12/13/26	3,165,937
1,540,000	Ecuador Government International Bond (USD) (c)	8.88%	10/23/27	1,699,775
				5,686,187
<b>Egypt 2.5%</b>				
575,000	Egypt Government International Bond (USD) (c)	6.13%	01/31/22	602,700
380,000	Egypt Government International Bond (USD) (c)	8.50%	01/31/47	437,270
61,000,000	Egypt Treasury Bills (EGP)	(d)	05/29/18	3,208,113
				4,248,083
<b>El Salvador 1.0%</b>				
1,000,000	El Salvador Government International Bond (USD)	5.88%	01/30/25	1,010,000
580,000	El Salvador Government International Bond (USD)	7.65%	06/15/35	631,568
				1,641,568
<b>Ethiopia 1.0%</b>				
1,620,000	Ethiopia International Bond (USD) (c)	6.63%	12/11/24	1,702,863
<b>Ghana 1.3%</b>				
6,200,000	Ghana Government Bond (GHS)	21.50%	03/09/20	1,492,403
600,000	Ghana Government International Bond (USD)	8.13%	01/18/26	669,025
				2,161,428
<b>Honduras 0.7%</b>				
1,125,000	Honduras Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.50%	03/15/24	1,262,812
<b>Indonesia 3.0%</b>				
61,800,000,000	Indonesia Treasury Bond (IDR)	8.38%	03/15/34	5,090,216

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<b>Principal Value (Local Currency)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Stated Coupon</b>	<b>Stated Maturity</b>	<b>Value (US Dollars)</b>
<b>FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (a) (Continued)</b>				
<b>Iraq 1.3%</b>				
428,000	Iraq International Bond (USD) (c)	6.75%	03/09/23	\$ 438,717
1,760,000	Iraq International Bond (USD)	5.80%	01/15/28	1,702,900
				2,141,617
<b>Italy 7.3%</b>				
581,000	Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro (EUR)	3.75%	05/01/21	776,410
3,000,000	Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro (EUR)	9.00%	11/01/23	5,205,312
1,600,000	Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro (EUR)	7.25%	11/01/26	2,777,024
2,970,000	Republic of Italy Government International Bond (USD)	6.88%	09/27/23	3,513,807
				12,272,553
<b>Japan 7.6%</b>				
795,500,000	Japan Government Ten Year Bond (JPY)	0.10%	06/20/27	7,109,931
476,350,000	Japan Government Thirty Year Bond (JPY)	2.40%	03/20/37	5,666,546
				12,776,477
<b>Kenya 0.4%</b>				
590,000	Kenya Government International Bond (USD)	6.88%	06/24/24	629,828
<b>Malaysia 1.9%</b>				
13,000,000	Malaysia Government Bond (MYR)	3.89%	03/15/27	3,146,405
<b>Mexico 3.0%</b>				
15,461,000	Mexican Bonos (MXN)	6.50%	06/09/22	753,459
20,000,000	Mexican Bonos (MXN)	10.00%	12/05/24	1,147,545
58,800,000	Mexican Bonos (MXN)	8.50%	11/18/38	3,208,768
				5,109,772

<b>Mongolia 0.4%</b>				
750,000	Mongolia Government International Bond (USD)	5.13%	12/05/22	744,484
<b>New Zealand 1.3%</b>				
2,708,000	New Zealand Government Bond (NZD)	6.00%	05/15/21	2,166,032
<b>Nigeria 0.8%</b>				
663,000	Nigeria Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.88%	02/16/32	751,046
513,000	Nigeria Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.63%	11/28/47	551,852
				1,302,898
<b>Norway 0.6%</b>				
7,511,000	Norway Government Bond (NOK) (c)	1.75%	02/17/27	928,534
<b>Pakistan 0.5%</b>				
760,000	Pakistan Government International Bond (USD) (c)	6.88%	12/05/27	763,892
<b>Peru 3.3%</b>				
16,000,000	Peruvian Government International Bond (PEN)	6.90%	08/12/37	5,561,723
<b>Poland 7.6%</b>				
16,748,000	Republic of Poland Government Bond (PLN)	5.75%	10/25/21	5,423,813
12,500,000	Republic of Poland Government Bond (PLN)	4.00%	10/25/23	3,829,953
12,987,000	Republic of Poland Government Bond (PLN)	2.50%	07/25/27	3,492,594
				12,746,360
<b>Portugal 2.3%</b>				
2,000,000	Portugal Government International Bond (USD)	5.13%	10/15/24	2,152,970

