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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: 8/31/06

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

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AUGUST 31, 2006

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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 8/31/06

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A PIE CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

| | |
|---|-------|
| Asia | 50.8% |
| Europe | 24.7% |
| Latin America | 13.4% |
| Middle East & Africa | 9.8% |
| Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets | 1.3% |

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Templeton Emerging Markets Fund covers the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006.

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 9.

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TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Based on Equity Investments as of 8/31/06

% OF TOTAL

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| | NET ASSETS |
|--------------|------------|
| South Korea | 16.1% |
| China | 11.9% |
| Taiwan | 10.9% |
| Brazil | 10.4% |
| South Africa | 9.6% |
| Russia | 7.7% |
| Turkey | 7.5% |
| Thailand | 3.5% |
| India | 2.9% |
| Mexico | 2.6% |

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund delivered cumulative total returns of +15.01% based on market price and +27.64% based on net asset value for the 12 months under review. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets (EM) Index posted a +30.99% cumulative total return for the same period. In line with our investment strategy, we are pleased with our long-term results, which you will find in the Performance Summary on page 6. For example, for the 10-year period ended August 31, 2006, the Fund delivered cumulative total returns of +135.19% based on market price and +169.97% based on net asset value, compared with the MSCI EM Index's +107.61% cumulative total return for the same period. 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 outperformed most developed markets during the period under review. Although a stock market correction in May led to some volatility, many emerging markets had attractive valuations and strong underlying fundamentals. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board's decision in August to leave interest rates unchanged provided investors, especially those in Asian markets, with another reason to be positive. Emerging market mutual fund inflows also stabilized in the latter part of the fiscal year as a strong economic environment and higher commodity prices, which helped many emerging market countries' exports, boosted investor confidence.

The Russian market was one of the top performers as investors remained drawn to the country's strong economic growth, strengthening finances as a result of high commodity prices, and stable political environment. The Turkish market underperformed its counterparts largely due to uncertainty resulting from the lira's weakness, high inflation and a large external deficit. However, Turkey's progress on implementing structural reforms, International Monetary Fund support and continued efforts to ensure European Union accession could allow Turkey to overcome these difficulties. High commodity prices, strong economic growth and market stability supported the South African market.

Latin American economies reported strong economic data and exhibited improved fiscal positions during the period. For example, Mexico, Brazil and

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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 global emerging markets. As of 8/31/06, the Fund's 10-year average annual total returns were +8.93% based on market price and +10.44% based on net asset value. The MSCI EM Index's average annual total return for the same period was +7.58%. 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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Argentina repaid debt to international creditors. Investors also focused on politics as some countries held presidential and general elections during the period. In Asia, countries such as India and Indonesia registered strong gains as fund flows stabilized, while Taiwan and Thailand underperformed due to political instability. China's strong economic growth and high liquidity propelled stock prices despite the government's efforts to moderate economic growth. Greater domestic liquidity, a weakening won and expectations for a recovery in domestic consumption fueled South Korea's stock market appreciation.

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 stock selection in Taiwan and Brazil. Key Taiwanese and Brazilian companies that outperformed the index, and where the Fund had overweighted exposure, were Banco Bradesco, Uni-President Enterprises and Souza Cruz. An underweighted position in Israel and overweighted exposure to Croatia further enhanced relative performance. The Fund held only one Croatian stock, Pliva, which outperformed the index.

Alternatively, our stock selection in and underweighted exposures to India and Mexico hampered Fund performance. In India, the Fund's overweighted position in Hindustan Petroleum and underweighted holding in Reliance Industries (sold by period-end) hindered the Fund's results. The Fund preferred to hold Hindustan Petroleum instead of its peer, Reliance Industries, because of what we believed was the former's more attractive valuation and the latter's lack of transparency. In Mexico, we held America Movil only for a short time, which hurt relative performance because the stock experienced strong price appreciation during the period. We did not own the company long because of what we considered its expensive valuation. Despite delivering positive absolute returns, the Fund's investments in Singapore, not an index component, adversely impacted relative performance because some stocks underperformed the index.

TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS

8/31/06

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| COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY, COUNTRY | % OF TOTAL NET ASSETS |
|---|--------------------------|
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT, SOUTH KOREA | 5.2% |
| PetroChina Co. Ltd., common & restricted OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, CHINA | 3.6% |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd. OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, BRAZIL | 3.4% |
| LUKOIL, ADR OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, RUSSIA | 3.1% |
| Anglo American PLC METALS & MINING, SOUTH AFRICA | 2.3% |
| Remgro Ltd. DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES, SOUTH AFRICA | 2.3% |
| China Mobile Ltd. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, CHINA | 2.1% |
| Gazprom, ADR OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, RUSSIA | 2.0% |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT, TAIWAN | 1.9% |
| Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd. COMMERCIAL BANKS, BRAZIL | 1.9% |

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At the sector level, the health care sector had the largest positive contribution to relative performance mainly due to the Fund's investment in Pliva, a non-index holding, rather than Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which is in the index, due to what we believed were its more attractive valuations. 2 Underweighted exposure to information technology and stock selection in consumer staples further supported performance. 3 In consumer staples, overweighted positions in Uni-President Enterprises and CJ Corp. (both sold by period-end) contributed the most to relative performance. On the other hand, stock selection in the telecommunication services and consumer discretionary sectors detracted from relative performance. 4

May's market correction contributed to what we considered attractive valuations. In line with our investment strategy, we used this as an opportunity to increase the Fund's exposure to companies we believed to be oversold mainly due to weak global market sentiment rather than poor fundamentals. We made significant purchases in Turkey's banking, multi-sector holding, and oil, gas and consumable fuels industries as we expect them to benefit from greater domestic demand and high oil prices. Specific investments included new positions in Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi (Vakifbank) and Akbank, two major commercial and consumer banks; and KOC

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Holding, a leading diversified conglomerate with interests in automotive, consumer durables, energy and finance. We also added to our holding in Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafineleri (Tupras Petrol), the country's largest industrial company with a dominant oil refining market share.

The Fund also increased its overall exposure to the oil, gas and consumable fuels industry as we believe energy stocks could benefit from greater revenues and earnings as a result of relatively high oil prices. Key investments included new positions in Russia's Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer in terms of reserves and production; and CNOOC, China's largest offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production company. We also added to existing holdings in PetroChina, a dominant player in the oil and gas exploration, development and production industry; and Russia's LUKOIL, one of the world's largest vertically integrated oil companies.

