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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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)

MURRAY L. SIMPSON, 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: 8/31/04

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

AUGUST 31, 2004

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Franklin Templeton Investments

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GAIN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE

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 research offices in over 25 countries, they offer investors the broadest global reach in the industry.

MUTUAL SERIES. Founded in 1949, Mutual Series is dedicated to a unique style of value investing, searching aggressively for opportunity among undervalued stocks, arbitrage situations and distressed companies.

TRUE DIVERSIFICATION

Because our management groups work independently and adhere to distinctly different investment approaches, Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series funds typically have a low overlap of securities. That's why our funds can be used to build truly diversified portfolios 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 account services that have 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.

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EDGAR REPRESENTATION OF DATA POINTS USED IN PRINTED GRAPHIC AS FOLLOWS:

Geographic Distribution

Based on Total Net Assets as of 8/31/04

Asia	55.9%
Europe	19.9%
Latin America	11.8%
Middle East & Africa	10.9%
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets	1.5%

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to bring you Templeton Emerging Markets Fund's annual report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004.

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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PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

For the 12 months ended August 31, 2004, Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

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delivered cumulative total returns of +22.62% based on market price and +26.27% based on net asset value. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets (EM) Index posted a 20.50% cumulative total return for the same period. ¹ In line with our investment strategy, we are pleased with our relative long-term results, which you will find in the Performance Summary on page 6. For example, for the 10-year period ended August 31, 2004, the Fund delivered cumulative total returns of +42.23% based on market price and +57.97% based on net asset value, compared with the MSCI EM Index's -3.40% cumulative total return for the same period. ¹ Please note that index performance information is provided for reference and that we do not attempt to track the index, but rather undertake investments on the basis of fundamental research.

ECONOMIC AND MARKET OVERVIEW

During the first half of the reporting period, emerging markets recorded strong performance, reflecting investors' optimism. However, concerns about a hard landing for China's economy, high oil prices and the possibility of rising U.S. interest rates adversely impacted investor confidence. Thus, despite the continuation of generally positive economic and political developments, many emerging markets lost some of their gains in the second half of the reporting period.

The accession of 10 countries into the European Union (EU) in May 2004 expanded the bloc to 25 countries and a cumulative population of 450 million people. Despite some short-term political instability in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, most eastern European markets continued on an upward trend as many governments there implemented legislation in line with EU standards and experienced positive macroeconomic developments.

In an effort to ensure a soft economic landing, China's government implemented credit-tightening policies and imposed investment limitations targeted at sectors that have experienced what some consider over-investment, including steel, property, cement and aluminum. During the past few months, signs of a gradual cooldown became evident. As a result of their proximity to China, other Asian markets were affected to a greater extent than their emerging markets counterparts, and with China a major export destination for most Asian markets, concerns about the possible repercussions of China's slowing economy led investors to adopt a more cautious stance than earlier in the reporting period.

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. 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. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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Latin American markets performed strongly during the period as some governments focused on implementing reforms and developing regional and international trade relations. Brazilian president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Argentine president Nestor Kirchner visited China to discuss economic ties and a free-trade agreement with the Mercosur trade bloc (comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and associate members Bolivia, Chile and Peru).

In South Africa, the African National Congress (ANC) emerged victorious in April's general elections, giving it a majority in parliament. In line with his party's overwhelming victory, President Thabo Mbeki was formally re-elected for a second term in office. The New National Party (NNP) that ruled the country during four decades of apartheid dissolved itself due to lack of voter support.

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Party members will be able to join any party they choose, with the NNP leadership encouraging them to join the ANC. Tito Mboweni continued as the central bank governor, a situation that many viewed as a positive sign of no change to the country's monetary policies. South Africa's successful bid to host soccer's 2010 World Cup has the potential to create more than 120,000 jobs and contribute US\$2.8 billion to the country's economy.