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Principal Value (Local Currency)	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value (US Dollars)
<b>FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (a) (Continued)</b>				
<b>Portugal (Continued)</b>				
1,088,000	Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT (EUR) (c)	5.65%	02/15/24	\$ 1,661,921
				3,814,891
<b>Russia 6.4%</b>				
605,000,000	Russian Federal Bond - OFZ (RUB)	7.05%	01/19/28	10,213,240
400,000	Russian Foreign Bond - Eurobond (USD)	5.88%	09/16/43	464,960
				10,678,200
<b>Rwanda 0.9%</b>				
1,440,000	Rwanda International Government Bond (USD)	6.63%	05/02/23	1,511,345
<b>Senegal 0.8%</b>				
1,170,000	Senegal Government International Bond (USD)	8.75%	05/13/21	1,352,236
<b>South Africa 8.1%</b>				
68,400,000	Republic of South Africa Government Bond (ZAR)	10.50%	12/21/26	6,180,187
87,000,000	Republic of South Africa Government Bond (ZAR)	6.25%	03/31/36	5,071,848
2,200,000	Republic of South Africa Government International Bond (USD)	4.88%	04/14/26	2,254,516
				13,506,551
<b>Spain 6.1%</b>				
5,000,000	Spain Government Bond (EUR) (c)	5.90%	07/30/26	8,253,630
1,000,000	Spain Government Bond (EUR)	6.00%	01/31/29	1,719,310
100,000	Spain Government Bond (EUR) (c)	5.15%	10/31/44	174,689
				10,147,629
<b>Sri Lanka 0.9%</b>				
1,500,000	Sri Lanka Government International Bond (USD) (c)	6.20%	05/11/27	1,586,578



<b>Supranationals 0.6%</b>				
8,550,000	European Investment Bank (SEK)	1.25%	05/12/25	1,069,846
<b>Suriname 0.4%</b>				
675,000	Republic of Suriname (USD) (c)	9.25%	10/26/26	729,000
<b>Tanzania 0.3%</b>				
483,337	Tanzania Government International Bond, 6 Mo LIBOR + 6.00% (USD) (b)	7.45%	03/09/20	508,108
<b>Turkey 4.1%</b>				
27,700,000	Turkey Government Bond (TRY)	10.40%	03/20/24	6,810,817
<b>Ukraine 1.7%</b>				
1,720,000	Ukraine Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.75%	09/01/24	1,814,428
197,000	Ukraine Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.75%	09/01/25	205,985
197,000	Ukraine Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.75%	09/01/26	203,887
197,000	Ukraine Government International Bond (USD) (c)	7.75%	09/01/27	203,924
716,000	Ukraine Government International Bond (USD) (c)	(d)	05/31/40	396,546
				2,824,770
<b>United Kingdom 2.6%</b>				
974,000	United Kingdom Gilt (GBP)	4.25%	12/07/27	1,691,119
1,250,000	United Kingdom Gilt (GBP)	4.25%	12/07/49	2,731,179
				4,422,298
<b>Uruguay 0.4%</b>				
18,609,000	Uruguay Government International Bond (UYU) (c)	9.88%	06/20/22	686,494

