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Investment Company Act file number 811-04985

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 EAST BROWARD BLVD., FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3091

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

CRAIG S. TYLE, ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 527-7500

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 8/31/05

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

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	AUGUST 31, 2005

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GAIN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE (R)

Franklin Templeton's distinct multi-manager structure combines the specialized expertise of three world-class investment management groups-- Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series.

SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

Each of our portfolio management groups operates autonomously, relying on its own research and staying true to the unique investment disciplines that underlie its success.

FRANKLIN. Founded in 1947, Franklin is a recognized leader in fixed income investing and also brings expertise in growth- and value-style U.S. equity investing.

TEMPLETON. Founded in 1940, Templeton pioneered international investing and, in 1954, launched what has become the industry's oldest global fund. Today, with offices in over 25 countries, Templeton offers investors a truly global perspective.

MUTUAL SERIES. Founded in 1949, Mutual Series is dedicated to a unique style of value investing, searching aggressively for opportunity among what it believes are undervalued stocks, as well as arbitrage situations and distressed securities.

TRUE DIVERSIFICATION

Because our management groups work independently and adhere to different investment approaches, Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series funds typically have distinct portfolios. That's why our funds can be used to build truly diversified allocation plans covering every major asset class.

RELIABILITY YOU CAN TRUST

At Franklin Templeton Investments, we seek to consistently provide investors with exceptional risk-adjusted returns over the long term, as well as the reliable, accurate and personal service that has helped us become one of the most trusted names in financial services.

MUTUAL FUNDS | RETIREMENT PLANS | 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS | SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

YOUR FUND'S GOAL AND MAIN INVESTMENTS: Templeton Emerging Markets Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in emerging country equity securities.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

Based on Total Net Assets as of 8/31/05

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Asia	57.6%
Europe	18.0%
Latin America & Caribbean	13.1%
Middle East & Africa	7.9%
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets ..	3.4%

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Templeton Emerging Markets Fund covers the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005. Also in the report is new information about the

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THE DOLLAR VALUE, NUMBER OF SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AND NAMES OF ALL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS ARE LISTED IN THE FUND'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (SOI). THE SOI BEGINS ON PAGE 10.

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Board of Trustees' approval of the Fund's investment advisory contract in the past six months. It is designed to give you an understanding of several factors considered before the Board approved the Fund's contract with the Investment Manager. The disclosure is in the "Shareholder Information" section beginning on page 38.

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

For the 12-month period ended August 31, 2005, Templeton Emerging Markets Fund delivered cumulative total returns of +30.66% based on market price and +36.43% based on net asset value. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets (EM) Index posted a 42.40% cumulative total return for the same period.(1) In line with our investment strategy, we are pleased with our long-term results, which you will find in the Performance Summary on page 7. For example, for the 10-year period ended August 31, 2005, the Fund delivered cumulative total returns of +121.30% based on market price and +134.07% based on net asset value, compared with the MSCI EM Index's 64.54% cumulative total return for the same period.(1) Please note that index performance information is provided for reference and that we do not attempt to track the index, but rather undertake investments on the basis of fundamental research.

ECONOMIC AND MARKET OVERVIEW

Emerging markets recorded strong performances during the year under review, generally outperforming the major developed markets. Solid economic fundamentals, attractive stock valuations and greater investor confidence helped to propel emerging market stock prices. A weaker U.S. dollar versus most major emerging markets currencies further enhanced emerging market stock returns in U.S. dollar terms. Eastern European and Latin American markets outperformed their other emerging market peers as both regions continued to attract significant foreign investment inflows.

Eastern European stock markets benefited from greater European Union (EU) trade bloc integration, while high oil prices provided a boost for the Russian economy, which is heavily dependent on oil exports. In Turkey, the stock

- (1) Source: Standard & Poor's Micropal. The MSCI EM Index is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. As of 8/31/05, the Fund's 10-year average annual total returns were +8.27% based on market price and +8.88% based on net asset value, compared with the MSCI EM Index's 5.11% average annual total return for the same period. The index is unmanaged and includes reinvested dividends. One cannot invest directly in an index, nor is an index representative of the Fund's portfolio.

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market rose as the government continued efforts to ensure that the country's EU accession talks begin in October 2005. Additional financial support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank further supported the Turkish economy.

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Latin American countries continued to record strong economic growth in 2004 and thus far in 2005, continuing an overall recovery from 2003's slow-growth environment. Argentina benefited from successful debt re-financing, while Brazil reduced its risk profile through newly implemented reforms and effective fiscal policy. Elsewhere, high oil prices were a boon for Mexico, a major oil producer. These countries' stock markets enjoyed robust performance.

Asian markets generally lagged other emerging markets' performance as concerns about the economic impact of record high oil prices weighed on investors, largely because almost all of Asia's major economies are net oil importers. Rising interest rates in the region as well as in the U.S. also appeared to dampen investor activity.

In South Africa, greater private consumption, proactive black empowerment efforts and the government's successful macroeconomic policies contributed to the country's stock market gains. High commodity prices also helped boost South African corporate earnings.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Our investment strategy employs a bottom-up, value-oriented, long-term approach. We focus on the market price of a company's securities relative to our evaluation of the company's long-term earnings, asset value and cash flow potential. As we look for investments, we focus on specific companies and undertake in-depth research to construct an action list from which we make our buy decisions. Before we make a purchase, we look at the company's potential for earnings and growth over a five-year horizon. During our analysis, we also consider the company's position in its sector, the economic framework and political environment.

MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

The Fund's performance, relative to the MSCI EM Index, benefited from our stock selection in South Korea and Poland, and an overweighted position in Austria. In South Korea, the Fund's overweighted investments in Samsung Heavy Industries, Hyundai Development and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering had the largest positive impact on relative performance this year. Conversely, underweighted positions in South Africa and Mexico had a

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Based on Equity Investments as of 8/31/05

	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS
South Korea	16.9%
Taiwan	13.4%
China	9.6%
Brazil	8.5%
South Africa	7.9%
Singapore	5.3%
Mexico	4.3%
Russia	3.4%

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India	3.4%
Turkey	3.1%

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TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS 8/31/05

COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY, COUNTRY	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT, SOUTH KOREA	3.2%
China Mobile (Hong Kong) Ltd., fgn. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, CHINA	3.1%
Anglo American PLC METALS & MINING, SOUTH AFRICA	2.1%
Remgro Ltd. DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES, SOUTH AFRICA	2.0%
Keppel Corp. Ltd. INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES, SINGAPORE	1.9%
Kimberly Clarke de Mexico SA de CV, A HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS, MEXICO	1.8%
Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd. OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, BRAZIL	1.8%
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd. COMMERCIAL BANKS, BRAZIL	1.8%
Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. Ltd. MACHINERY, SOUTH KOREA	1.7%
HSBC Holdings PLC COMMERCIAL BANKS, U.K.	1.7%

negative impact on our relative performance. Both countries' markets recorded substantial gains during the year, which eventually made market valuations relatively expensive in our opinion and, according to our investment strategy, we sold some shares when certain holdings reached our sale targets.

With regard to sectors, the Fund benefited from its overweighted exposure to capital goods relative to the index.(2) Favorable stock selection in the transportation sector also boosted the Fund's returns.(3) In addition to the South Korean transportation holdings mentioned earlier, other positive contributors included Keppel Corporation of Singapore and Shipping Corporation

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of India (sold by period-end). An underweighted exposure to semiconductor and semiconductor equipment companies, in large part due to our decision to not invest in United Micro Electronics, also supported relative performance. The Fund did not hold this company's stock; instead, we invested in its peers, such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSMC) and Samsung Electronics. On the other hand, an overweighted exposure to Taiwan Mobile and no exposure to America Movil and Orascom Telecom were reasons that telecommunication services recorded the Fund's largest negative sector performance relative to the index.(4) The Fund did not own these two stocks due to what we perceived as expensive valuations and the availability of better-valued telecommunications stocks in other markets. To a lesser extent, our underweighted position in utilities and stock selection in the food, beverage and tobacco sector also hindered the Fund's overall results.(5)

It is important to recognize the effect of currency movements on the Fund's performance. In general, if the value of the U.S. dollar increases compared with a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will decrease in value because it will be worth fewer U.S. dollars. This can have a negative effect on Fund performance. Conversely, when the U.S. dollar weakens in relation to a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will increase in value, which can contribute to Fund performance. For the 12 months ended August 31, 2005, the U.S. dollar fell in value relative to most non-U.S. currencies. As a result, the Fund's performance was positively affected by the portfolio's predominant investment in securities with non-U.S. currency exposure. However, one cannot expect the same result in future periods.

- (2) In the SOI, the capital goods sector comprises aerospace and defense, construction and engineering, industrial conglomerates, and machinery.
- (3) In the SOI, the transportation sector comprises airlines, road and rail, and transportation infrastructure.
- (4) In the SOI, the telecommunication services sector comprises diversified telecommunication services and wireless telecommunication services.
- (5) In the SOI, the utilities sector comprises gas utilities, electric utilities, multi-utilities and water utilities, while the food, beverage and tobacco sector comprises beverages and food products.

