

FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND

Form 8-K

June 13, 2018

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) June 13, 2018

FIRST TRUST HIGH INCOME LONG/SHORT FUND  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Massachusetts  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

811-22442  
(Commission File Number)

27-3072807  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60187  
(Zip Code)

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

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund is filing herewith a press release issued today by First Trust Advisors L.P. ("FTA") announcing that, subject to the satisfaction of certain customary closing conditions, the merger of First Trust Strategic High Income Fund II (NYSE: FHY), a closed-end fund managed by FTA, with and into First Trust High Income Long/Short Fund (NYSE: FSD), a closed-end fund managed by FTA, is expected to become effective immediately before the opening of the NYSE on June 25, 2018.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release of First Trust Advisors L.P. dated June 13, 2018.

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: June 13, 2018

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By: /s/ W. Scott Jardine

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Name: W. Scott Jardine  
Title: Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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