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 generally 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

During the 12 months under review, the Fund's underweighted positions, relative to the MSCI EM Index, in Taiwan and South Korea, as well as the Fund's positions in Singapore and Austria, which are not included in the index, helped performance. However, the Fund's underweighted position in Brazil, and our lack of exposure to Chile, where we had no holdings due mainly to what we believed was poor market liquidity and expensive valuations, hindered relative performance.

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By industry, the Fund's overweighted positions in the energy, food, beverages and tobacco sectors, as well as its underweighted position in the semiconductors and semiconductor equipment sector, yielded the greatest contributions relative to the MSCI EM Index during the period. The strongest individual contributors were SK Corp. and SABMiller, as both stocks performed strongly. In addition, our decision not to invest in YUKOS and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing also helped performance relative to the index as these stocks performed poorly during the period. The most significant hindrance to performance was the Fund's underweighted exposure to the materials sector where our concerns over the sustainability of high commodity prices led us to adopt a more cautious stance toward investing in stocks from this sector.

During the 12 months under review, we increased the Fund's holdings in Asia and Europe, while reducing Latin American and South African exposure. Key purchases included South Korea's Samsung Electronics, one of the world's largest electronics manufacturers; China's China Mobile, the world's largest mobile phone operator; Micro-Star International, one of Taiwan's largest motherboard makers; and Resorts World, which operates the only casino in Malaysia. We undertook selective sales as price targets were reached among our holdings in such countries as Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand.

European investments during the period included Belgium's Interbrew, one of the world's oldest beer companies with operations in more than 20 countries; Telefonica, a Spanish telecommunications services provider to European and Latin American markets; Telekomunikacja Polska, a dominant integrated telecommunications services provider in Poland; HSBC Holdings, a U.K.-based global banking

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Based on Equity Investments as of 8/31/04

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	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS
South Korea	15.9%
Taiwan	12.9%
China	10.8%
South Africa	10.6%
Brazil	6.3%
Singapore	5.8%
Mexico	5.0%
Hong Kong	4.1%
Hungary	3.1%
Poland	3.0%

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group with significant businesses in emerging markets; and Titan Cement, one of the two major players in the Greek cement industry. In Latin America and South Africa, key sales included Cemex and Barloworld, respectively, as the Fund realized gains after the regions' strong performances.

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

Sincerely,

[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, 2004, 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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TOP 10 HOLDINGS

8/31/04

COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY, COUNTRY	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS
Anglo American PLC METALS & MINING, SOUTH AFRICA	3.1%
China Mobile (Hong Kong) Ltd. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, CHINA	2.7%
SABMiller PLC BEVERAGES, SOUTH AFRICA	2.4%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT, SOUTH KOREA	2.3%
Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV (Telmex), L, ADR DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, MEXICO	2.3%
Rengro Ltd. DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES, SOUTH AFRICA	2.1%
Kimberly Clark de Mexico SA de CV, A HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS, MEXICO	2.0%
Interbrew BEVERAGES, BELGIUM	2.0%
Taiwan Cellular Corp. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, TAIWAN	1.9%
Cia De Bebidas Das Americas (Ambev), ADR, pfd. BEVERAGES, BRAZIL	1.9%

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY AS OF 8/31/04

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 the Fund's dividend income, capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. All total returns include reinvested distributions according to the terms specified in the Fund's dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan and do not reflect any sales charges paid at inception or brokerage commissions paid on secondary market purchases. The performance table does not reflect any taxes due on Fund dividends, capital gain distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

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PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

	CHANGE	8/31/04	8/31/03
Net Asset Value (NAV)	+\$2.58	\$13.40	\$10.82
Market Price (NYSE)	+\$2.40	\$14.24	\$11.84
DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/03-8/31/04)			
Dividend Income		\$0.2319	

PERFORMANCE

	1-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
Cumulative Total Return 1			
Based on change in NAV	+26.27%	+24.73%	+57.12%
Based on change in market price	+22.62%	+25.51%	+42.81%
Average Annual Total Return 1			
Based on change in NAV	+26.27%	+4.52%	+4.31%
Based on change in market price	+22.62%	+4.65%	+3.81%