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During the year under review, we implemented various changes to the Fund's portfolio structure. The Fund's largest additions were in Asia, including a greater exposure to Taiwanese, Thai and Malaysian equities. Key investments included stocks of the aforementioned TSMC, a leading global integrated circuit producer; Kasikornbank, one of Thailand's largest banks; and Maxis Communications, Malaysia's leading telecommunications service provider. Within the region, more South Korean stocks, China Red Chip (Hong Kong-listed companies with significant exposure to China) shares and Hong Kong stocks were sold than bought, primarily because a number of our existing holdings reached their respective sales targets.

In Latin America, the Fund increased its Brazilian investments through purchases of shares of Petroleo Brasileiro (Petrobras), the national oil and gas company with activities in exploration, production, refining, transportation and distribution of oil and petroleum byproducts; and Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras (Eletrobras), the Brazilian government's electric sector holding company with electricity generation and transmission responsibilities. During the year under review, Petrobras continued to benefit from high global oil prices. The largest sales in the Latin American region included shares of Telefonos de Mexico

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(Telmex), Mexico's largest telecommunications company; and Luxembourg-domiciled Tenaris, the leading manufacturer of seamless steel pipes for the world's oil and gas industry with manufacturing facilities in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela.

As a result of the strong appreciation in Eastern European markets, the Fund's investments in the region grew increasingly expensive, triggering sell targets. The largest sales took place in Austria, Hungary and Greece. Substantial sales were also undertaken in South Africa as the Fund reduced its holdings in SABMiller, the dominant South African brewer, and Sasol, a multidiscipline fuel extraction and manufacturing company.

Our global search for undervalued stocks resulted in purchases of select U.K.- and Sweden-based equities. These companies offer significant business operations in emerging markets. For example, we increased the Fund's shares of HSBC Holdings, one of the world's largest banking and financial services organizations; Provident Financial, a consumer finance company with exposure to Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Latin America; and Oriflame Cosmetics, a cosmetics company that operates in Central and Eastern Europe.

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We thank you for your interest in Templeton Emerging Markets Fund and look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Mobius

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Mark Mobius

President and Chief Executive Officer -
Investment Management
Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION REFLECTS OUR ANALYSIS, OPINIONS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005, THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE WAY WE IMPLEMENT OUR MAIN INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND THE RESULTING PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON FACTORS SUCH AS MARKET AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. THESE OPINIONS MAY NOT BE RELIED UPON AS INVESTMENT ADVICE OR AN OFFER FOR A PARTICULAR SECURITY. THE INFORMATION IS NOT A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF EVERY ASPECT OF ANY MARKET, COUNTRY, INDUSTRY, SECURITY OR THE FUND. STATEMENTS OF FACT ARE FROM SOURCES CONSIDERED RELIABLE, BUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THEIR COMPLETENESS OR ACCURACY. ALTHOUGH HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS, THESE INSIGHTS MAY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND OUR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY.

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY AS OF 8/31/05

Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities. Total return reflects reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. All total returns include reinvested distributions according to the terms specified

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in the Fund's dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan and do not reflect any sales charges paid at inception or brokerage commissions paid on secondary market purchases. The performance table does not reflect any taxes due on Fund dividends, capital gains distributions, if any, or realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

SYMBOL: EMF	CHANGE	8/31/05	8/31/04
Net Asset Value (NAV)	+\$4.58	\$17.98	\$13.40
Market Price (NYSE)	+\$4.07	\$18.31	\$14.24
DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/04-8/31/05)			
Dividend Income	\$0.2452		

PERFORMANCE

	1-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
Cumulative Total Return(1)			
Based on change in NAV	+36.43%	+ 70.60%	+134.07%
Based on change in market price	+30.66%	+113.30%	+121.30%
Average Annual Total Return(1)			
Based on change in NAV	+36.43%	+11.28%	+8.88%
Based on change in market price	+30.66%	+16.36%	+8.27%

PERFORMANCE DATA REPRESENT PAST PERFORMANCE, WHICH DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE RESULTS. INVESTMENT RETURN AND PRINCIPAL VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE, AND YOU MAY HAVE A GAIN OR LOSS WHEN YOU SELL YOUR SHARES. CURRENT PERFORMANCE MAY DIFFER FROM FIGURES SHOWN.

FOR MORE CURRENT PERFORMANCE, CALL FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS AT 1-800/342-5236.

ENDNOTES

SPECIAL RISKS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN INVESTING, INCLUDING CURRENCY VOLATILITY, ECONOMIC INSTABILITY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF COUNTRIES WHERE THE FUND INVESTS. EMERGING MARKETS INVOLVE HEIGHTENED RISKS RELATED TO THE SAME FACTORS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE AND LESSER LIQUIDITY.

(1) Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated.

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SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

The Fund's Board previously authorized management to implement an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase Fund shares, from time to time, in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. This authorization remains in effect.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	YEAR END		
	2005	2004	
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE (for a share outstanding throughout the year)			
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 13.40	\$ 10.82	\$
Income from investment operations:			
Net investment income(a)	0.32	0.22	
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	4.51	2.59	
Total from investment operations	4.83	2.81	
Less distributions from net investment income	(0.25)	(0.23)	
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 17.98	\$ 13.40	\$
Market value, end of year(b)	\$ 18.31	\$ 14.24	\$
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Total return (based on market value per share)	30.66%	22.62%	
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$ 318,240	\$ 236,848	\$ 1
Ratios to average net assets:			
Expenses	1.57%	1.63%	
Net investment income	2.00%	1.70%	
Portfolio turnover rate	36.04%	67.63%	

(a) Based on average daily shares outstanding.

(b) Based on the last sale on the New York Stock Exchange.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2005

	INDUSTRY

COMMON STOCKS 91.2%	
AUSTRIA 0.9%	
Bank Austria Creditanstalt	Commercial Banks
BELGIUM 0.6%	
Inbev	Beverages
BERMUDA 0.0%(a)	
Gome Electrical Appliances Holdings Ltd.	Specialty Retail
BRAZIL 3.1%	
Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA	Electric Utilities
Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA (Non-Taxable) ..	Electric Utilities
Cia de Bebidas das Americas (AmBev), ADR	Beverages
Embraer-Empresa Bras de Aeronautica SA	Aerospace & Defense
(b) Localiza Rent a Car SA, 144A	Diversified Consumer Services
Souza Cruz SA	Tobacco
Unibanco Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros SA, GDR	Commercial Banks
CHINA 9.6%	
(b), (c) Air China Ltd., H, 144A	Airlines
Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd., H	Metals & Mining
Anhui Conch Cement Co. Ltd., H	Construction Materials
Beijing Enterprises Holdings Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates
Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Ltd.	Automobiles
China International Marine Containers Co. Ltd., B	Machinery
China Mobile (Hong Kong) Ltd., fgn	Wireless Telecommunication Services
China Resources Enterprise Ltd.	Distributors
China Travel International Investment	
Hong Kong Ltd.	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure
Chongqing Changan Automobile Co. Ltd., B	Automobiles
CITIC Pacific Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates
Denway Motors Ltd.	Automobiles
Huadian Power International Corp. Ltd., H	Independent Power Producers & Energy
Huaneng Power International Inc., H	Independent Power Producers & Energy
Lenovo Group Ltd.	Computers & Peripherals
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Shanghai Industrial Holdings Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates
TCL Multimedia Technology Holdings Ltd.	Household Durables
Travelsky Technology Ltd., H	IT Services
CROATIA 0.8%	
(c) Pliva d.d., GDR, Reg S	Pharmaceuticals
GREECE 0.3%	

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Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co. SA
Titan Cement Co.

Beverages
Construction Materials

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	INDUSTRY
COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)	
HONG KONG 2.8%	
Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.	Airlines
Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd.	Real Estate
Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd.	Electric Utilities
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. (USD Traded)	Food & Staples Retailing
Guoco Group Ltd.	Diversified Financial Services
Hopewell Holdings Ltd.	Transportation Infrastructure
MTR Corp. Ltd.	Road & Rail
HUNGARY 2.6%	
BorsodChem Rt.	Chemicals
Gedeon Richter Ltd.	Pharmaceuticals
Magyar Telekom Ltd.	Diversified Telecommunication Services
MOL Magyar Olaj-Es Gazipari Rt.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
INDIA 3.4%	
Gail India Ltd.	Gas Utilities
Hindustan Lever Ltd.	Household Products
Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Indian Oil Corp. Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
National Aluminum Co. Ltd.	Metals & Mining
Tata Motors Ltd.	Machinery
Tata Tea Ltd.	Food Products
INDONESIA 0.1%	
PT Bank Danamon	Commercial Banks
MALAYSIA 2.3%	
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd.	Food Products
Maxis Communications Bhd.	Wireless Telecommunication Services
Resorts World Bhd.	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure
SIME Darby Bhd.	Industrial Conglomerates
Tanjong PLC	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure

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YTL Corp. Bhd.	Multi-Utilities
YTL Power International Bhd.	Water Utilities