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Principal Value (Local Currency)	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value (US Dollars)
<b>FOREIGN SOVEREIGN BONDS AND NOTES (a) (Continued)</b>				
<b>Venezuela 0.1%</b>				
732,400	Venezuela Government International Bond (USD) (e)	9.25%	05/07/28	\$ 151,973
<b>Total Foreign Sovereign Bonds and Notes</b>				179,754,596
(Cost \$173,797,767)				
<b>FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (a) (f) 23.3%</b>				
<b>Argentina 0.3%</b>				
525,000	Genneia S.A. (USD) (c)	8.75%	01/20/22	578,282
<b>Azerbaijan 0.9%</b>				
1,305,000	Southern Gas Corridor CJSC (USD) (c)	6.88%	03/24/26	1,485,989
<b>Bangladesh 0.5%</b>				
750,000	Banglalink Digital Communications Ltd. (USD) (c)	8.63%	05/06/19	781,875
<b>Barbados 0.5%</b>				
750,000	Sagicor Finance 2015 Ltd. (USD) (c)	8.88%	08/11/22	848,438
<b>Brazil 4.1%</b>				
766,000	Azul Investments LLP (USD) (c)	5.88%	10/26/24	763,128
750,000	Caixa Economica Federal (USD) (g)	7.25%	07/23/24	766,875
850,000	GTL Trade Finance, Inc. (USD)	7.25%	04/16/44	923,312
1,550,000	OAS Finance Ltd. (USD) (e) (g) (h) (i)	8.88%	(j)	81,375
460,000	OAS Investments GmbH (USD) (e) (h) (i)	8.25%	10/19/19	24,150
1,700,000	Petrobras Global Finance BV (USD) (c)	5.30%	01/27/25	1,707,225
1,830,000	Petrobras Global Finance BV (USD)	8.75%	05/23/26	2,191,425
445,875	QGOG Atlantic/Alaskan Rigs Ltd. (USD)	5.25%	07/30/18	439,187
				6,896,677
<b>Colombia 0.9%</b>				
550,000	Banco GNB Sudameris S.A. (USD) (c) (g)	6.50%	04/03/27	573,375
955,000	Bancolombia S.A. (USD) (g)	4.88%	10/18/27	943,301

				1,516,676
<b>Dominican Republic 1.2%</b>				
1,860,000	AES Andres BV / Dominican Power Partners / Empresa Generadora de Electricidad Itabo (USD) (c)	7.95%	05/11/26	2,022,750
<b>El Salvador 0.5%</b>				
800,000	Grupo Unicomer Co., Ltd. (USD) (c)	7.88%	04/01/24	870,000
<b>Georgia 1.0%</b>				
540,000	BGEO Group JSC (USD) (c)	6.00%	07/26/23	564,077
975,000	Georgian Oil and Gas Corp. JSC (USD) (c)	6.75%	04/26/21	1,048,482
				1,612,559
<b>Guatemala 0.4%</b>				
735,000	Comunicaciones Celulares S.A. Via Comcel Trust (USD) (c)	6.88%	02/06/24	763,966
<b>Honduras 0.5%</b>				
770,000	Inversiones Atlantida S.A. (USD) (c)	8.25%	07/28/22	795,425
<b>Hong Kong 0.5%</b>				
765,000	Shimao Property Holdings Ltd. (USD)	8.38%	02/10/22	829,116
<b>India 1.6%</b>				
120,000,000	NTPC Ltd. (INR)	7.25%	05/03/22	1,902,049

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Principal Value (Local Currency)	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value (US Dollars)
<b>FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (a) (f)</b>				
<b>(Continued)</b>				
<b>India (Continued)</b>				
756,000	Vedanta Resources PLC (USD) (c)	6.13%	08/09/24	\$ 773,282
				2,675,331
<b>Kazakhstan 1.2%</b>				
1,120,000	Nostrum Oil & Gas Finance BV (USD) (c)	8.00%	07/25/22	1,164,116
789,000	Tengizchevroil Finance Co. International Ltd. (USD) (c)	4.00%	08/15/26	793,537
				1,957,653
<b>Mexico 1.7%</b>				
750,000	Axtel SAB de CV (USD) (c)	6.38%	11/14/24	776,250
670,000	Cemex SAB de CV (USD) (c)	7.75%	04/16/26	760,450
13,950,000	Petroleos Mexicanos (MXN)	7.19%	09/12/24	632,017
680,000	Unifin Financiera SAB de CV (USD) (c)	7.25%	09/27/23	710,600
				2,879,317
<b>Nigeria 1.9%</b>				
750,000	Access Bank PLC (USD) (c)	10.50%	10/19/21	846,510
730,000	IHS Netherlands Holdco BV (USD) (c)	9.50%	10/27/21	787,937
720,000	United Bank for Africa PLC (USD) (c)	7.75%	06/08/22	745,315
740,000	Zenith Bank PLC (USD) (c)	7.38%	05/30/22	771,968
				3,151,730
<b>Paraguay 0.6%</b>				
1,020,000	Banco Regional SAECA (USD) (c)	8.13%	01/24/19	1,068,654
<b>Russia 1.0%</b>				
1,045,000	Evraz Group S.A. (USD) (c)	5.38%	03/20/23	1,088,106
600,000	GTH Finance BV (USD) (c)	7.25%	04/26/23	675,828