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

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

ENDNOTES

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

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

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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

	2004	2003	2002
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE (for a share outstanding throughout the year)			
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$10.82	\$8.76	\$
Income from investment operations:			
Net investment income a22	.18	(
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	2.59	2.03	(
Total from investment operations	2.81	2.21	(
Less distributions from:			
Net investment income	(.23)	(.15)	(
Net realized gains	--	--	(
Total distributions	(.23)	(.15)	(
Net asset value, end of year	\$13.40	\$10.82	\$
Market value, end of year b	\$14.24	\$11.84	\$
Total return (based on market value per share) c	22.62%	(50.83)%	(2.
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$236,848	\$191,076	\$154
Ratios to average net assets:			
Expenses	1.63%	1.84%	1
Net investment income	1.70%	1.94%	1
Portfolio turnover rate	67.63%	48.69%	65

aBased on average daily shares outstanding.

bBased on the last sale on the New York Stock Exchange.

cTotal return is not annualized for periods less than one year.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2004

	INDUSTRY	SHARES/WARR
COMMON STOCKS 94.1%		
ARGENTINA .5%		
Tenaris SA, ADR	Energy Equipment & Services	
AUSTRIA 2.7%		
Bank Austria Creditanstalt	Commercial Banks	
OMV AG	Oil & Gas	
BELGIUM 2.0%		
Inbev	Beverages	
BRAZIL 1.9%		
Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA	Electric Utilities	67
Embraer-Empresa Brasileira De Aeronautica SA	Aerospace & Defense	
Souza Cruz SA	Tobacco	
Unibanco Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros SA, GDR	Commercial Banks	
CHINA 10.8%		
Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd., H	Metals & Mining	2
Anhui Conch Cement Co. Ltd.	Construction Materials	
Beijing Enterprises Holdings Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates	
China Mobile (Hong Kong) Ltd.,	Wireless Telecommunication Services	2
China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., H	Oil & Gas	3
China Resources Enterprise Ltd.	Distributors	1
China Telecom Corp. Ltd., H	Diversified Telecommunication Services	2
China Travel International Investment Hong Kong Ltd.	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	5
a China Travel Investment HK Ltd., wts., 5/31/06	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	1
Citic Pacific Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates	1
Huadian Power International Corp. Ltd., H	Electric Utilities	4
Lenovo Group Ltd., H	Computers & Peripherals	7
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H	Oil & Gas	3
Shanghai Industrial Holdings Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates	
TCL International Holdings Inc.	Household Durables	1
Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp.	Food Products	
Travelsky Technology Ltd., H	IT Services	1
CROATIA .7%		

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Pliva D D, GDR, Reg S	Pharmaceuticals
CZECH REPUBLIC .4%	
Cesky Telecom AS	Diversified Telecommunication Services
GREECE 1.6%	
Hellenic Telecommunications	
Organization SA (OTE)	Diversified Telecommunication Services
Titan Cement Co.	Construction Materials

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2004 (CONTINUED)

	INDUSTRY	SHARES/WARR

COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)		
HONG KONG 4.1%		
Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd.	Real Estate	
Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd. ..	Construction Materials	
Dairy Farm International		
Holdings Ltd.	Food & Staples Retailing	
Denway Motors Ltd.	Automobiles	1
Guoco Group Ltd.	Diversified Financial Services	
Hang Lung Group Ltd.	Real Estate	
Henderson Investment Ltd.	Real Estate	
MTR Corp. Ltd.	Road & Rail	
HUNGARY 3.1%		
Egis RT	Pharmaceuticals	
Gedeon Richter Ltd.	Pharmaceuticals	
Matav RT	Diversified Telecommunication Services	
MOL Magyar Olaj-Es Gazipari RT	Oil & Gas	
INDIA 2.9%		
Gail (India) Ltd.	Gas Utilities	
Hindustan Lever Ltd.	Household Products	
Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	Oil & Gas	
Shipping Corp. of India Ltd.	Marine	
Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Metals & Mining	
Tata Tea Ltd.	Food Products	
INDONESIA .1%		
PT Perusahaan Gas Negara	Gas Utilities	1