MEXICO 4.3%

Fomento Economico Mexicano SA de CV (Femsa), ADR	Beverages
Grupo Bimbo SA de CV, A	Food Products
Kimberly Clark de Mexico SA de CV, A	Household Products
Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV (Telmex), L, ADR	Diversified Telecommunication Services

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	INDUSTRY

COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)	
PANAMA 0.3%	
Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones SA, E	Commercial Banks
PHILIPPINES 1.0%	
San Miguel Corp., B	Beverages
POLAND 2.6%	
Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen SA	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Prokom Software SA	IT Services
Telekomunikacja Polska SA	Diversified Telecommunication Services
PORTUGAL 0.2%	
Jeronimo Martins SGPS SA	Food & Staples Retailing
RUSSIA 3.4%	
Lukoil Holdings, ADR	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Mining and Metallurgical Co. Norilsk Nickel	Metals & Mining
Mobile Telesystems, ADR	Wireless Telecommunication Services
SINGAPORE 5.3%	
ComfortDelGro Corp. Ltd.	Road & Rail
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates
Keppel Corp. Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates
Singapore Press Holdings Ltd.	Media
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd.	Aerospace & Defense
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd.	Diversified Telecommunication Services

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SOUTH AFRICA 7.9%	
Anglo American PLC	Metals & Mining
Nampak Ltd.	Containers & Packaging
Nedbank Group Ltd.	Commercial Banks
(b) Nedbank Group Ltd., 144A	Commercial Banks
Old Mutual PLC (GBP Traded)	Insurance
Remgro Ltd.	Diversified Financial Services
SABMiller PLC	Beverages
Sappi Ltd.	Paper & Forest Products
Sasol Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
The Spar Group Ltd.	Food & Staples Retailing

SOUTH KOREA 16.9%	
CJ Corp.	Food Products
Daelim Industrial Co.	Construction & Engineering
Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. Ltd.	Machinery
Hana Bank	Commercial Banks
Hite Brewery Co. Ltd.	Beverages

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	INDUSTRY
COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)	
SOUTH KOREA (CONT.)	
Hyundai Development Co.	Construction & Engineering
Kangwon Land Inc.	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure
Korea Gas Corp.	Gas Utilities
(c) LG Card Co. Ltd.	Consumer Finance
LG Chem Ltd.	Chemicals
(c) LG Corp.	Industrial Conglomerates
LG Electronics Inc.	Household Durables
LG Household & Health Care Ltd.	Household Products
LG Petrochemical Co. Ltd.	Chemicals
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
Samsung Fine Chemicals Co. Ltd.	Chemicals
Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.	Machinery
Shinhan Financial Group Co. Ltd.	Commercial Banks
SK Corp.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
SK Telecom Co. Ltd.	Wireless Telecommunication Service
SWEDEN 0.8%	
Oriflame Cosmetics, IDR	Personal Products

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TAIWAN 13.4%	
Acer Inc.	Computers & Peripherals
BenQ Corp.	Computers & Peripherals
Chunghwa Telecom Co. Ltd.	Diversified Telecommunication Servi
D-Link Corp.	Communications Equipment
Delta Electronics Inc.	Electronic Equipment & Instrument
Elan Microelectronics Corp.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
Giant Manufacturing Co.	Leisure Equipment & Products
Kinpo Electronics Inc.	Office Electronics
Lite-On Technology Corp.	Computers & Peripherals
MediaTek Inc.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
(c) Mega Financial Holdings Co. Ltd.	Commercial Banks
Premier Image Technology Corp.	Leisure Equipment & Products
President Chain Store Corp.	Food & Staples Retailing
Realtek Semiconductor Corp.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
Siliconware Precision Industries Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
(c) Sunplus Technology Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
Synnex Technology International Corp.	Electronic Equipment & Instrument
Taiwan Mobile Co. Ltd.	Wireless Telecommunication Service
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip
UNI-President Enterprises Corp.	Food Products
Yuanta Core Pacific Securities Co.	Capital Markets

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2005 (CONTINUED)

	INDUSTRY
COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)	
THAILAND 2.8%	
Bangkok Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Commercial Banks
BEC World Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Media
Kasikornbank Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Commercial Banks
Land and House Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Household Durables
Shin Corp. Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Wireless Telecommunication Services
Siam Cement Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Construction Materials
Siam Commercial Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Commercial Banks
Siam Makro Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Food & Staples Retailing
Thai Airways International Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Airlines
(c) TMB Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Commercial Banks
(c) True Corp. Public Co. Ltd., rts., 3/28/08	Diversified Telecommunication Service
TURKEY 3.1%	
Arcelik AS, Br	Household Durables
Migros Turk TAS	Food & Staples Retailing
(c) Petkim Petrokimya Holding AS	Chemicals
Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafineleri AS	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels

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Turkiye Is Bankasi, C	Commercial Banks
UNITED KINGDOM 2.7%	
HSBC Holdings PLC	Commercial Banks
Provident Financial PLC	Consumer Finance
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (COST \$212,020,479)	
PREFERRED STOCKS 5.4%	
BRAZIL 5.4%	
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd.	Commercial Banks
Cia de Bebidas das Americas (AmBev), ADR, pfd. .	Beverages
Cia Vale do Rio Doce, ADR, pfd., A	Metals & Mining
Klabin SA, pfd.	Containers & Packaging
Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Suzano Bahia Sul Papel e Celulose SA, pfd., A ..	Paper & Forest Products
Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais SA, pfd., A	Metals & Mining
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$8,728,422)	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$9,871,361) 3.1%	
(d) Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money	
Market Portfolio	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$230,620,262) 99.7%	
OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 0.3%	
NET ASSETS 100.0%	

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2005 (CONTINUED)

CURRENCY ABBREVIATIONS:

GBP - British Pound

SELECTED PORTFOLIO ABBREVIATIONS:

ADR - American Depository Receipt

GDR - Global Depository Receipt

IDR - International Depository Receipt

- (a) Rounds to less than 0.05% of net assets.
- (b) Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.
- (c) Non-income producing.

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(d) See Note 8 regarding investments in Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio.

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August 31, 2005

Assets:

Investments in securities:	
Cost - Unaffiliated issuers	\$220,748,901
Cost - Sweep Money Fund (Note 8)	9,871,361

Total cost of investments	\$230,620,262
	=====
Value - Unaffiliated issuers	\$307,530,382
Value - Sweep Money Fund (Note 8)	9,871,361

Total value of investments	317,401,743
Cash	123,356
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$289,440)	280,464
Receivables:	
Investment securities sold	236,024
Dividends	1,283,747
Foreign income tax receivable	209,035

Total assets	319,534,369

Liabilities:

Payables:	
Investment securities purchased	765,094
Affiliates	393,848
Deferred taxes	14,028
Other liabilities	120,988

Total liabilities	1,293,958

Net assets, at value

\$318,240,411

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Net assets consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$205,320,924
Undistributed net investment income	2,172,086
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	86,756,843
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	23,990,558

Net assets, at value	\$318,240,411
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Shares outstanding

17,696,319

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Net asset value per share

\$ 17.98

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the year ended August 31, 2005

Investment income:

Dividends (net of foreign taxes of \$882,393)

Unaffiliated issuers

Sweep Money Fund (Note 8)

Interest (net of foreign taxes of \$47)

Total investment income

Expenses:

Management fees (Note 3a)

Administrative fees (Note 3b)

Transfer agent fees

Custodian fees (Note 4)

Reports to shareholders

Registration and filing fees

Professional fees

Trustees' fees and expenses

Other

Total expenses

Expense reductions (Note 4)

Net expenses

Net investment income

Realized and unrealized gains (losses):

Net realized gain (loss) from:

Investments (including foreign tax refund of \$209,035)

Foreign currency transactions

Net realized gain (loss)

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

Investments

Translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies

Deferred taxes

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Increase (decrease) in net assets:

Operations:

Net investment income
Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, translation of
assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, and deferred taxes

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income

Capital share transactions: (Note 2)

Net increase (decrease) in net assets

Net assets:

Beginning of year

End of year

Undistributed net investment income included in net assets:

End of year

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end investment company.

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

A. SECURITY VALUATION

Securities listed on a securities exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last quoted sale price or the official closing price of the day, respectively. Over-the-counter securities and listed securities for which there is no reported sale are valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Securities that trade in multiple markets or on multiple exchanges are valued according to the broadest and most representative market. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value.

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Foreign securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded, or the NYSE, whichever is earlier. If no sale is reported at that time, the foreign security will be valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at the close of the NYSE on the day that the value of the foreign security is determined.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of individual securities and other assets for which market prices are not readily available or which may not be reliably priced. Methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis, matrix pricing, discounts from market prices of similar securities, or discounts applied due to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such securities, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into question the availability (including the reliability) of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services. All security valuation procedures are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

B. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date. Occasionally, events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION (CONTINUED)

The Fund does not separately report the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from changes in market prices on securities held. Such changes are included in net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments on the Statement of Operations.

Realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the recorded amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in foreign exchange rates on foreign denominated assets and liabilities other than investments in securities held at the end of the reporting period.