In line with our investment strategy, we made selective purchases in South Africa and Thailand. Significant additions in South Africa included new positions in

2. The health care sector comprises pharmaceuticals in the SOI.
3. The information technology sector comprises electronic equipment and instruments, and semiconductors and semi-conductor equipment in the SOI, while the consumer staples sector comprises beverages, food and staples retailing, food products, household products, personal products, and tobacco.
4. The telecommunication services sector comprises diversified telecommunication services and wireless telecommunication services in the SOI, while the consumer discretionary sector comprises automobiles; hotels, restaurants and leisure; and household durables.

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MTN Group, a dominant wireless telecommunications services provider in Africa; Imperial Holdings, a diversified transport, logistics and services group; and Edgars Consolidated Stores, a leading specialty fashion retailer in southern Africa. We believe higher incomes and strong consumer demand could lead to greater consumption of the products and services offered by these economic sectors. Thai investments included adding to positions in Siam Cement Public, Thailand's largest industrial conglomerate with substantial businesses in cement, petrochemicals and industrial paper; and Bangkok Bank Public and Kasikornbank Public, two of the country's largest banks. We believe Thailand's banking sector could continue to benefit from structural reforms, which should unlock value going forward.

Conversely, countries where we substantially reduced exposure during the period were Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Mexico as certain stocks reached their sale targets. Specific sales included Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering, South Korea's major shipbuilder; CJ Corp., a prominent integrated food maker in South Korea; Keppel, Singapore's largest shipyard operator; and Mexico's Fomento Economico Mexicano, a dominant player in its beer market. We also sold much of our holding in Singapore's Fraser & Neave, a market leader in Asia's soft drink market.

Thank you for your continued participation in Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. We look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Sincerely,

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[PHOTO OMITTED] /s/ Mark Mobius

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, 2006, 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 8/31/06

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. Total returns 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 that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends, capital gains distributions, if any, or realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

| SYMBOL: EMF | CHANGE | 8/31/06 |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Net Asset Value (NAV) | +\$2.58 | \$20.56 |
| Market Price (NYSE) | +\$0.63 | \$18.94 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/05-8/31/06) | | |
| Dividend Income | \$0.3883 | |
| Long-Term Capital Gain | \$1.6082 | |
| TOTAL | \$1.9965 | |

PERFORMANCE

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| | 1-YEAR | 5-YEAR |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| ----- | | |
| Cumulative Total Return 1 | | |
| ----- | | |
| Based on change in NAV 2 | +27.64% | +177.12% |
| ----- | | |
| Based on change in market price 3 | +15.01% | +170.08% |
| ----- | | |
| Average Annual Total Return 1 | | |
| ----- | | |
| Based on change in NAV 2 | +27.64% | +22.61% |
| ----- | | |
| Based on change in market price 3 | +15.01% | +21.99% |
| ----- | | |

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.

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.
2. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on net asset value.
3. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on the dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan.

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Important Notice to Shareholders

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

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| | YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE | | | |
| (for a share outstanding throughout the year) | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of year | \$ 17.98 | \$ 13.40 | \$ 10.82 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | |
| Net investment income a | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.22 |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) | 4.25 | 4.51 | 2.59 |
| Total from investment operations | 4.58 | 4.83 | 2.81 |
| Less distributions from: | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.39) | (0.25) | (0.23) |
| Net realized gains | (1.61) | -- | -- |
| Total distributions | (2.00) | (0.25) | (0.23) |
| Net asset value, end of year | \$ 20.56 | \$ 17.98 | \$ 13.40 |
| Market value, end of year b | \$ 18.94 | \$ 18.31 | \$ 14.24 |
| Total return (based on market value per share) | 15.01% | 30.66% | 22.62% |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA | | | |
| Net assets, end of year (000's) | \$366,549 | \$318,240 | \$236,848 |
| Ratios to average net assets: | | | |
| Expenses | 1.58% c | 1.57% c | 1.63% c |
| Net investment income | 1.66% | 2.00% | 1.70% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 43.03% | 36.04% | 67.63% |

a Based on average daily shares outstanding.

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

c Benefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

8 | The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2006

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| | INDUSTRY |
|--|--|
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS 98.7% | |
| COMMON STOCKS AND RIGHTS 90.2% | |
| ARGENTINA 0.0% a | |
| b Grupo Financiero Galicia SA, ADR | Commercial Banks |
| b Ternium SA, ADR | Metals & Mining |
| AUSTRIA 0.5% | |
| Wienerberger AG | Building Products |
| BRAZIL 2.0% | |
| Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA | Electric Utilities |
| Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA (Non-Taxable) | Electric Utilities |
| Souza Cruz SA | Tobacco |
| CHINA 11.9% | |
| Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd., H | Metals & Mining |
| Anhui Conch Cement Co. Ltd., H | Construction Materials |
| China Mobile Ltd. | Wireless Telecommunication Service |
| China Petroleum and Chemical Corp., H | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| China Telecom Corp. Ltd., H | Diversified Telecommunication Servi |
| China Travel International Investment Hong Kong Ltd. | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure Automobiles |
| Chongqing Changan Automobile Co. Ltd., B | Automobiles |
| CNOOC Ltd. | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| Datang International Power Generation Co. | Independent Power Producers & Energy T |
| Ltd., H | Automobiles |
| Denway Motors Ltd. | Independent Power Producers & Energy T |
| Huaneng Power International Inc., H | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| PetroChina Co. Ltd., H | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| c PetroChina Co. Ltd., H, 144A | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| Shanghai Industrial Holdings Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates |
| CROATIA 1.4% | |
| d Pliva d.d., GDR, Reg S | Pharmaceuticals |
| CZECH REPUBLIC 0.1% | |
| Philip Morris CR AS | Tobacco |
| FINLAND 0.4% | |
| Nokian Renkaat OYJ | Auto Components |
| HONG KONG 1.7% | |
| Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. | Real Estate |
| Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd. | Electric Utilities |
| Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. | Food & Staples Retailing |
| MTR Corp. Ltd. | Road & Rail |

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| | | INDUSTRY |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| COMMON STOCKS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| HUNGARY 2.5% | | |
| | BorsodChem Rt | Chemicals |
| b | Magyar Telekom PLC | Diversified Telecommunication Servi |
| | MOL Magyar Olaj-es Gazipari Rt | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| | Richter Gedeon Nyrt | Pharmaceuticals |
| INDIA 2.9% | | |
| | Gail India Ltd. | Gas Utilities |
| | Himatsingka Seide Ltd. | Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods |
| | Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd. | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| | Indian Oil Corp. Ltd. | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| | Oil & Natural Gas Corp. Ltd. | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| c | Oil & Natural Gas Corp. Ltd., 144A | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| INDONESIA 0.6% | | |
| | PT Astra International Tbk | Automobiles |
| | PT Bank Danamon Indonesia Tbk | Commercial Banks |
| ISRAEL 0.2% | | |
| b | Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. | Pharmaceuticals |
| MALAYSIA 1.9% | | |
| | Maxis Communications Bhd | Wireless Telecommunication Service |
| | Resorts World Bhd | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure |
| | Sime Darby Bhd | Industrial Conglomerates |
| | Tanjong PLC | Independent Power Producers & Energy T |
| | YTL Power International Bhd | Water Utilities |
| MEXICO 2.6% | | |
| | Grupo Bimbo SA de CV, A | Food Products |
| | Kimberly Clark de Mexico SA de CV, A | Household Products |
| | Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV, L, ADR | Diversified Telecommunication Servi |
| PANAMA 0.3% | | |
| | Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones SA, E | Commercial Banks |
| PERU 0.1% | | |