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PT Perusahaan Gas Negara, 144A	Gas Utilities	
ISRAEL .3%		
a Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.	Software	
MALAYSIA 2.0%		
Golden Hope Plantations Bhd.	Food Products	
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd.	Food Products	
Resorts World Bhd.	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	
SIME Darby Bhd.	Industrial Conglomerates	
Southern Bank Bhd., fgn.	Commercial Banks	
SP Setia Bhd.	Real Estate	
Tanjong PLC	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	
YTL Corp Bhd.	Electric Utilities	
YTL Power International Bhd.	Water Utilities	1
MEXICO 5.0%		
Fomento Economico Mexicano SA de CV		
Femsa, ADR	Beverages	
Kimberly Clark de Mexico SA de CV, A	Household Products	1

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2004 (CONTINUED)

		INDUSTRY	SHARES/WARR

COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)			
MEXICO (CONT.)			
Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV			
(Telmex), L, ADR	Diversified Telecommunication Services		
PHILIPPINES .9%			
San Miguel Corp., B	Beverages		1
POLAND 3.0%			
Bank Pekao SA	Commercial Banks		
a BRE Bank SA	Commercial Banks		
Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen SA	Oil & Gas		
Telekomunikacja Polska SA	Diversified Telecommunication Services		
RUSSIA 1.1%			
a Avtovaz, GDR	Automobiles		
Lukoil Holdings, ADR	Oil & Gas		

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SINGAPORE 5.8%

Comfortdelgro Corp. Ltd.	Road & Rail	1
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	Beverages	
Keppel Corp. Ltd.	Industrial Conglomerates	
Singapore Press Holdings Ltd.	Media	
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd. ...	Aerospace & Defense	
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd.	Diversified Telecommunication Services	2

SOUTH AFRICA 10.6%

Anglo American PLC	Metals & Mining	
a Liberty Group Ltd.	Insurance	
Nampak Ltd.	Containers & Packaging	
Nedcor Ltd.	Commercial Banks	
Nedcor Ltd., 144A	Commercial Banks	
Old Mutual PLC	Insurance	
Remgro Ltd.	Diversified Financial Services	
SABMiller PLC	Beverages	
Sappi Ltd.	Paper & Forest Products	
Sasol Ltd.	Oil & Gas	

SOUTH KOREA 15.9%

CJ Corp.	Food Products	
Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. Ltd.	Machinery	
Dong-A Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	Pharmaceuticals	
Hite Brewery Co. Ltd.	Beverages	
Hyundai Autonet Co.	Auto Components	
Hyundai Development Co.	Construction & Engineering	

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	INDUSTRY	SHARES/WARR
COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)		
SOUTH KOREA (CONT.)		
Kangwon Land Inc.	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	
Korea Electric Power Corp.	Electric Utilities	
Korea Gas Corp.	Gas Utilities	
KT Corp.	Diversified Telecommunication Services	
LG Chem Ltd.	Chemicals	
LG Electronics Inc.	Household Durables	
LG Household & Health Care Ltd.	Household Products	
LG International Corp.	Trading Companies & Distributors	
LG Petrochemical Co. Ltd.	Chemicals	