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C. FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

When the Fund purchases or sells foreign securities it may enter into foreign exchange contracts to minimize foreign exchange risk from the trade date to the settlement date of the transactions. A foreign exchange contract is an agreement between two parties to exchange different currencies at an agreed upon exchange rate on a specified date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on these contracts are included in the Statement of Operations.

The risks of these contracts include movement in the values of the foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar and the possible inability of the counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contracts, which may be in excess of the amount reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

D. INCOME AND DEFERRED TAXES

No provision has been made for U.S. income taxes because the Fund's policy is to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute to shareholders substantially all of its taxable income and net realized gains.

The Fund is subject to a tax imposed on net realized gains of securities of certain foreign countries. The Fund records an estimated deferred tax liability for net unrealized gains on these securities in an amount that would be payable if the securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

Foreign securities held by the Fund may be subject to foreign taxation. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Fund invests.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS, INVESTMENT INCOME, EXPENSES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on a specific identification basis. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis). Distributable earnings determined on a tax basis may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary differences are not reclassified, as they will reverse in subsequent periods.

F. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income

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and expense during the reporting year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. GUARANTEES AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified by the Fund against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The Board of the Fund previously authorized an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, Fund shares in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. This authorization remains in effect.

At August 31, 2005, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value). During the year ended August 31, 2005, 15,994 shares were issued for \$242,988 from reinvested distributions. During the year ended August 31, 2004, 23,888 shares were issued for \$284,125 from reinvested distributions.

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3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Franklin Resources, Inc. is the holding company for various subsidiaries that together are referred to as Franklin Templeton Investments. Certain officers and trustees of the Fund are also officers and/or directors of the following subsidiaries:

SUBSIDIARY	AFFILIATION
Templeton Asset Management Ltd. (TAML)	Investment manager
Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services)	Administrative manager

A. MANAGEMENT FEES

The Fund pays an investment management fee to TAML based on the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows:

ANNUALIZED FEE RATE	NET ASSETS
1.250%	Up to and including \$1 billion
1.200%	Over \$1 billion, up to and including \$5 billion
1.150%	Over \$5 billion, up to and including \$10 billion
1.100%	Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$15 billion
1.050%	Over \$15 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
1.000%	In excess of \$20 billion

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B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Fund pays an administrative fee to FT Services of 0.15% per year based on the Fund's average daily net assets.

4. EXPENSE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the year ended August 31, 2005, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

5. INCOME TAXES

During the year ended August 31, 2005, the Fund utilized \$5,657,930 of capital loss carryforwards.

For tax purposes, realized currency losses occurring subsequent to October 31, may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first day of the following fiscal year. At August 31, 2005, the Fund deferred realized currency losses of \$147,996.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5. INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended August 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

	2005	2004
Distributions paid from - ordinary income	\$4,335,961	\$4,094,975

Net investment income differs for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of foreign currency transactions, passive foreign investment company shares, and foreign tax refunds.

Net realized gains (losses) differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of wash sales, foreign currency transactions, passive foreign investment company shares, and foreign tax refunds.

At August 31, 2005, the cost of investments, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), undistributed ordinary income and undistributed long term capital gains for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$ 235,149,241	
	=====	
Unrealized appreciation	\$ 86,152,541	
Unrealized depreciation	(3,900,039)	

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 82,252,502	
	=====	
Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 6,510,466	
Undistributed long term capital gains	24,329,151	

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Distributable earnings	\$ 30,839,617
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\$ 30,839,617
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6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short-term securities) for the year ended August 31, 2005 aggregated \$98,956,087 and \$104,606,963, respectively.

7. RISK OF INVESTING IN FOREIGN SECURITIES

Investing in foreign securities may include certain risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities, such as fluctuating currency values and changing local and regional economic, political and social conditions, which may result in greater market volatility. In addition, certain foreign securities may not be as liquid as U.S. securities.

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8. INVESTMENTS IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

The Fund may invest in the Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio (the Sweep Money Fund), an open-end investment company managed by Franklin Advisers Inc. (an affiliate of the investment manager). Management fees paid by the Fund are reduced on assets invested in the Sweep Money Fund, in an amount not to exceed the management fees paid by the Sweep Money Fund.

9. REGULATORY MATTERS

INVESTIGATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS

As part of various investigations by a number of federal, state, and foreign regulators and governmental entities, including the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the California Attorney General's Office ("CAGO"), and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), relating to certain practices in the mutual fund industry, including late trading, market timing and marketing support payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares, Franklin Resources, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries (as used in this section, together, the "Company"), as well as certain current or former executives and employees of the Company, provided documents and information in response to subpoenas and/or requests for documents, information and/or testimony. Beginning in August 2004, the Company entered into settlements with certain of the regulators and a governmental entity investigating the mutual fund industry practices noted above. The Company believes that settlement of each of the matters is in the best interest of the Company and shareholders of the Franklin, Templeton, and Mutual Series mutual funds (the "funds").

Two of the settlement agreements, those with the SEC and the CAGO concerning marketing support payments, provide that the distribution of settlement monies are to be made to the relevant funds, not to individual shareholders. The CAGO has approved the distribution plan pertaining to the distribution of the monies owed under the CAGO settlement agreement and, in accordance with the terms and conditions of that settlement, the monies were disbursed to the participating funds. The Fund did not participate in the CAGO settlement. The SEC has not yet approved the distribution plan pertaining to the SEC settlement. When approved,

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disbursements of settlement monies under the SEC's settlement will be made promptly in accordance with the terms and conditions of that order.

OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On April 12, 2005, the Attorney General of West Virginia filed a complaint in the Circuit Court of Marshall County, West Virginia against a number of companies engaged in the mutual fund industry, including Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiary, Franklin Advisers, Inc., and certain other parties alleging violations of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act and seeking, among other things, civil penalties and attorneys' fees and costs. Defendants have since removed the matter to the United States District Court for the Northern District of West

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9. REGULATORY MATTERS (CONTINUED)

OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS (CONTINUED)

Virginia. To the extent applicable to the Company, the complaint arises from activity that occurred in 2001 and duplicates, in whole or in part, the allegations asserted in the February 4, 2004 Massachusetts Administrative Complaint concerning one instance of market timing (the "Administrative Complaint") and the SEC's findings regarding market timing in its August 2, 2004 Order (the "SEC Order"), both of which matters were previously reported.

The Company, in addition to certain funds, and certain current and former officers, employees, and directors have been named in multiple lawsuits in different courts alleging violations of various federal securities and state laws and seeking, among other relief, monetary damages, restitution, removal of fund trustees, directors, advisers, administrators, and distributors, rescission of management contracts and 12b-1 plans, and/or attorneys' fees and costs. Specifically, the lawsuits claim breach of duty with respect to alleged arrangements to permit market timing and/or late trading activity, or breach of duty with respect to the valuation of the portfolio securities of certain Templeton funds managed by Franklin Resources, Inc. subsidiaries, allegedly resulting in market timing activity. The majority of these lawsuits duplicate, in whole or in part, the allegations asserted in the Administrative Complaint and the SEC's findings regarding market timing in the SEC Order. The lawsuits are styled as class actions, or derivative actions on behalf of either the named funds or Franklin Resources, Inc.

The Company, in addition to certain funds, and certain current and former officers, employees, and directors have been named in multiple lawsuits alleging violations of various securities laws and pendent state law claims relating to the disclosure of marketing support payments and/or payment of allegedly excessive commissions and/or advisory or distribution fees, and seeking, among other relief, monetary damages, restitution, rescission of advisory contracts, including recovery of all fees paid pursuant to those contracts, an accounting of all monies paid to the named advisers, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and/or attorneys' fees and costs. These lawsuits are styled as class actions or derivative actions brought on behalf of the named funds.

The Company and fund management strongly believe that the claims made in each of the lawsuits described above are without merit and intend to defend against them

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vigorously. The Company cannot predict with certainty the eventual outcome of these lawsuits, nor whether they will have a material negative impact on the Company. Public trust and confidence are critical to the Company's business and any material loss of investor and/or client confidence could result in a significant decline in assets under management by the Company, which would have an adverse effect on future financial results. If it is determined that the Company bears responsibility for any unlawful or inappropriate conduct that caused losses to the Fund, it is committed to making the Fund or its shareholders whole, as appropriate. The Company is committed to taking all appropriate actions to protect the interests of its funds' shareholders.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the "Fund") at August 31, 2005, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at August 31, 2005 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, California
October 10, 2005

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TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED)

Under Section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$24,329,151 as a capital gain dividend for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005.

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Under Section 854(b)(2) of the Code the Fund designates up to a maximum of \$4,024,520 as qualified dividends for purposes of the maximum rate under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005. In January 2006, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of qualified dividends distributed during the calendar year 2005. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their individual income tax returns.

At August 31, 2005 more than 50% of the Templeton Emerging Markets Fund's total assets were invested in securities of foreign issuers. In most instances, foreign taxes were withheld from dividends paid to the Fund on these investments. As shown in the table below, the Fund designates to shareholders the foreign source income and foreign taxes paid, pursuant to Section 853 of the Code. This designation will allow shareholders of record on November 4, 2005, to treat their proportionate share of foreign taxes paid by the Fund as having been paid directly by them. The shareholder shall consider these amounts as foreign taxes paid in the tax year in which they receive the Fund distribution.