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| Compania de Minas Buenaventura SA, ADR | Metals & Mining |
| PHILIPPINES 0.7% | |
| San Miguel Corp., B | Beverages |

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| | INDUSTRY |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| ----- | |
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | |
| COMMON STOCKS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED) | |
| POLAND 1.2% | |
| b Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen SA | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| Telekomunikacja Polska SA | Diversified Telecommunication Servi |
| | |
| PORTUGAL 0.2% | |
| Jeronimo Martins SGPS SA | Food & Staples Retailing |
| | |
| RUSSIA 7.7% | |
| Gazprom | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| Gazprom, ADR | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| LUKOIL, ADR | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| LUKOIL, ADR (London Exchange) | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| Mining and Metallurgical Co. Norilsk Nickel | Metals & Mining |
| Mobile Telesystems, ADR | Wireless Telecommunication Service |
| b ZAO Polyus Gold Co. | Metals & Mining |
| | |
| SINGAPORE 0.6% | |
| ComfortDelGro Corp. Ltd. | Road & Rail |
| Fraser and Neave Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates |
| | |
| SOUTH AFRICA 9.6% | |
| Anglo American PLC | Metals & Mining |
| Edgars Consolidated Stores Ltd. | Specialty Retail |
| b Imperial Holdings Ltd. | Air Freight & Logistics |
| JD Group Ltd. | Specialty Retail |
| Massmart Holdings Ltd. | Food & Staples Retailing |
| MTN Group Ltd. | Wireless Telecommunication Service |
| Nampak Ltd. | Containers & Packaging |
| Nedbank Group Ltd. | Commercial Banks |
| Old Mutual PLC | Insurance |
| Remgro Ltd. | Diversified Financial Services |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SOUTH KOREA 16.1% | |
| Hana Financial Group Inc. | Commercial Banks |
| Hite Brewery Co. Ltd. | Beverages |
| Hyundai Development Co. | Construction & Engineering |
| Hyundai Motor Co. Ltd. | Automobiles |
| Kangwon Land Inc. | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure |
| Korea Gas Corp. | Gas Utilities |
| LG Card Co. Ltd. | Consumer Finance |
| LG Chem Ltd. | Chemicals |
| LG Corp. | Industrial Conglomerates |
| LG Electronics Inc. | Household Durables |
| LG Petrochemical Co. Ltd. | Chemicals |

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| ----- | | INDUSTRY |
| ----- | | |
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| COMMON STOCKS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| SOUTH KOREA (CONTINUED) | | |
| b,c Lotte Shopping Co. Ltd., GDR, 144A | | Multiline Retail |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. | | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip |
| Samsung Fine Chemicals Co. Ltd. | | Chemicals |
| Shinhan Financial Group Co. Ltd. | | Commercial Banks |
| SK Corp. | | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| SK Telecom Co. Ltd. | | Wireless Telecommunication Service |
| SWEDEN 0.9% | | |
| Oriflame Cosmetics SA, SDR | | Personal Products |
| TAIWAN 10.9% | | |
| Asustek Computer Inc. | | Computers & Peripherals |
| AU Optronics Corp. | | Electronic Equipment & Instrument |
| b BenQ Corp. | | Computers & Peripherals |
| China Motor Corp. | | Automobiles |
| Chinatrust Financial Holding Co. Ltd. | | Commercial Banks |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co. Ltd. | | Diversified Telecommunication Servi |
| D-Link Corp. | | Communications Equipment |
| LITE-ON IT Corp. | | Computers & Peripherals |
| b Lite-On Technology Corp. | | Computers & Peripherals |
| MediaTek Inc. | | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip |
| Mega Financial Holding Co. Ltd. | | Commercial Banks |
| President Chain Store Corp. | | Food & Staples Retailing |
| Realtek Semiconductor Corp. | | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip |
| Siliconware Precision Industries Co. | | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip |
| Sunplus Technology Co. Ltd. | | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip |
| Synnex Technology International Corp. | | Electronic Equipment & Instrument |
| Taiwan Mobile Co. Ltd. | | Wireless Telecommunication Service |

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip |
| b Yageo Corp. | Electronic Equipment & Instrument |
| | |
| THAILAND 3.5% | |
| Aromatics (Thailand) Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Chemicals |
| Bangkok Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Commercial Banks |
| Kasikornbank Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Commercial Banks |
| Kiatnakin Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Consumer Finance |
| Land and Houses Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Household Durables |
| Siam Cement Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Construction Materials |
| Siam Commercial Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Commercial Banks |
| b TMB Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn | Commercial Banks |
| b True Corp. Public Co. Ltd., rts., 3/28/08 | Diversified Telecommunication Servi |
| | |
| TURKEY 7.5% | |
| Akbank TAS | Commercial Banks |
| Arcelik AS, Br | Household Durables |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2006 (CONTINUED)

| | INDUSTRY |
|--|------------------------------------|
| ----- | |
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | |
| COMMON STOCKS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED) | |
| TURKEY (CONTINUED) | |
| b KOC Holding AS | Industrial Conglomerates |
| b Migros Turk TAS | Food & Staples Retailing |
| Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafineleri AS | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| b Turk Hava Yollari Anonim Ortakligi | Airlines |
| b,c Turk Hava Yollari Anonim Ortakligi, 144A | Airlines |
| Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri AS | Wireless Telecommunication Service |
| Turkiye Is Bankasi (Isbank), C | Commercial Banks |
| Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi T.A.O | Commercial Banks |
| | |
| UNITED KINGDOM 2.2% | |
| HSBC Holdings PLC | Commercial Banks |
| Provident Financial PLC | Consumer Finance |
| | |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS AND RIGHTS | |
| (COST \$239,866,034) | |
| | |
| PREFERRED STOCKS 8.5% | |
| BRAZIL 8.4% | |