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POSCO		Metals & Mining	
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		
Samsung Fine Chemicals Co. Ltd.		Chemicals	
Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.		Machinery	
SK Corp.		Oil & Gas	
SK Telecom Co. Ltd.	Wireless Telecommunication Services		
SPAIN 1.4%			
Telefonica SA	Diversified Telecommunication Services		
SWEDEEN .1%			
a Oriflame Cosmetics, IDR		Personal Products	
TAIWAN 12.9%			
Acer Inc.		Computers & Peripherals	1
Cheng Shin Rubber Industry Co. Ltd.		Auto Components	
Chinatrust Financial Holding Co. Ltd.		Commercial Banks	1
Chunghwa Telecom Co. Ltd.	Diversified Telecommunication Services		1
D-Link Corp.		Communications Equipment	1
Delta Electronics Inc.		Electronic Equipment & Instruments	2
a Elan Microelectronics Corp.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		1
Kinpo Electronics Inc.		Office Electronics	
Lite-on Technology Corp.		Computers & Peripherals	2
Media Tek Inc.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		
Mega Financial Holdings Co. Ltd.		Commercial Banks	3
Micro-Star International Co. Ltd.		Computers & Peripherals	1
Premier Image Technology Corp.		Leisure Equipment & Products	
President Chain Store Corp.		Food & Staples Retailing	
Princeton Technology Corp.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		
Siliconware Precision Industries Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		1
Sunplus Technology Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		
Synnex Technology International Corp.		Electronic Equipment & Instruments	
Taiwan Cellular Corp.		Wireless Telecommunication Services	4
Tsann Kuen Enterprise Co. Ltd.		Household Durables	
UNI-President Enterprises Corp.		Food Products	5
Yuanta Core Pacific Securities Co.		Capital Markets	2

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	INDUSTRY		SHARES/WARR
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COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)

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THAILAND .5%		
BEC World Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Media	1
Delta Electronics (Thailand) Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Electronic Equipment & Instruments	
Land and House Public Co. Ltd., fgn.	Household Durables	
a Thai Military Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn. .	Commercial Banks	6
a True Corp. PCL, rts., 3/28/08	Diversified Telecommunication Services	
TURKEY 2.4%		
a Arcelik AS, Br.	Household Durables	455
Migros Turk T.A.S.	Food & Staples Retailing	344
Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafineleri AS	Oil & Gas	178
UNITED KINGDOM 1.4%		
HSBC Holdings PLC	Commercial Banks	
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (COST \$186,164,573)		
PREFERRED STOCKS 4.4%		
BRAZIL 4.4%		
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd.	Commercial Banks	
Cia De Bebidas Das Americas (Ambev), ADR, pfd.	Beverages	
Cia Vale do Rio Doce, ADR, A, pfd.	Metals & Mining	
Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd.	Oil & Gas	
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$9,975,463)		
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$3,443,028) 1.5%		
MONEY FUND		
b Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio		3
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$199,583,064)		
100.0%		
OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES		
NET ASSETS 100.0%		

aNon-income producing.

bSee Note 7 regarding investments in the Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio.

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August 31, 2004

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Assets:

Investments in securities:	
Cost - Unaffiliated issuers	\$ 196,140,036
Cost - Sweep money fund (Note 7)	3,443,028
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Value - Unaffiliated issuers	233,397,606
Value - Sweep money fund (Note 7)	3,443,028
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$57,548)	53,960
Receivables:	
Investment securities sold	1,297,277
Dividends	1,025,070

Total assets	239,216,941

Liabilities:

Payables:	
Investment securities purchased	1,915,203
Affiliates	272,782
Other liabilities	180,845

Total liabilities	2,368,830

Net assets, at value	\$ 236,848,111
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Net assets consist of:

Undistributed net investment income	\$ 709,318
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	37,252,772
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	(6,191,915)
Capital shares	205,077,936

Net assets, at value	\$ 236,848,111

Shares outstanding	17,680,325

Net asset value per share	\$13.40
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended August 31, 2004

Investment income:

(net of foreign taxes of \$860,519)

Dividends:

Unaffiliated issuers	\$ 7,484,993
Sweep money fund (Note 7)	54,891
Interest	3,459

Total investment income	7,543,343

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Expenses:	
Management fees (Note 3)	2,809,265
Administrative fees (Note 3)	340,007
Transfer agent fees	89,900
Custodian fees (Note 4)	248,153
Reports to shareholders	44,200
Registration and filing fees	29,200
Professional fees	93,800
Trustees' fees and expenses	34,100
Other	11,700

Total expenses	3,700,325
Expense reductions (Note 4)	(364)