1,763,934

<b>Turkey 2.0%</b>				
920,000	Hazine Mustesarligi Varlik Kiralama AS (USD) (c)	5.00%	04/06/23	938,730
770,000	Odea Bank AS (USD) (c) (g)	7.63%	08/01/27	713,790
744,000	Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi TAO (USD)	6.00%	11/01/22	736,510
870,000	Yasar Holdings AS (USD) (c)	8.88%	05/06/20	890,443
				3,279,473
<b>Ukraine 1.3%</b>				
733,752	Metinvest BV (USD) (k)	9.37%	12/31/21	769,326
530,000	MHP S.E. (USD) (c)	7.75%	05/10/24	575,792
735,000	Ukreximbank Via Biz Finance PLC (USD)	9.63%	04/27/22	787,479
				2,132,597
<b>Venezuela 0.7%</b>				
4,392,312	Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (USD) (e)	6.00%	05/16/24	1,011,681
702,005	Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (USD) (e)	6.00%	11/15/26	157,249
				1,168,930
<b>Total Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes</b>				<b>39,079,372</b>

(Cost \$39,420,522)

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Principal Value	Description	Stated Coupon	Stated Maturity	Value
<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS AND NOTES (a) 3.6%</b>				
\$ 1,260,000	United States Treasury Note	1.50%	08/15/26	\$ 1,172,342
4,002,000	United States Treasury Note	3.75%	11/15/43	4,769,415
<b>Total U.S. Government Bonds and Notes</b>				5,941,757
(Cost \$5,837,141)				
<b>Total Investments 134.1%</b>				224,775,725
(Cost \$219,055,430) (l)				
<b>Outstanding Loans (37.8)%</b>				(63,308,553)
<b>Net Other Assets and Liabilities 3.7%</b>				6,152,640
<b>Net Assets 100.0%</b>				\$ 167,619,812

**Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**

Settlement Date	Counterparty	Amount Purchased	Amount Sold	Purchase Value as of 12/31/2017	Sale Value as of 12/31/2017	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
01/10/18	RBC	CAD 1,770,000	USD 1,416,189	\$ 1,408,370	\$ 1,416,189	\$ (7,819)
01/10/18	BAR	GBP 616,229	USD 814,295	832,344	814,295	18,049
01/10/18	GS	GBP 953,771	USD 1,260,000	1,288,263	1,260,000	28,263
02/22/18	DB	RUB 311,059,000	USD 5,262,375	5,358,430	5,262,375	96,055
01/10/18	DB	ZAR 3,591,000	USD 289,317	289,677	289,317	360
01/10/18	CIT	ZAR 66,057,000	USD 4,796,532	5,328,661	4,796,532	532,129
01/10/18	RBC	USD 5,268,764	AUD 6,788,000	5,268,764	5,296,387	(27,623)
01/10/18	CIT	USD 4,451,491	CAD 5,599,000	4,451,491	4,455,066	(3,575)
01/10/18	CIT	USD 781,579	EUR 662,000	781,579	794,882	(13,303)
01/10/18	RBC	USD 2,057,739	GBP 1,570,000	2,057,739	2,120,606	(62,867)
01/10/18	JPM	USD 1,405,809	JPY 158,090,000	1,405,809	1,403,884	1,925
01/10/18	CIT	USD 1,391,140	MXN 26,128,000	1,391,140	1,325,666	65,474
01/10/18	JPM	USD 2,094,280	NZD 2,959,000	2,094,280	2,096,716	(2,436)
01/10/18	JPM	USD 3,573,314	PLN 13,167,000	3,580,071	3,782,634	(202,563)
02/22/18	CIT	USD 5,213,862	RUB 311,059,000	5,213,862	5,358,430	(144,568)
01/10/18	JPM	USD 3,913,982	ZAR 50,416,000	3,913,982	4,066,939	(152,957)
01/10/18	MS	USD 4,716,186	ZAR 66,057,000	4,716,186	5,328,662	(612,476)