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd | Commercial Banks |
| Braskem SA, pfd., A | Chemicals |
| Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, ADR, pfd., A | Metals & Mining |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| Sadia SA, pfd | Food Products |
| Suzano Papel e Celulose SA, pfd., A | Paper & Forest Products |
| Unibanco - Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros SA, GDR, pfd | Commercial Banks |
| Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais SA, pfd., A | Metals & Mining |
| | |
| RUSSIA 0.1% | |
| Surgutneftegaz, pfd | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| | |
| TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$18,591,221) | |
| | |
| TOTAL LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$258,457,255) | |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2006 (CONTINUED)

| | |
|---|--|
| SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$2,791,650) 0.8% | |
| MONEY MARKET FUND 0.8% | |
| UNITED STATES 0.8% | |
| e Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio, 4.99% | |
| | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$261,248,905) 99.5% | |
| OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 0.5% | |
| | |
| NET ASSETS 100.0% | |

SELECTED PORTFOLIO ABBREVIATIONS

ADR - American Depository Receipt
 GDR - Global Depository Receipt
 SDR - Swedish Depository Receipt

- a Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.
- b Non-income producing for the twelve months ended August 31, 2006.
- c Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of

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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 the guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At August 31, 2006, the aggregate value of these securities was \$7,158,298, representing 1.95% of net assets.

- d Security was purchased pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, which exempts from registration securities offered and sold outside of the United States. Such a security cannot be sold in the United States without either an effective registration statement filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or pursuant to an exemption from registration. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At August 31, 2006, the value of this security was \$5,208,684, representing 1.42% of net assets.
- e See Note 8 regarding investments in Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

August 31, 2006

Assets:

Investments in securities:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Cost - Unaffiliated issuers | \$258,457,255 |
| Cost - Sweep Money Fund (Note 8) | 2,791,650 |
| | ----- |
| Total cost of investments | \$261,248,905 |
| | ===== |
| Value - Unaffiliated Issuers | \$361,957,681 |
| Value - Sweep Money Fund (Note 8) | 2,791,650 |
| | ----- |
| Total value of investments | 364,749,331 |
| Cash | 298,949 |
| Foreign currency, at value (cost \$304,093) | 279,869 |
| Receivables: | |
| Investment securities sold | 538,919 |
| Dividends | 1,079,248 |
| Foreign tax | 250,272 |
| | ----- |
| Total assets | 367,196,588 |
| | ----- |

Liabilities:

Payables:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Affiliates | 437,329 |
| Deferred taxes | 2,174 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 207,759 |
| | ----- |
| Total liabilities | 647,262 |
| | ----- |
| Net assets, at value | \$366,549,326 |
| | ===== |

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|--|---------------|
| Net assets consist of: | |
| Paid-in capital | \$207,724,757 |
| Undistributed net investment income | 868,049 |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 103,463,418 |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) | 54,493,102 |
| | ----- |
| Net assets, at value | \$366,549,326 |
| | ===== |
| Shares outstanding | 17,829,304 |
| | ===== |
| Net asset value per share | \$ 20.56 |
| | ===== |

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the year ended August 31, 2006

Investment income:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Dividends (net of foreign taxes of \$918,873) | |
| Unaffiliated issuers | \$10,406,410 |
| Sweep Money Fund (Note 8) | 915,789 |
| Interest (net of foreign taxes of \$93) | 461 |
| | ----- |
| Total investment income | 11,322,660 |
| | ----- |

Expenses:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Management fees (Note 3a) | 4,352,396 |
| Administrative fees (Note 3b) | 524,583 |
| Transfer agent fees | 56,584 |
| Custodian fees (Note 4) | 372,142 |
| Reports to shareholders | 55,169 |
| Registration and filing fees | 26,564 |
| Professional fees | 56,191 |
| Trustees' fees and expenses | 40,762 |
| Other | 29,627 |
| | ----- |
| Total expenses | 5,514,018 |
| Expense reductions (Note 4) | (724) |
| | ----- |
| Net expenses | 5,513,294 |
| | ----- |
| Net investment income | 5,809,366 |
| | ----- |

Realized and unrealized gains (losses):

| | |
|--|------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) from: | |
| Investments (net of foreign taxes of \$24,773) | 59,022,505 |
| Foreign currency transactions | (272,830) |
| | ----- |
| Net realized gain (loss) | 58,749,675 |
| | ----- |

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Investments | 16,718,946 |
|-------------------|------------|

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| | |
|---|--------------|
| Translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies | (24,225) |
| Change in deferred taxes on unrealized appreciation | 11,854 |
| | ----- |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 16,706,575 |
| | ----- |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | 75,456,250 |
| | ----- |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | \$81,265,616 |
| | ===== |

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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 | --- |
| Net realized gains | (|
| Total distributions to shareholders | (|
| Capital share transactions: (Note 2) | --- |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets | --- |
| Net assets: | |
| Beginning of year | 3 |
| End of year | \$3 |
| 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 (1940 Act) 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.

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. The investment manager monitors price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depository Receipts, futures contracts and exchange traded funds). These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred. 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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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.

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.

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 intends 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.

Foreign securities held by the Fund may be subject to foreign taxation on dividend and interest income received. 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)

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D. INCOME AND DEFERRED TAXES (CONTINUED)

The Fund may be subject to a tax imposed on net realized gains on 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.

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 date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized as soon as the Fund is notified of the ex-dividend date. 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. 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 may 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 and expenses during the reporting period. 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. During the period ended August 31, 2006, there were no shares repurchased.

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2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST (CONTINUED)

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At August 31, 2006, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value). During the year ended August 31, 2006, 132,985 shares were issued for \$2,403,830 from reinvested distributions. During the year ended August 31, 2005, 15,994 shares were issued for \$242,988 from reinvested distributions.

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 Funds 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 |

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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

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, 2006, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5. INCOME TAXES

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, 2006, the Fund deferred realized currency losses of \$203,431.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended August 31, 2006 and 2005, was as follows:

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| | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Distributions paid from: | | |
| Ordinary income | \$ 6,873,880 | \$ 4,335,961 |
| Long term capital gain | 28,486,651 | -- |
| | \$35,360,531 | \$ 4,335,961 |

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 taxes on sale of securities.

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 taxes on sales of securities.

At August 31, 2006, 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 | \$267,812,832 |
| Unrealized appreciation | \$102,303,553 |
| Unrealized depreciation | (5,367,054) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$ 96,936,499 |
| Undistributed ordinary income | \$ 15,976,841 |
| Undistributed long term capital gains | 46,151,668 |
| Distributable earnings | \$ 62,128,509 |

6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the year ended August 31, 2006, aggregated \$148,266,101 and \$169,605,024, respectively.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

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.

8. INVESTMENTS IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

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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 and administrative fees paid by the Sweep Money Fund.