Net expenses	3,699,961

Net investment income	3,843,382

Realized and unrealized gains (losses):	
Net realized gain (loss) from:	
Investments (net of foreign taxes of \$1,429,984) (Note 1f)	35,687,643
Foreign currency transactions	(145,253)

Net realized gain (loss)	35,542,390
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	9,727,744
Translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	2,914
Deferred taxes (Note 1f)	466,749

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	10,197,407

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	45,739,797

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 49,583,179
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the years ended August 31, 2004 and 2003

Increase (decrease) in net assets:

Operations:

Net investment income	\$ 3,84
Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions	35,54
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, and deferred taxes	10,19

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Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	49,58
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	(4,09)
Capital share transactions (Note 2)	28
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets	45,77
Net assets:	
Beginning of year	191,07
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End of year	\$ 236,84
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Undistributed net investment income included in net assets:	
End of year	\$ 70
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Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a closed-end, diversified investment company. The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing at least 80% of its net assets in emerging country equity securities. The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

A. SECURITY VALUATION

Securities listed or traded on a recognized national exchange are valued at the last reported sales price. Securities listed or traded on NASDAQ are valued at their official closing price. Other over-the-counter securities and listed securities for which no sale is reported are valued within the range of the latest quoted bid and asked prices by independent pricing services or recognized dealers in such securities. Foreign securities are valued at the close of trading of the foreign exchange or the NYSE, whichever is earlier. If events occur that materially affect the values of securities after the prices or foreign exchange rates are determined, but prior to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time or the close of trading on the NYSE, whichever is earlier, or if market quotations are deemed not readily available or reliable, the securities will be valued at fair value. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value. All security valuation procedures are approved by the Board of Trustees.

B. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date.

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.

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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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)

agreed upon exchange rate on a specified date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses 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.

D. INCOME TAXES

No provision has been made for income taxes because the Fund's policy is to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income. Fund distributions to shareholders are determined on a tax basis and may differ from net investment income and realized gains for financial reporting purposes.

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. Certain income from foreign securities is recorded as soon as information is available. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

F. DEFERRED TAXES

The Fund is subject to a tax imposed on net realized gains of securities of certain foreign countries. The Fund records an estimated deferred tax liability for net unrealized gains on these securities as reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

G. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make

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

H. GUARANTEES AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liability 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

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

At August 31, 2004, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value). During the year ended August 31, 2004, 23,888 shares were issued for \$284,125 from reinvested distributions. During the year ended August 31, 2003, there were no share transactions; all reinvested distributions were satisfied with previously issued shares purchased in the open market.

3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Certain officers of the Fund are also officers or trustees of the following entities:

ENTITY	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 Fund's average daily net assets as follows:

ANNUALIZED FEE RATE	NET ASSETS
1.250%	First \$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

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1.050%	Over \$15 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
1.000%	Over \$20 billion

Prior to June 1, 2004, the Fund paid an investment management fee to TAML of 1.25% per year of the daily net assets of the Fund.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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

4. EXPENSE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the year ended August 31, 2004, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5. INCOME TAXES

At August 31, 2004, the Fund had tax basis capital losses of \$5,657,930 which may be carried over to offset future capital gains. Such losses expire in 2011.

At August 31, 2004, the Fund had deferred currency losses occurring subsequent to October 31, 2003 of \$113,002. For tax purposes, such losses will be reflected in the year ending August 31, 2005.

At August 31, 2004, the cost of investments, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), and undistributed ordinary income based on the cost of investments for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$ 202,558,334

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 41,225,486
Unrealized depreciation	(6,943,186)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 34,282,300
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Distributable earnings - ordinary income	\$ 3,263,604
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The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended August 31, 2004 and 2003 was as follows:

	----- 2004 -----	----- 2003 -----
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$4,094,975	\$2,646,700

Net investment income (loss) differs for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of foreign currency transactions and

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passive foreign investment company shares.

Net realized gains differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatment of wash sales, foreign currency transactions, passive foreign investment company shares and foreign taxes on sales of securities.