The following table provides a detailed analysis, by country, of foreign tax paid, foreign source income, and foreign qualified dividends as designated by the Fund, to shareholders of record.

RECORD DATE: 11/04/2005

COUNTRY	FOREIGN TAX PAID PER SHARE	FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME PER SHARE	FOREIGN QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS PER SHARE
Austria	\$0.0004	\$0.0036	\$0.0036
Belgium	0.0001	0.0013	0.0013
Brazil	0.0051	0.0504	0.0000
Canada	0.0000	0.0002	0.0002
China	0.0000	0.0229	0.0080
Croatia	0.0000	0.0024	0.0000
Greece	0.0000	0.0009	0.0009
Hong Kong	0.0000	0.0280	0.0000
Hungary	0.0004	0.0066	0.0066
India	0.0000	0.0079	0.0079
Indonesia	0.0000	0.0002	0.0002
Malaysia	0.0000	0.0042	0.0000
Mexico	0.0000	0.0148	0.0148
Panama	0.0000	0.0016	0.0016
Philippines	0.0003	0.0016	0.0016
Poland	0.0006	0.0059	0.0059
Russia	0.0005	0.0053	0.0037
Singapore	0.0000	0.0312	0.0000
South Africa	0.0011	0.0396	0.0078
South Korea	0.0052	0.0453	0.0453
Sweden	0.0000	0.0028	0.0000

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TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

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COUNTRY	FOREIGN TAX PAID PER SHARE	FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME PER SHARE	FOREIGN QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS PER SHARE
Taiwan	0.0235	0.0597	0.0000
Thailand	0.0004	0.0061	0.0061
Turkey	0.0000	0.0198	0.0198
United Kingdom	0.0000	0.0014	0.0000
TOTAL	\$0.0376	\$0.3637	\$0.1353

Foreign Tax Paid per Share (Column 1) is the amount per share available to you, as a tax credit or deduction (assuming you held your shares in the Fund for a minimum of 16 days during the 30-day period beginning 15 days before the ex-dividend date of the Fund's distribution to which the foreign taxes relate).

Foreign Source Income per Share (Column 2) is the amount per share of income dividends paid to you that is attributable to foreign securities held by the Fund, plus any foreign taxes withheld on these dividends. The amounts reported include foreign source qualified dividends without adjustment for the lower U.S. tax rates.

Foreign Qualified Dividends per Share (Column 3) is the amount per share of foreign source qualified dividends the Fund paid to you, plus any foreign taxes withheld on these dividends. These amounts represent the portion of the Foreign Source Income reported to you in column 2 that were derived from qualified foreign securities held by the Fund. If you have foreign source qualified dividends, you may be required to make certain adjustments to those amounts before taking them into account on line 1 of Form 1116. However, you may qualify for an adjustment exception. Please see the instructions to Form 1116 for more information.

In January 2006, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of taxes paid and foreign source income distributed during the calendar year 2005. The Foreign Source Income reported on Form 1099-DIV has not been reduced to take into account the tax rate differential on foreign source qualified dividend income. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their 2005 individual income tax returns.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 25, 2005

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the Fund's offices, 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 25, 2005. The purpose of the meeting was to elect four Trustees of the Fund. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Trustees of the Fund: Harris J. Ashton, Frank J. Crothers, S. Joseph Fortunato and Edith E. Holiday.* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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The results of the voting at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

The election of four (4) Trustees:

TERM EXPIRING 2008	FOR	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	% OF SHARES PRESENT AND VOTING	WITHHELD
Harris J. Ashton	14,285,941.8329	80.75%	97.95%	298,801.7521
Frank J. Crothers	14,447,401.8329	81.66%	99.06%	137,341.7521
S. Joseph Fortunato	14,284,438.8329	80.74%	97.94%	300,304.7521
Edith E. Holiday	14,299,253.8329	80.82%	98.04%	285,489.7521

* Harmon E. Burns, Charles B. Johnson, Gordon S. Macklin, Fred R. Millsaps, Frank A. Olson and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos are Trustees of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office continued after the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

The Fund offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan") with the following features:

Shareholders must affirmatively elect to participate in the Plan; share dividends and capital gains distributions will be reinvested automatically; Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 3338, South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1938, will provide additional Plan information upon request.

Whenever the Fund declares dividends in either cash or shares of the Fund, if the market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the valuation date, the participant will receive the dividends entirely in shares at a price equal to the net asset value, but not less than 95% of the then current market price of the Fund's shares. If the market price is lower than net asset value or if dividends and/or capital gains distributions are payable only in cash, the participant will receive shares purchased on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market.

A participant has the option of submitting additional cash payments to Mellon Bank, N.A. (the "Plan Administrator"), in any amounts of at least \$100, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per month, for the purchase of Fund shares for his or her account. These payments shall be made by check or money order payable to "Mellon Bank, N.A." and sent to Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 382009, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8009, Attention: Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. The Plan Administrator shall apply such payments (less a \$5.00 service charge and less a pro rata share of trading fees) to purchases of Fund shares on the open market.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and/or capital gains does not relieve the participant of any income tax that may be payable on dividends or distributions.

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Whenever shares are purchased on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market, each participant will pay a pro rata portion of trading fees. Trading fees will be deducted from amounts to be invested. The Plan Agent's fee for a sale of shares through the Plan are \$15.00 per transaction plus a \$0.12 per share trading fee.

The participant may withdraw from the Plan without penalty at any time by written notice to the Plan Administrator sent to Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 3338, South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1938. Upon withdrawal, the participant will receive, without charge, share certificates issued in the participant's name for all full shares held by the Plan Administrator; or, if the participant wishes, the Plan Administrator will sell the shares and send the proceeds to the participant, less a service charge of \$15.00 and less trading fees of \$0.12 per share.

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TRANSFER AGENT

Mellon Investor Services LLC
480 Washington Boulevard
Jersey City, NJ 07310
1-800-416-5585
www.melloninvestor.com

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Shares of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EMF." The Fund's shares are also listed and traded on the Pacific Exchange. Information about the net asset value and the market price is published each Monday in the WALL STREET JOURNAL, weekly in BARRON'S and each Saturday in THE NEW YORK TIMES and other newspapers. Daily market prices for the Fund's shares are published in the "New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions" section of newspapers.

For current information about dividends and shareholder accounts, call 1-800-416-5585. Registered shareholders can access their Fund account on-line with Investor ServiceDirect(R). For information go to Mellon Investor Services' web site at <https://vault.melloninvestor.com/isd> and follow the instructions.

The daily closing net asset value as of the previous business day may be obtained when available by calling Franklin Templeton Fund Information after 7 a.m. Pacific time any business day at 1-800/DIAL BEN(R) (1-800/342-5236). The Fund's net asset value and dividends are also listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.'s Mutual Fund Quotation Service ("NASDAQ MFQS").

Shareholders not receiving copies of reports to shareholders because their shares are registered in the name of a broker or a custodian can request that they be added to the Fund's mailing list, by writing Templeton Emerging Markets Fund, 100 Fountain Parkway, P.O. Box 33030, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-8030.

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BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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The name, year of birth and address of the officers and board members, as well as their affiliations, positions held with the Fund, principal occupations during the past five years and number of U.S. registered portfolios overseen in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex are shown below. Generally, each board member serves a three-year term that continues until that person's successor is elected and qualified.

INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
HARRIS J. ASHTON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1992	141

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director of various companies; and FORMERLY, Director, RBC Holdings, Inc. (bank holding company) Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, General Host Corporation (nursery and craft centers)

FRANK J. CROTHERS (1944) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	20
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman, Island Corporate Holding Ltd.; Director and Vice Chairman, Caribbean Utilities Co. Limited.; director of various other business and nonprofit organizations; and FORMERLY, Chairman, Atl (1977-2003).

S. JOSEPH FORTUNATO (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1992	142
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Attorney; and FORMERLY, member of the law firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch (until 2002) (Cons

EDITH E. HOLIDAY (1952) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1996	137
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director or Trustee of various companies and trusts; and FORMERLY, Assistant to the President of the Cabinet (1990-1993); General Counsel to the United States Treasury Department (1989-1990); and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Public Liaison-United States Treasury Department (1988

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
GORDON S. MACKLIN (1928) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1993	141

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director of various companies; and FORMERLY, Deputy Chairman, White Mountains Insurance Group, Lt. Chairman, White River Corporation (financial services) (1993-1998) and Hambrecht & Quist Group (i President, National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (1970-1987).

FRED R. MILLSAPS (1929) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1990	27
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director of various business and nonprofit organizations; manager of personal investments (1978-p Chief Executive Officer, Landmark Banking Corporation (1969-1978); Financial Vice President, Flor and Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (1958-1965).