9. REGULATORY MATTERS

As part of various investigations by a number of federal, state, and foreign regulators and governmental entities, 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 (collectively, the "Company"), entered into settlements with certain of those regulators.

Specifically, the Company entered into settlements with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") concerning market timing (the "August 2, 2004 SEC Order") and marketing support payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares (the "December 13, 2004 SEC Order") and with the California Attorney General's Office ("CAGO") concerning marketing support payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares (the "CAGO Settlement"). Under the terms of the settlements with the SEC and the CAGO, the Company retained an Independent Distribution Consultant ("IDC") to develop separate plans for the distribution of the respective settlement monies. The CAGO approved the distribution plan pertaining to the distribution of the monies owed under the CAGO settlement agreement, and in March 2005, the disbursement of monies to the relevant funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of that settlement was completed. The Fund did not participate in the CAGO Settlement.

On June 23, 2006, the SEC approved the IDC's proposed plan of distribution arising from the December 13, 2004 SEC Order and disbursement of the settlement monies to the designated funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SEC's order and the plan was completed in September 2006. The Fund did not participate in the December 13, 2004 SEC Order.

The IDC has also completed a proposed Plan of Distribution under the August 2, 2004 SEC Order resolving the SEC's market timing investigation and has submitted that plan to the SEC staff, where it is under review. The SEC has announced the following expected schedule with respect to the market timing Plan of Distribution. The SEC anticipates that Notice of the Plan

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9. REGULATORY MATTERS (CONTINUED)

will be published on or after November 15, 2006. After publication and comment, the proposed Distribution Plan will be submitted to the SEC for approval. When the SEC approves the proposed Distribution Plan, with modifications as appropriate, distributions will begin pursuant to that Plan.

In addition, the Company, as well as most of the mutual funds within Franklin Templeton Investments and certain current or former officers, directors, and/or employees, have been named in private lawsuits (styled as shareholder class actions, or as derivative actions on behalf of either the named funds or

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Franklin Resources, Inc.) relating to the industry practices referenced above, as well as to allegedly excessive advisory fees, commissions, and/or 12b-1 fees. The lawsuits were filed in different courts throughout the country. Many of those suits are now pending in a multi-district litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

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

10. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" ("FIN 48"), which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 provides guidance on the measurement, recognition, classification and disclosure of tax positions, along with accounting for the related interest and penalties. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and is to be applied to all open tax years as of the date of effectiveness. The Fund is currently evaluating the impact, if any,, of applying the various provisions of FIN 48.

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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 Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the "Fund") at August 31, 2006, 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, 2006 by correspondence with the custodian provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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San Francisco, California
October 18, 2006

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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 \$50,309,168 as a long term capital gain dividend for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006.

Under Section 871(k)(2)(C) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$8,925,710 as a short term capital gain dividend for purpose of the tax imposed under Section 871(a)(1)(A) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006.

Under Section 854(b)(2) of the Code, the Fund designates 0.12% of the ordinary income dividends as income qualifying for the dividends received deduction for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006.

Under Section 854(b)(2) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$5,755,661 as qualified dividends for purposes of the maximum rate under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006. In January 2007, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of qualified dividends distributed during the calendar year 2006. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their individual income tax returns.

Under Section 871(k)(1)(C) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$220,163 as interest related dividend for purposes of the tax imposed under Section 871(a)(1)(A) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006.

At August 31, 2006, 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 3, 2006, 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: 11/03/2006

| COUNTRY | FOREIGN TAX PAID PER SHARE | FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME PER SHARE | FOREIGN QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS PER SHARE |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Argentina | \$0.0000 | \$0.0001 | \$0.0001 |
| Austria | 0.0004 | 0.0022 | 0.0022 |
| Bermuda | 0.0000 | 0.0001 | 0.0000 |
| Brazil | 0.0040 | 0.0453 | 0.0039 |

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|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| China | 0.0000 | 0.0360 | 0.0169 |
| Croatia | 0.0000 | 0.0031 | 0.0000 |

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TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

| COUNTRY | FOREIGN TAX PAID PER SHARE | FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME PER SHARE | FOREIGN QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS PER SHARE |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Czech Republic | \$0.0001 | \$0.0007 | \$0.0007 |
| Finland | 0.0002 | 0.0010 | 0.0010 |
| Hong Kong | 0.0000 | 0.0197 | 0.0000 |
| Hungary | 0.0000 | 0.0059 | 0.0059 |
| India | 0.0014 | 0.0101 | 0.0099 |
| Indonesia | 0.0007 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 |
| Malaysia | 0.0000 | 0.0103 | 0.0000 |
| Mexico | 0.0000 | 0.0192 | 0.0190 |
| Panama | 0.0000 | 0.0039 | 0.0039 |
| Philippines | 0.0007 | 0.0020 | 0.0020 |
| Poland | 0.0012 | 0.0057 | 0.0057 |
| Portugal | 0.0002 | 0.0010 | 0.0010 |
| Russia | 0.0027 | 0.0664 | 0.0646 |
| Singapore | 0.0000 | 0.0089 | 0.0000 |
| South Africa | 0.0000 | 0.0569 | 0.0138 |
| South Korea | 0.0104 | 0.0464 | 0.0445 |
| Sweden | 0.0000 | 0.0045 | 0.0000 |
| Taiwan | 0.0277 | 0.0958 | 0.0000 |
| Thailand | 0.0022 | 0.0159 | 0.0159 |
| Turkey | 0.0010 | 0.0231 | 0.0231 |
| United Kingdom | 0.0000 | 0.0089 | 0.0000 |
| TOTAL | \$0.0529 | \$0.4964 | \$0.2374 |

Foreign Tax Paid per Share (Column 1) is the amount per share available to you, as a tax credit (assuming you held your shares in the Fund for a minimum of 16 days during the 31-day period beginning 15 days before the ex-dividend date of the Fund's distribution to which the foreign taxes relate), or, as a tax deduction.

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 that have not been adjusted for the rate differential applicable to such dividend income. 1

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. 1

In January 2007, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of taxes paid and foreign source income distributed during the calendar year 2006. The Foreign Source Income reported on Form 1099-DIV has not

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been adjusted for the 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 2006 individual income tax returns.