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)

\$ (487,932)

## Counterparty Abbreviations

BAR	Barclays Bank
CIT	Citibank, NA
DB	Deutsche Bank
GS	Goldman Sachs
JPM	JPMorgan Chase
MS	Morgan Stanley
RBC	Royal Bank of Canada

See Note 2D Forward Foreign Currency Contracts in the Notes to Financial Statements.

See Note 2I Offsetting on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in the Notes to Financial Statements for a table that presents the forward foreign currency contracts assets and liabilities on a gross basis.

- (a) All of these securities are available to serve as collateral for the outstanding loans.
- (b) Floating rate security.
- (c) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 1933 Act ), and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be liquid by Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. (the Sub-Advisor ). Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. At December 31, 2017, securities noted as such amounted to \$56,682,964 or 33.8% of net assets.

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- (d) Zero coupon bond.
- (e) This issuer is in default and interest is not being accrued by the Fund, nor paid by the issuer.
- (f) Portfolio securities are included in a country based upon their underlying credit exposure as determined by the Sub-Advisor.
- (g) Fixed-to-floating or fixed-to-variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the fixed rate in effect at December 31, 2017. At a predetermined date, the fixed rate will change to a floating rate or a variable rate.
- (h) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers (see Note 2C - Restricted Securities in the Notes to Financial Statements).
- (i) This issuer has filed for bankruptcy protection in a São Paulo state court.
- (j) Perpetual maturity.
- (k) These notes are Senior Payment-In-Kind ( PIK ) Toggle Notes whereby the issuer pays interest on the notes in cash at the rate of 2.793% per annum ( Cash-pay Interest Amount ). In addition to the Cash-pay Interest Amount, the issuer pays interest on the notes at the rate of 6.5795% per annum, in cash, only if any Notes Cash Sweep Amount is available, and otherwise in PIK Notes.  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, this security paid all of its interest in cash.
- (l) Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes was \$225,129,500. As of December 31, 2017, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$11,793,278 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$12,634,985. The net unrealized depreciation was \$841,707. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts.

**Valuation Inputs**

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2017 is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Financial Statements):

**ASSETS TABLE**

	<b>Total Value at 12/31/2017</b>	<b>Level 1 Quoted Prices</b>	<b>Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs</b>	<b>Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs</b>
Foreign Sovereign Bonds and Notes*	\$ 179,754,596	\$	\$ 179,754,596	\$
Foreign Corporate Bonds and Notes*	39,079,372		39,079,372	



U.S. Government Bonds and Notes	5,941,757		5,941,757	
Total Investments	224,775,725		224,775,725	
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts	742,255		742,255	
Total	\$ 225,517,980	\$	\$ 225,517,980	\$

#### LIABILITIES TABLE

	Total Value at 12/31/2017	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts	\$ (1,230,187)	\$	\$ (1,230,187)	\$

\* See Portfolio of Investments for country breakout.

All transfers in and out of the Levels during the period are assumed to occur on the last day of the period at their current value. There were no transfers between Levels at December 31, 2017.

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<b>Currency Exposure</b>	
<b>Diversification</b>	<b>% of Total Investments</b>
USD	45.4%
EUR	9.6
JPY	5.1
RUB	4.6
BRL	4.4
PLN	4.0
ZAR	3.3
TRY	3.0
PEN	2.5
IDR	2.3
AUD	2.1
GBP	2.0
MXN	2.0
ARS	1.7
DOP	1.4
EGP	1.4
MYR	1.4
INR	0.8
GHS	0.7
CZK	0.6
CAD	0.5
SEK	0.5
NOK	0.4
UYU	0.3
NZD	0.0*
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

The weightings include the impact of currency forwards.

\* Amount is less than 0.1%.

**Currency Abbreviations**

ARS	Argentine Peso
AUD	Australian Dollar
BRL	Brazilian Real