FRANK A. OLSON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2003	101
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman Emeritus, The Hertz Corporation (car rental) (since 2000) (Chairman of the Board (1980-2000) (1977-1999)); and FORMERLY, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, UAL Corporation

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
CONSTANTINE D. TSERETOPOULOS (1954) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	20

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Physician, Lyford Cay Hospital (1987-present); and director of various nonprofit organizations; and Internal Medicine Resident, University of Maryland (1985-1987) and Internal Medicine Resident, Greater Baltimore Medical Center

INTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
**HARMON E. BURNS (1945) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee and Vice President	Trustee since 1992 and Vice President since 1996	21

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President, Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Executive Vice President, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; and officer and/or may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 46 of the investment Investments.

**CHARLES B. JOHNSON (1933) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee, Chairman of the Board and Vice President	Trustee and Chairman of the Board since 1995 and Vice President since 1992	141
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman of the Board, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director, Fiduciary Trust Company International; and officer and/or director of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 43 of the investment companies

JAMES M. DAVIS (1952) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2004	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, Global Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of 48 of the investment companies and FORMERLY, Director of Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc. (1994-2001).

JEFFERY A. EVERETT (1964) PO Box N-7759 Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas	Vice President	Since 2001	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

President and Director, Templeton Global Advisors Limited; officer of 14 of the investment companies in Templeton Investments.

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
JIMMY D. GAMBILL (1947) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration	Since 2002	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; Senior Vice President, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; and officer of 48 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

DAVID P. GOSS (1947) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2000	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and director of one of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Director, Property Resources Equity Trust (until 1999) and Franklin Select Realty Trust (until 1999)

BARBARA J. GREEN (1947) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2000	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Secretary and Senior Vice President, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; Secretary, Franklin Advisers, Inc., Franklin Advisory Services, LLC, Franklin Investments, Inc.

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Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC, Franklin Templeton Alternative Strategies, Inc., Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc., Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC, Franklin Templeton Services, Inc.; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Deputy Director, Division of Investment Management, Advisor to the Chairman, Counselor to the Chairman, Special Counsel and Attorney Fellow, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (1986-1995); Attorney, Rogers & Wells (until 1986); and Judicial Clerk, U.S. District Court (District of Columbia) (1979).

RUPERT H. JOHNSON, JR. (1940) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 1996	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Director, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc. and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Templeton investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

JOHN R. KAY (1940) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Vice President	Since 1994	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice President, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; Assistant Vice President, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Director, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Templeton investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Vice President and Controller, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC.

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
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MICHAEL O. MAGDOL (1937) 600 Fifth Avenue Rockefeller Center New York, NY 10020-2302	Vice President - AML Compliance	Since 2002	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice Chairman, Chief Banking Officer and Director, Fiduciary Trust Company International; Director, Suisse SA, Arch Chemicals, Inc. and Lingnan Foundation; and officer and/or director, as the case may be, of some of the subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

MARK MOBIUS (1936) 17th Floor, The Chater House 8 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong President and Chief Executive	Officer - Investment Management President since 1987	and Chief Executive Officer - Investment Management since 2002	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Portfolio Manager of various Templeton advisory affiliates; Managing Director, Templeton Asset Management; President and Director, Templeton Global Advisors Limited; and officer and/or director, as the case may be, of some of the subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of six of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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President, International Investment Trust Company Limited (investment manager of Taiwan R.O.C. Fu Vickers da Costa, Hong Kong (1983-1986)).

ROBERT C.ROSSELOT (1960) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Secretary	Since December 2004	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President and A Investment Counsel, LLC and Fiduciary Trust International of the South; and officer of 14 of the Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Assistant General Counsel, The Prudential Insurance Company

GREGORY R. SEWARD (1956) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Treasurer	Since 2004	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 14 of the investment companies in Fr FORMERLY, Vice President, JPMorgan Chase (2000-2004) and American General Financial Group (1991-2

MURRAY L. SIMPSON (1937) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2000	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Executive Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and/or director, as the case may be, Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 48 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; Officer and Managing Director, Templeton Franklin Investment Services (Asia) Limited (until 2000) Management Ltd. (until 1999).

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
GALEN G. VETTER (1951) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	Since 2004	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 48 of the investment companies Investments; and FORMERLY, Managing Director, RSM McGladrey, Inc. (1999-2004); and Partner, McGla 1991-2004).

* We base the number of portfolios on each separate series of the registered investment companies comprising the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. These portfolios have a common investment adviser or affiliated

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investment advisers.

** Charles B. Johnson is considered an interested person of the Trust under the federal securities laws due to his position as an officer and director and major shareholder of Franklin Resources, Inc. (Resources), which is the parent company of the Trust's adviser. Harmon E. Burns is considered an interested person of the Trust under the federal securities laws due to his position as officer and director of Resources.

Note: Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are brothers.

THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REQUIRE THE FUND TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THE FUND'S AUDIT COMMITTEE INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUCH ACT AND RULES. THE FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE SUCH FINANCIAL EXPERT ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND HAS DESIGNATED EACH OF FRED R. MILLSAPS AND FRANK A. OLSON AS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT MESSRS. MILLSAPS AND OLSON QUALIFY AS SUCH AN EXPERT IN VIEW OF THEIR EXTENSIVE BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. MR. MILLSAPS, WHO IS CURRENTLY A DIRECTOR OF VARIOUS BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 1991 AND WAS FORMERLY CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LANDMARK BANKING CORPORATION AND FINANCIAL VICE PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT. MR. OLSON, WHO HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 2003, CURRENTLY SERVES AS CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF THE HERTZ CORPORATION AND WAS FORMERLY CHAIRMAN FROM 1980-2000 AND ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM 1977 TO 1999, IS A DIRECTOR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD., AND A FORMER CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UAL CORPORATION. AS A RESULT OF SUCH BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BELIEVES THAT MR. MILLSAPS AND MR. OLSON HAVE EACH ACQUIRED AN UNDERSTANDING OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THE GENERAL APPLICATION OF SUCH PRINCIPLES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES, ACCRUALS AND RESERVES, AND ANALYZING AND EVALUATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT PRESENT A BREADTH AND LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY OF ACCOUNTING ISSUES GENERALLY COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE FUND, AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF AUDIT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS. MESSRS. MILLSAPS AND OLSON ARE INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED UNDER THE APPLICABLE STOCK EXCHANGE RULES AND U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULES AND RELEASES.

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY CONTRACT

At a meeting held May 11, 2005, the Board of Trustees ("Board"), including a majority of non-interested or independent Trustees, approved renewal of the investment advisory contract for the Fund. In reaching this decision, the Board took into account information furnished throughout the year at regular Board meetings, as well as information prepared specifically in connection with the annual renewal review process. Information furnished and discussed throughout the year included reports on the Fund, the share price premium or discount to net asset value, the results of investment performance and related financial information for the Fund, as well as periodic reports on legal, compliance, pricing, brokerage commissions and execution and other services provided by the Investment Manager ("Manager") and its affiliates. Information furnished specifically in connection with the renewal process included a report prepared

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by Lipper Financial Services ("Lipper"), an independent organization, as well as a Fund profitability analysis report prepared by management. The Lipper report compared the Fund's investment performance and expenses with those of other funds deemed comparable to the Fund as selected by Lipper. The Fund profitability analysis report discussed the profitability to Franklin Templeton Investments from its overall U.S. fund operations, as well as on an individual fund-by-fund basis. Included with such profitability analysis report was information on a fund-by-fund basis listing portfolio managers and other accounts they manage, as well as information on management fees charged by the Manager including management's explanation of differences where relevant, and a three-year expense analysis with an explanation for any increase in expense ratios. Additional information accompanying such report was a memorandum prepared by management describing enhancements to the services provided to the Fund by the Franklin Templeton Investments organization, as well as a memorandum relating to economies of scale.

In considering such materials, the independent Trustees received assistance and advice from and met separately with independent counsel. In approving continuance of the investment advisory contract for the Fund, the Board, including a majority of independent Trustees, determined that the existing management fee structure was fair and reasonable and that continuance of the investment advisory contract was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. While attention was given to all information furnished, the following discusses the primary factors relevant to the Board's decision.

NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICE. The Board was satisfied with the nature and quality of the overall services provided by the Manager and its affiliates to the Fund and its shareholders. In addition to investment performance and expenses discussed later, the Board's opinion was based, in part, upon periodic reports furnished them showing that the investment policies and restrictions for the Fund were consistently complied with as well as other reports periodically furnished the Board covering matters such as the compliance of portfolio managers and other management personnel with the code of ethics adopted throughout the Franklin Templeton fund complex, the adherence to fair value pricing procedures established by the Board, and the accuracy of net asset value calculations. Favorable consideration was given to management's efforts and expenditures in establishing back-up systems and recovery procedures

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BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY CONTRACT (CONTINUED)

to function in the event of a natural disaster, it being noted by the Board that such systems and procedures had functioned smoothly during the hurricanes and blackout experienced last year in Florida. Other factors taken into account by the Board were the Manager's best execution trading policies, as well as the compliance procedures and qualifications of the Chief Compliance Officer established in accordance with recently adopted SEC requirements. Consideration was also given to the experience of the Fund's portfolio management team, the number of accounts managed and general method of compensation. In this latter respect, the Board noted that a primary factor in management's determination of the level of a portfolio manager's bonus compensation was the relative investment performance of the funds he or she managed so as to be aligned with the interests of Fund shareholders.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. The Board placed significant emphasis on the investment

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performance of the Fund in view of its importance to shareholders. While consideration was given to performance reports and discussions with portfolio managers at Board meetings during the year, particular attention in assessing performance was given to the Lipper reports furnished for the contract renewals. The Lipper report for the Fund showed its investment performance for the one-year period ended February 28, 2005, as well as the previous ten years ended that date in comparison to a Lipper performance universe consisting of the Fund and all retail and institutional emerging market funds as selected by Lipper. Such report considers total return on a fund net asset basis without regard to market discounts or premiums in order to accurately reflect investment performance. The Lipper report showed the Fund's total return for the one-year period to be in the second highest quintile of such performance universe, and on an annualized basis to be in the highest quintile of such universe for each of the previous three- and ten-year periods and the second highest quintile of such universe for the previous five-year period. The Board was satisfied with such performance.