- 1 Qualified dividends are taxed at a maximum rate of 15% (5% for those in the 10% and 15% income tax brackets). In determining the amount of foreign tax credit that may be applied against the U.S. tax liability of individuals receiving foreign source qualified dividends, adjustments may be required to the foreign tax credit limitation calculation to reflect the rate differential applicable to such dividend income. The rules however permit certain individuals to elect not to apply the rate differential adjustments for capital gains and/or dividends for any taxable year. Please consult your tax advisor and the instructions to Form 1116 for more information.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the Fund's offices, 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 24, 2006. The purpose of the meeting was to elect three Trustees of the Fund. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Trustees of the Fund: Gordon S. Macklin, David W. Niemiec and Larry D. Thompson.* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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

The election of three (3) Trustees:

| TERM EXPIRING 2009 | FOR | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES | % OF PRESENT AND VOTING | WITHHELD | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Gordon S. Macklin | 15,093,816 | 84.73% | 98.32% | 258,823 | 1.45% |
| David W. Niemiec | 14,148,927 | 85.04% | 98.68% | 203,172 | 1.14% |
| Larry D. Thompson | 15,134,240 | 84.96% | 98.58% | 217,859 | 1.22% |

* Harris J. Ashton, Harmon E. Burns, Frank J. Crothers, S. Joseph Fortunato, Edith E. Holiday, Charles B. Johnson, 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.

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 Administrator's fee for a sale of shares through the Plan are \$15.00 per transaction plus a \$0.12 per share trading fee.

A 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

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Shares of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EMF." 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

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 appointed 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* | OTHER |
|--|----------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| HARRIS J. ASHTON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | Trustee | Since 1993 | 143 | Director company |
| 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 | 19 | None |

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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

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|--|---------|------------|-----|------|
| ***S. JOSEPH FORTUNATO (1932) | Trustee | Since 1993 | 144 | None |
| 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | | | | |

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

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| EDITH E. HOLIDAY (1952) | Trustee | Since 1996 | 139 | Direc Amera ratio H.J. and a Metal butio Railw Mount (hold |
| 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | | | | |

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); an 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* | OTHER |
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| ***GORDON S. MACKLIN (1928) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | Trustee | Since 1993 | 143 | Direc nolog servi Commu quent Inc. catio Mount (hold Space (1994 Corpo |

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director of various companies; Senior Business Advisor, Martek Biosciences Corporation (research Deputy Chairman, White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company) (2001-2004); Chairman, W services) (1993-1998) and Hambrecht & Quist Group (investment banking) (1987-1992); and President Securities Dealers, Inc. (1970-1987).

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 DAVID W. NIEMIEC (1949) Trustee Since 2005 19 Directed
 500 East Broward Blvd. ed li
 Suite 2100 Inc.
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
 Advisor, Saratoga Partners (private equity fund); Director, various private companies; and former
 Partners (1998-2001) and SBC Warburg Dillon Read (investment banking) (1997-1998); Vice Chairman,
 (investment banking) (1991-1997); and Chief Financial Officer, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (1982-1997)

 FRANK A. OLSON (1932) Trustee Since 2003 102 Directed
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
 Chairman Emeritus, The Hertz Corporation (car rental) (since 2000) (Chairman of the Board (1980-2
 (1977-1999)); and FORMERLY, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, UAL Cor

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| NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS | POSITION | LENGTH OF TIME SERVED | NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS I FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER* |
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| LARRY D. THOMPSON (1945) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | Trustee | Since 2005 | 19 |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
 Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consume
 Director, Delta Airlines (aviation) (2003-2005) and Providian Financial Corp. (1997-2001); Senior
 Institution (2003-2004); Visiting Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2004); and Depu
 Department of Justice (2001-2003)

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| CONSTANTINE D. TSERETOPOULOS (1954) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 | Trustee | Since 1999 | 19 |
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

 ***ROBERT E. WADE (1946) Trustee Since 29
 500 East Broward Blvd. March 2006
 Suite 2100
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Practicing attorney.

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 | Vice President | Since 1996 | Not Applicable |

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice Presi
 Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Executive Vice President, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; and officer and/
 case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 45 of the inves
 Templeton Investments.

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| **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 1993 | 143 |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman of the Board, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vi
 Distributors, Inc.; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the ot
 Resources, Inc. and of 42 of the investment companies in Franklin 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* |
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| JAMES M. DAVIS (1952) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906 | Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President - AML Compliance | Chief Compliance Officer since 2004 and Vice President - AML Compliance since February 2006 | Not Applicable |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, Global Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of 47 of the investment companies and FORMERLY, Director of Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc. (1994-2001).

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| JEFFREY 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; and officer of 14 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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| 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 |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; Senior Vice President, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; and officer of 14 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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| 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 Templeton Investments; officer and director of one of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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| 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 Investment Services, LLC, Franklin Templeton Alternative Strategies, Inc., Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc., Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC, Templeton Investment Services, Inc.; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and officer of 47 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Deputy Director, Division of Investment Services, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (1986-1995); Attorney, Rogers & Wells (until 1986); and Judicial Clerk, U.S. District Court, San Francisco (until 1979).

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

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| 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.; Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources; and investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Vice President and Controller of Franklin Templeton Investments.

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| CHRISTOPHER J. MOLUMPY (1962) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906 | President and Chief Executive Officer - Investment Management | Since 2002 | Not Applicable |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Executive Vice President, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; and officer of six of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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| ROBERT C. ROSSELOT (1960) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | Secretary | Since 2004 | Not Applicable |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Assistant Secretary, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; Vice President, Secretary and Trust Officer of the South; and officer of 14 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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| 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 16 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; FORMERLY, Vice President, JPMorgan Chase (2000-2004) and American General Financial Group (1991-2000).

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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* |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| CRAIG S. TYLE (1960) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906 | Vice President | Since 2005 | Not Applicable |

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of 47 of the investment companies of Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Partner, Shearman & Sterling, LLP (2004-2005); and General Counsel, Institute (ICI) (1997-2004).

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| GALEN VETTER (1951) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091 | Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer | Since 2004 | Not Applicable |
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 47 of the investment companies of Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Managing Director, RSM McGladrey, Inc. (1999-2004); and Partner, McGladrey & Pullen (1991-2004).

* We base the number of portfolios on each separate series of the U.S. registered investment companies within the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. These portfolios have a common investment manager or affiliated investment managers.

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

*** Subsequent to August 31, 2006, Mr. Fortunato and Mr. Macklin each ceased to be a trustee of the Fund.

**** During the reporting period, Mr. Wade became a trustee.

Note: Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are brothers. Prior to August 31, 2006, Mr. Fred R. Millsaps ceased to be a trustee of the Fund.