COMPARATIVE EXPENSES. Consideration was given to a comparative analysis of the management fee and total expense ratios of the Fund compared with a Lipper selected expense group consisting of the Fund and the two other closed-end emerging markets funds. Prior to making such comparison, the Board relied upon a survey showing that the scope of management advisory services covered under the Fund's investment advisory contract was similar to those provided by fund managers to other mutual fund groups that would be used as a basis of comparison in the Lipper reports. In reviewing comparative costs, emphasis was given to the Fund's management fee in comparison with the effective management fee that would have been charged by the other two funds within the Lipper expense group assuming they were the same size as the Fund, as well as the actual total expenses of the Fund in comparison with those of the other two funds. The Lipper effective management fee analysis considers administrative fees to be part of management fees and the results of such expense comparison showed the Fund's effective management fee rate to be the highest of such expense group, while its total actual expenses were the lowest in such group. The Board found the Fund's management fee and expenses in comparison to those of the expense group to be acceptable.

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MANAGEMENT PROFITABILITY. The Board also considered the level of profits realized by the Manager and its affiliates in connection with the operation of the Fund. In this respect, the Board reviewed the Fund profitability analysis that addresses the overall profitability of Franklin Templeton's U.S. fund business, as well as its profits in providing management and other services to the Fund. The Board also considered the extent to which the Manager and its affiliates might derive ancillary benefits from fund operations, as well as potential benefits resulting from allocation of fund brokerage and the use of "soft" commission dollars to pay for research. Specific attention was given to the methodology followed in allocating costs to the Fund, it being recognized that allocation methodologies are inherently subjective and various allocation methodologies may each be reasonable while producing different results. In this respect, the Board noted that the cost allocation methodology was consistent with that followed in profitability report presentations made in prior years and that it had engaged on a biennial basis the Fund's independent accountants to perform certain procedures specified by the Board solely for its purpose and

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use. It was also noted that legal costs and payments incurred by Franklin Templeton in resolving various legal proceedings arising from its U.S. fund operations had not been allocated to the Fund for purposes of determining profitability. Included in the analysis were the revenue and related costs involved in managing the Fund, as well as its relative contribution to the profitability of the Manager's parent. In reviewing and discussing such analysis, management discussed with the Board its belief that costs incurred in establishing the infrastructure necessary to the type of fund operations conducted by the Manager and its corporate affiliates may not be fully reflected in the expenses allocated to the Fund in determining its profitability, as well as the fact that the level of profits, to a certain extent, reflected operational cost savings and efficiencies initiated by management. In addition, the Board considered a third-party study comparing the profitability of the Manager's parent on an overall basis as compared to other publicly held managers broken down to show profitability from management operations exclusive of distribution expenses, as well as profitability including distribution expenses. Based upon their consideration of all these factors, the Board determined that the level of profits realized by the Manager under its investment advisory contract with the Fund was not excessive in view of the nature, quality and extent of services provided.

ECONOMIES OF SCALE. The Board also considered whether the Manager realizes economies of scale as the Fund grows larger and the extent to which any such benefit is shared with the Fund and its shareholders. The Board believed that a manager's ability to realize economies of scale and the sharing of such benefit is a more relevant consideration in the case of an open-end fund whose size increases as a result of the continuous sale of its shares. A closed-end investment company such as the Fund does not continuously offer shares and growth following its initial public offering will primarily result from market appreciation, which benefits its shareholders. While believing economies of scale to be less of a factor in the context of a closed-end fund, the Board believes at some point an increase in size may lead to economies of scale which should be shared with the Fund and its shareholders and intends to monitor future growth of the Fund accordingly. The Board also noted that in the previous year it had added a breakpoint to the Fund's investment advisory fee at the \$1 billion level.

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Fund has established Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Policies") that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. Shareholders may view the Fund's complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954/847-2268 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at sec.gov and reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund files a complete statement of investments with the U.S. Securities and

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Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's website at sec.gov. The filed form may also be viewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800/SEC-0330.

CERTIFICATIONS

The Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration is required by the New York Stock Exchange's Listing Standards to file annually with the Exchange a certification that he is not aware of any violation by the Fund of the Exchange's Corporate Governance Standards applicable to the Fund. The Fund has filed such certification.

In addition, the Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer are required by the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to provide certain certifications with respect to the Fund's Form N-CSR and Form N-CSRS (which include the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders) that are filed semiannually with the Commission. The Fund has filed such certifications with its Form N-CSRS for the six months ended February 28, 2005. Additionally, the Fund expects to file, on or about October 31, 2005, such certifications with its Form N-CSR for the year ended August 31, 2005.

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FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS

INTERNATIONAL

Mutual European Fund
Templeton China World Fund
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Templeton Foreign Fund
Templeton Foreign Smaller Companies Fund
Templeton International (Ex EM) Fund

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GLOBAL

Mutual Discovery Fund
Templeton Global Long-Short Fund
Templeton Global Opportunities Trust
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund
Templeton Growth Fund
Templeton World Fund

GROWTH

Franklin Aggressive Growth Fund
Franklin Capital Growth Fund
Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund
Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund
Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund II(1)

VALUE

Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund(2)
Franklin Equity Income Fund
Franklin Large Cap Value Fund
Franklin MicroCap Value Fund(2)
Franklin MidCap Value Fund
Franklin Small Cap Value Fund
Mutual Beacon Fund
Mutual Qualified Fund
Mutual Recovery Fund(3)
Mutual Shares Fund

BLEND

Franklin Blue Chip Fund
Franklin Convertible Securities Fund
Franklin Growth Fund
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund
Franklin U.S. Long-Short Fund

SECTOR

Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund
Franklin DynaTech Fund
Franklin Global Communications Fund
Franklin Global Health Care Fund
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund
Franklin Natural Resources Fund
Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund
Franklin Technology Fund
Franklin Utilities Fund
Mutual Financial Services Fund

ASSET ALLOCATION

Franklin Templeton Corefolio Allocation Fund
Franklin Templeton Founding Funds Allocation Fund
Franklin Templeton Perspectives Allocation Fund

TARGET FUNDS

Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund

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Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund

INCOME

Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund(4)
Franklin's AGE High Income Fund
Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund
Franklin Income Fund
Franklin Limited Maturity U.S. Government Securities Fund(4)
Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund
Franklin Real Return Fund
Franklin Strategic Income Fund
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Templeton Hard Currency Fund
Franklin Total Return Fund
Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund(4)
Templeton Global Bond Fund
Templeton Income Fund

TAX-FREE INCOME (5)

NATIONAL FUNDS

Double Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Tax-Free Income Fund
High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund
Insured Tax-Free Income Fund(6)

LIMITED-TERM FUNDS

California Limited-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Limited-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
New York Limited-Term Tax-Free Income Fund

INTERMEDIATE-TERM FUNDS

California Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
New York Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund

STATE-SPECIFIC

Alabama
Arizona
California(7)
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida(7)
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts(6)
Michigan(6)
Minnesota(6)
Missouri
New Jersey
New York(7)
North Carolina
Ohio(7)
Oregon
Pennsylvania

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Tennessee
Virginia

INSURANCE FUNDS

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust (8)

- (1) The fund is closed to new investors. Existing shareholders can continue adding to their accounts.
- (2) The fund is only open to existing shareholders and select retirement plans.
- (3) The fund is a continuously offered, closed-end fund. Shares may be purchased daily; there is no daily redemption. However, each quarter, pending board approval, the fund will authorize the repurchase of 5%-25% of the outstanding number of shares. Investors may tender all or a portion of their shares during the tender period.
- (4) An investment in the fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government or by any other entity or institution.
- (5) For investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, a small portion of fund dividends may be taxable. Distributions of capital gains are generally taxable.
- (6) Portfolio of insured municipal securities.
- (7) These funds are available in two or more variations, including long-term portfolios, portfolios of insured securities, a high-yield portfolio (CA) and limited-term, intermediate-term and money market portfolios (CA and NY).
- (8) The funds of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust are generally available only through insurance company variable contracts.

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Investors should be aware that the value of investments made for the Fund may go down as well as up. Like any investment in securities, the value of the Fund's portfolio will be subject to the risk of loss from market, currency, economic, political and other factors. The Fund and its investors are not protected from such losses by the Investment Manager. Therefore, investors who cannot accept this risk should not invest in shares of the Fund.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

- (a) The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (f) Pursuant to Item 12(a)(1), the registrant is attaching as an exhibit a copy of its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

- (a)(1) The Registrant has an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee.
- (2) The audit committee financial experts are Fred R. Millsaps and Frank A. Olson, they are "independent" as defined under the relevant Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Releases.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) Audit Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or for services that are normally provided by the principal accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements were \$24,753 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005 and \$6,052 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004.

(b) Audit-Related Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of Item 4.

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related

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services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of their financial statements were \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005 and \$48,579 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004. The services for which these fees were paid included attestation services.

(c) Tax Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning were \$24,546 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005 and \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004. The services for which these fees were paid included tax compliance and advise.

(d) All Other Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for products and services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant not reported in paragraphs (a)-(c) of Item 4 were \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005 and \$100 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004. The services for which these fees were paid included review of materials provided to the fund Board in connection with the investment management contract renewal process.

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for products and services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant not reported in paragraphs (a)-(c) of Item 4 were \$340 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005 and \$99,985 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004. The services for which these fees were paid included review of materials provided to the fund Board in connection with the investment management contract renewal process.

(e) (1) The registrant's audit committee is directly responsible for approving the services to be provided by the auditors, including:

(i) pre-approval of all audit and audit related services;

(ii) pre-approval of all non-audit related services to be provided to the Fund by the auditors;

(iii) pre-approval of all non-audit related services to be provided to the registrant by the auditors to the registrant's investment adviser or to any entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the registrant's investment adviser and that provides ongoing services to the registrant where the non-audit services relate directly to the operations or financial reporting of the registrant; and

(iv) establishment by the audit committee, if deemed necessary or appropriate, as an alternative to committee pre-approval of services to be provided by the auditors, as required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above, of policies and procedures to permit such services to be pre-approved by other means, such as through establishment of guidelines or by action of a designated member or members of the committee; provided the policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service and the committee is informed of each service and such policies and procedures do not include delegation of audit committee responsibilities, as contemplated under the Securities Exchange Act of

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1934, to management; subject, in the case of (ii) through (iv), to any waivers, exceptions or exemptions that may be available under applicable law or rules.

(e) (2) None of the services provided to the registrant described in paragraphs (b)-(d) of Item 4 were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (i) (C) of Rule 2-01 of regulation S-X.

(f) No disclosures are required by this Item 4(f).

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees paid to the principal accountant for services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant and the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant were \$24,886 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005 and \$148,664 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004.

(h) The registrant's audit committee of the board of trustees has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Members of the Audit Committee are: Fred R. Millsaps, Frank J. Crothers, Frank A. Olson and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. N/A

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

The board of trustees of the Fund has delegated the authority to vote proxies related to the portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's manager Templeton Asset Management Limited in accordance with the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) adopted by the manager.

The manager has delegated its administrative duties with respect to the voting of proxies to the Proxy Group within Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC (Proxy Group), an affiliate and wholly owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. All proxies received by the Proxy Group will be voted based upon the manager's instructions and/or policies.

To assist it in analyzing proxies, the manager subscribes to Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), an unaffiliated third party corporate governance research service that provides in-depth analyses of shareholder meeting agendas, vote recommendations, recordkeeping and vote disclosure services. In addition, the manager subscribes to Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis), an unaffiliated third party analytical research firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations on the shareholder meetings of publicly held U.S. companies. Although ISS' and/or Glass Lewis' analyses are thoroughly reviewed and considered in making a final voting decision, the manager does not consider recommendations from ISS, Glass Lewis or any other third party to be determinative of the manager's ultimate decision. The manager votes proxies solely in the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. As a matter of policy,

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the officers, directors/trustees and employees of the Fund, the manager and the Proxy Group will not be influenced by outside sources whose interests conflict with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. All conflicts are resolved in the interests of the manager's clients. In situations where the manager perceives a material conflict of interest, the manager may: disclose the conflict to the Fund's board of trustees; defer to the voting recommendation of the Fund's board of trustees, ISS, Glass Lewis or those of another independent third party provider of proxy services; or take such other action in good faith (in consultation with counsel) which would protect the interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

The recommendation of management on any issue is a factor which the manager considers in determining how proxies should be voted, but is not determinative of the manager's ultimate decision. As a matter of practice, the votes with respect to most issues are cast in accordance with the position of the company's management. Each issue, however, is considered on its own merits, and the manager will not support the position of the company's management in any situation where it deems that the ratification of management's position would adversely affect the investment merits of owning that company's shares.

MANAGER'S PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES The manager has adopted general proxy voting guidelines, which are summarized below. These guidelines are not an exhaustive list of all the issues that may arise and the manager cannot anticipate all future situations. In all cases, each proxy will be considered based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The manager supports an independent board of directors, and prefers that key committees such as audit, nominating, and compensation committees be comprised of independent directors. The manager will generally vote against management efforts to classify a board and will generally support proposals to declassify the board of directors. The manager may withhold votes from directors who have attended less than 75% of meetings without a valid reason. While generally in favor of separating Chairman and CEO positions, the manager will review this issue as well as proposals to restore or provide for cumulative voting on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration factors such as the company's corporate governance guidelines or provisions and performance.

RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES. In light of several high profile accounting scandals, the manager will closely scrutinize the role and performance of auditors. On a case-by-case basis, the manager will examine proposals relating to non-audit relationships and non-audit fees. The manager will also consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals to rotate auditors, and will vote against the ratification of auditors when there is clear and compelling evidence of accounting irregularities or negligence.

MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION. A company's equity-based compensation plan should be in alignment with its shareholders' long-term interests. The manager evaluates plans on a case-by-case basis by considering several factors to determine whether the plan is fair and reasonable, including the ISS quantitative model utilized to assess such plans and/or the Glass Lewis evaluation of the plans. The manager will generally oppose plans that have the potential to be excessively dilutive, and will almost always oppose plans that are structured to allow the repricing of underwater options, or plans that have an automatic share replenishment "evergreen" feature. The manager will generally support employee stock option plans in which the purchase price is at least 85% of fair market value, and when potential dilution is 10% or less.

Severance compensation arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, although the manager will generally oppose "golden parachutes" that are considered to be excessive. The manager will normally support proposals that require a percentage of directors' compensation to be in the form of common

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stock, as it aligns their interests with those of shareholders. The manager will review on a case-by-case basis any shareholder proposals to adopt policies on expensing stock option plans.

ANTI-TAKEOVER MECHANISMS AND RELATED ISSUES. The manager generally opposes anti-takeover measures since they tend to reduce shareholder rights. On occasion, the manager may vote with management when the research analyst has concluded that the proposal is not onerous and would not harm the Fund or its shareholders' interests. The manager generally supports proposals that require shareholder rights' plans ("poison pills") to be subject to a shareholder vote and will closely evaluate such plans on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not they warrant support. The manager will generally vote against any proposal to issue stock that has unequal or subordinate voting rights. The manager generally opposes any supermajority voting requirements as well as the payment of "greenmail." The manager generally supports "fair price" provisions and confidential voting.

CHANGES TO CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The manager will review, on a case-by-case basis, proposals by companies to increase authorized shares and the purpose for the increase and proposals seeking preemptive rights. The manager will generally not vote in favor of dual-class capital structures to increase the number of authorized shares where that class of stock would have superior voting rights. The manager will generally vote in favor of the issuance of preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock issuance are deemed reasonable.

MERGERS AND CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING. Mergers and acquisitions will be subject to careful review by the research analyst to determine whether each will be beneficial to shareholders. The manager will analyze various economic and strategic factors in making the final decision on a merger or acquisition. Corporate restructuring and reincorporation proposals are also subject to a thorough examination on a case-by-case basis.

SOCIAL AND CORPORATE POLICY ISSUES. The manager will generally give management discretion with regard to social, environmental and ethical issues, although the manager may vote in favor of those that are believed to have significant economic benefits or implications for the Fund and its shareholders.

GLOBAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. Many of the tenets discussed above are applied to proxy voting decisions for international companies. However, the manager must be more flexible in these instances and must be mindful of the varied market practices of each region.

The manager will attempt to process every proxy it receives for all domestic and foreign proxies. However, there may be situations in which the manager cannot process proxies, for example, where a meeting notice was received too late, or sell orders preclude the ability to vote. The manager may abstain from voting under certain circumstances or vote against items such as "Other Business" when the manager is not given adequate information from the company.

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ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES. N/A

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ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND AFFILIATED PURCHASES. N/A

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS OF A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

There have been no changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's Board of Trustees that would require disclosure herein.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES. The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS. There have been no significant changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

(a) (1) Code of Ethics

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Jimmy D. Gambill, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Galen G. Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Jimmy D. Gambill, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Galen G. Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

SIGNATURES

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

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By /s/JIMMY D. GAMBILL
Chief Executive Officer -
Finance and Administration
Date October 21, 2005

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

By /s/JIMMY D. GAMBILL
Chief Executive Officer -
Finance and Administration
Date October 21, 2005

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER
Chief Financial Officer
Date October 21, 2005