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 FRANK A. OLSON AND DAVID W. NIEMIEC AS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT MESSRS. OLSON AND NIEMIEC QUALIFY AS SUCH AN EXPERT IN VIEW OF THEIR EXTENSIVE BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. MR. OLSON HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 2003. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF THE HERTZ CORPORATION AND WAS FORMERLY ITS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FROM 1980 TO 2000 AND ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM 1977 TO 1999. MR. OLSON IS ALSO A DIRECTOR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF HESS CORPORATION (FORMERLY AMERADA HESS CORPORATION), AND A

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FORMER DIRECTOR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD. AND FORMER CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UAL CORPORATION. MR. NIEMIEC HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 2005, CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN ADVISOR TO SARATOGA PARTNERS AND WAS FORMERLY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR FROM 1998 TO 2001. MR. NIEMIEC IS A DIRECTOR OF EMERITUS CORPORATION AND OSI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AND VARIOUS PRIVATE COMPANIES, AND WAS FORMERLY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SBC WARBURG DILLON READ FROM 1997 TO 1998, AND WAS VICE CHAIRMAN FROM 1991 TO 1997 AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FROM 1982 TO 1997 OF DILLON, READ & CO. INC. AS A RESULT OF SUCH BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BELIEVES THAT MR. OLSON AND MR. NIEMIEC 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. OLSON AND NIEMIEC ARE INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED UNDER THE APPLICABLE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULES AND RELEASES OR THE LISTING STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO THE FUND.

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BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

At a meeting held May 11, 2006, the Board of Trustees ("Board"), including a majority of non-interested or independent Trustees, approved renewal of the investment management agreement 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 investment performance reports on the Fund, information on its share price discount to net asset value, and other related financial information, 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 by Lipper, Inc. ("Lipper"), an independent organization, as well as a Fund profitability analysis report prepared by management. The Lipper reports 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 and its affiliates 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 management agreement for the Fund, the Board,

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including a majority of independent Trustees, determined that the existing management fee structure was fair and reasonable and that continuance of the investment management agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. While attention was given to all information furnished, the following discusses some 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 to function in the event of a natural disaster, it being noted by the Board that such systems and

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BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

procedures had functioned smoothly during the hurricanes and blackout experienced last year in Florida. Among other factors taken into account by the Board were the Manager's best execution trading policies, including a favorable report by an independent portfolio trading analytical firm. 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 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 agreement renewals. The Lipper report for the Fund showed its investment performance for the one-year period ended February 28, 2006, 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 value 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-lowest quintile of such performance universe, and on an annualized basis to be in the second-lowest quintile of such universe for the previous three-year period as well, but to be in the second-highest and highest quintiles of such universe for the previous five- and ten-year periods, respectively. The Board was satisfied with such performance noting that the Fund's total return for the one-year period exceeded 32% and for the annualized three-year period exceeded 40% as shown in the Lipper report.

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COMPARATIVE EXPENSES. Consideration was given to a comparative analysis of the management fees 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 management agreement was similar to those provided by fund managers to other fund groups that would be used as a basis of comparison in the Lipper reports. In reviewing comparative costs, emphasis was given to each 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, but within seven basis points of the group median, while its total actual expenses were at the median of such group. The Board

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found the Fund's management fee and expenses in comparison to those of the expense group to be acceptable in view of the Fund's investment performance and factors relating to its operation, such as the background and experience of its portfolio managers and research staff and their physical presence and coverage in the geographical areas in which the Fund invests.

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 each of the individual funds. 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 the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm had been engaged by the Manager to perform certain procedures on a biennial basis, specified and approved by the Manager and the Fund's Board solely for their purposes and use in reference to the profitability analysis. Included in the analysis were the revenue and related costs involved in providing services to the Fund, as well as the Fund's 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 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

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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 its consideration of all these factors, the Board determined that the level of profits realized by the Manager and its affiliates from providing services to 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

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fund, the Board believes at some point an increase in size may lead to economies of scale that should be shared with the Fund and its shareholders and intends to monitor future growth of the Fund accordingly. The Board also noted that it had previously added a breakpoint to the Fund's investment management fee at the \$1 billion level.

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 1-954/527-7678 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 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

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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, 2006. Additionally, the Fund expects to file, on or about October 29, 2006, such certifications with its Form N-CSR for the year ended August 31, 2006.

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LITERATURE REQUEST. TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE AND PROSPECTUS, PLEASE CALL US AT 1-800/DIAL BEN(R) (1-800/342-5236) OR VISIT FRANKLINTEMPLETON.COM. INVESTORS SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER A FUND'S INVESTMENT GOALS, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES BEFORE INVESTING. THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINS THIS AND OTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE PROSPECTUS BEFORE INVESTING. To ensure the highest quality of service, we may monitor, record and access telephone calls to or from our service departments. These calls can be identified by the presence of a regular beeping tone.

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS

INTERNATIONAL

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

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

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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 Balanced Fund
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 Global Real Estate 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
Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund

RETIREMENT TARGET FUNDS

Franklin Templeton 2015 Retirement Target Fund
Franklin Templeton 2025 Retirement Target Fund
Franklin Templeton 2035 Retirement Target Fund
Franklin Templeton 2045 Retirement 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

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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

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

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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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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

INVESTMENT MANAGER

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TRANSFER AGENT

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FUND INFORMATION

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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.

To ensure the highest quality of service, telephone calls to or from our service departments may be monitored, recorded and accessed. These calls can be identified by the presence of a regular beeping tone.

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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 David W. Niemiec 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 \$33,461 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006 and \$24,978 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005.

(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.

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related 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.

(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

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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 \$3,961 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006 and \$4,955 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005. 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 \$204 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006 and \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005. 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 \$175,657 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006 and \$340 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005. 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 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 \$179,822 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006 and \$5,295 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2005.

(h) The registrant's audit committee of the board has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's

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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: Frank J. Crothers, David W. Niemiec, 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, 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. Efforts are made to resolve all conflicts 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

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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 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,

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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 issues. 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. If a security is on loan, the manager may determine that it is not in the best interests of the Fund to recall the security for voting purposes. Also, 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.

Shareholders may view the complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954-527-76788 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 available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the SEC website at WWW.SEC.GOV and reflect the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.

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

(a) (1) As of October 27, 2006, the portfolio managers of the Fund are as follows:

MARK MOBIUS, PH.D., MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TEMPLETON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD.

Dr. Mobius has been a manager of the Fund since inception. He has primary responsibility for the investments of the Fund. He has final responsibility over all aspects of the Fund's investment portfolio, including but not limited to, purchases and sales of individual securities, portfolio risk assessment, and the management of daily cash balances in accordance with anticipated management requirements. The degree to which he may perform these functions, and the nature of these functions, may change from time to time. He joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1987.

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DENNIS LIM, DIRECTOR OF EMLETON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD.

Based in Singapore, Mr. Lim has been a manager of the Fund since 2000, providing research and advice on the purchases and sales of individual securities, and portfolio risk assessment. He joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1990.

TOM WU, DIRECTOR OF EMLETON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD.

Based in Hong Kong, Mr. Wu has been a manager of the Fund since inception, providing research and advice on the purchases and sales of individual securities, and portfolio risk assessment. He joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1987.

(a) (2) This section reflects information about the portfolio managers as of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006.

The following table shows the number of other accounts managed by each portfolio manager and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category:

| NAME | NUMBER OF OTHER REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES MANAGED | ASSETS OF OTHER REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES MANAGED (x \$1 MILLION) | NUMBER OF OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES MANAGED/1 | ASSETS OF OTHER POOLED INVESTMENTS VEHICLES MANAGED (X \$1 MILLION) /1 | NUMBER OF OTHERS ACCOUNTS MANAGED/1 | ASSETS OF OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED (X \$1 MILLION) / |
|-------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| Mark Mobius | 7 | 11,587.0 | 22 | 14,950.0 | 5 | 1, |
| Dennis Lim | 4 | 9,751.9 | 4 | 1,311.8 | 2 | |
| Tom Wu | 4 | 9,751.9 | 4 | 2,408.2 | 2 | |

1. The various pooled investment vehicles and accounts listed are managed by a team of investment professionals. Accordingly, the individual managers listed would not be solely responsible for managing such listed amounts.

Portfolio managers that provide investment services to the Fund may also provide services to a variety of other investment products, including other funds, institutional accounts and private accounts. The advisory fees for some of such other products and accounts may be different than that charged to the Fund and may include performance-based compensation. This may result in fees that are higher (or lower) than the advisory fees paid by the Fund. As a matter of policy, each fund or account is managed solely for the benefit of the beneficial owners thereof. As discussed below, the separation of the trading execution function from the portfolio management function and the application of objectively based trade allocation procedures helps to mitigate potential conflicts of interest that may arise as a result of the portfolio managers managing accounts with different advisory fees.

CONFLICTS. The management of multiple funds, including the Fund, and accounts may also give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and other accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons, and fees as the portfolio manager must allocate his or her time and investment ideas across multiple funds and accounts. The manager seeks to manage such competing interests for the time and attention of portfolio managers by having portfolio

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manager's focus on a particular investment discipline. Most other accounts managed by a portfolio manager are managed using the same investment strategies that are used in connection with the management of the Fund. Accordingly, portfolio holdings, position sizes, and industry and sector exposures tend to be similar across similar portfolios, which may minimize the potential for conflicts of interest. As noted above, the separate management of the trade execution and valuation functions from the portfolio management process also helps to reduce potential conflicts of interest. However, securities selected for funds or accounts other than the Fund may outperform the securities selected for the Fund. Moreover, if a portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for more than one fund or other account, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to an allocation of that opportunity across all eligible funds and other accounts. The manager seeks to manage such potential conflicts by using procedures intended to provide a fair allocation of buy and sell opportunities among funds and other accounts.

The structure of a portfolio manager's compensation may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. A portfolio manager's base pay and bonus tend to increase with additional and more complex responsibilities that include increased assets under management. As such, there may be an indirect relationship between a portfolio manager's marketing or sales efforts and his or her bonus.

Finally, the management of personal accounts by a portfolio manager may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. While the funds and the manager have adopted a code of ethics, which they believe contains provisions reasonably necessary to prevent a wide range of prohibited activities by portfolio managers and others with respect to their personal trading activities, there can be no assurance that the code of ethics addresses all individual conduct that could result in conflicts of interest.

The manager and the Fund have adopted certain compliance procedures that are designed to address these, and other, types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation where a conflict arises.

COMPENSATION. The manager seeks to maintain a compensation program that is competitively positioned to attract, retain and motivate top-quality investment professionals. Portfolio managers receive a base salary, a cash incentive bonus opportunity, an equity compensation opportunity, and a benefits package. Portfolio manager compensation is reviewed annually and the level of compensation is based on individual performance, the salary range for a portfolio manager's level of responsibility and Franklin Templeton guidelines. Portfolio managers are provided no financial incentive to favor one fund or account over another. Each portfolio manager's compensation consists of the following three elements:

BASE SALARY Each portfolio manager is paid a base salary.

ANNUAL BONUS Annual bonuses are structured to align the interests of the portfolio manager with those of the Fund's shareholders. Each portfolio manager is eligible to receive an annual bonus. Bonuses generally are split between cash (50% to 65%) and restricted shares of a Franklin Templeton fund which vest over a three-year period (17.5% to 25%) and other mutual fund shares (17.5% to 25%). The deferred equity-based compensation is intended to build a vested interest of the portfolio manager in the financial performance of both Franklin Resources and mutual funds advised by the manager. The bonus plan is intended to provide a competitive level of annual bonus compensation that is tied to the portfolio manager achieving consistently strong investment performance, which aligns the financial incentives of the portfolio manager and Fund shareholders. The Chief Investment Officer

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of the manager and/or other officers of the manager, with responsibility for the Fund, have discretion in the granting of annual bonuses to portfolio managers in accordance with Franklin Templeton guidelines. The following factors are generally used in determining bonuses under the plan:

- o INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. Primary consideration is given to the historic investment performance over the 1, 3 and 5 preceding years of all accounts managed by the portfolio manager. The pre-tax performance of each fund managed is measured relative to a relevant peer group and/or applicable benchmark as appropriate.
- o NON-INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. The more qualitative contributions of a portfolio manager to the manager's business and the investment management team, including business knowledge, contribution to team efforts, mentoring of junior staff, and contribution to the marketing of the Fund, are evaluated in determining the amount of any bonus award.
- o RESEARCH. Where the portfolio management team also has research responsibilities, each portfolio manager is evaluated on the number and performance of recommendations over time.
- o RESPONSIBILITIES. The characteristics and complexity of funds managed by the portfolio manager are factored in the manager's appraisal.

ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION Portfolio managers may also be awarded restricted shares or units of one or more mutual funds, and options to purchase common shares of a Franklin Templeton fund. Awards of such deferred equity-based compensation typically vest over time, so as to create incentives to retain key talent.

Portfolio managers also participate in benefit plans and programs available generally to all employees of the manager.

OWNERSHIP OF FUND SHARES. The manager has a policy of encouraging portfolio managers to invest in the funds they manage. Exceptions arise when, for example, a fund is closed to new investors or when tax considerations or jurisdictional constraints cause such an investment to be inappropriate for the portfolio manager. The following is the dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by each portfolio manager as of August 31, 2006 (such amounts may change from time to time):

| Portfolio Manager | Dollar Range of Fund Shares Beneficially Owned |
|-------------------|--|
| Mark Mobius | None |
| Dennis Lim | None |
| Tom Wu | None |

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.

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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 26, 2006

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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 26, 2006

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER
Chief Financial Officer
Date October 26, 2006