6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short-term securities) for the year ended August 31, 2004 aggregated \$147,067,799 and \$149,506,925, respectively.

7. INVESTMENTS IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8. REGULATORY MATTERS

MASSACHUSETTS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

On September 20, 2004, Franklin Resources, Inc. (Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries are referred to collectively as the "Company") announced that an agreement has been reached by two of its subsidiaries, Franklin Advisers, Inc. ("Franklin Advisers") and Franklin Templeton Alternative Strategies, Inc. ("FTAS"), with the Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "State of Massachusetts") related to an administrative complaint filed on February 4, 2004. The administrative complaint addressed one instance of market timing that was also a subject of the August 2, 2004 settlement that Franklin Advisers reached with the SEC, as described below.

Under the terms of the settlement consent order issued by the State of Massachusetts, Franklin Advisers and FTAS have consented to the entry of a cease-and-desist order and agreed to pay a \$5 million administrative fine to the State of Massachusetts. The consent order has multiple sections, including "Statements of Fact" and "Violations of Massachusetts Securities Laws." The Company admitted the "Statements of Fact." The Company did not admit or deny the "Violations of the Massachusetts Securities Laws." While Franklin Advisers and FTAS did not admit or deny engaging in any wrongdoing, the Company believes that it is in its best interest and the interests of its funds' shareholders to settle this issue now and move forward.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) SETTLEMENT

On August 2, 2004, the Company announced that an agreement has been reached by Franklin Advisers with the SEC that resolves the issues resulting from the SEC's investigation of market timing activity and the SEC issued an "Order instituting administrative and cease-and-desist proceedings pursuant to sections 203(e) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and sections 9(b) and 9(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, making findings and imposing remedial sanctions

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and a cease-and-desist order" (the "Order"). The SEC's Order concerns the activities of a limited number of third parties that ended in 2000 and those that are the subject of the Massachusetts administrative complaint described above.

Under the terms of the SEC's Order, pursuant to which Franklin Advisers neither admits nor denies any wrongdoing, Franklin Advisers has agreed to pay \$50 million, of which \$20 million is a civil penalty, to be distributed to shareholders of certain funds in accordance with a plan to be developed by an Independent Distribution Consultant. At this time, it is unclear which funds will receive distributions or which shareholders of any particular fund will receive distributions. The SEC Order also requires Franklin Advisers to, among other things, enhance and periodically review compliance policies and procedures.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8. REGULATORY MATTERS (CONTINUED)

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

As part of ongoing investigations by the SEC, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, the New York Attorney General, the California Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, the Florida Department of Financial Services and the Commissioner of Securities, the West Virginia Attorney General, the Vermont Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities, and Health Care Administration and the National Association of Securities Dealers, relating to certain practices in the mutual fund industry, including late trading, market timing and payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares, the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as certain current or former executives and employees of the Company, have received requests for information and/or subpoenas to testify or produce documents. The Company and its current employees have been providing documents and information in response to these requests and subpoenas. In addition, the Company has responded to requests for similar kinds of information from regulatory authorities in some of the foreign countries where the Company conducts its global asset management business.

The staff of the SEC has also informed the Company that it is considering recommending a civil action or proceeding against Franklin Advisers and Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc. ("FTDI") concerning payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares (commonly referred to as "revenue sharing"). The staff of the California Attorney General's Office ("CAGO") also has advised the Company that the California Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action against the Company and FTDI arising from the same events. Even though the Company currently believes that the charges the SEC staff and CAGO staff are contemplating are unwarranted, it also believes that it is in the best interest of the Company's and funds' shareholders to resolve these issues voluntarily, to the extent the Company can reasonably do so. The Company continues to have discussions towards resolving these governmental investigations.

OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company, in addition to other entities within Franklin Templeton Investments, including certain of its subsidiaries, other funds, and current and former officers, employees, and directors have been named in multiple lawsuits

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in different federal courts in Nevada, California, Illinois, New York and Florida, alleging violations of various federal securities laws and seeking, among other things, monetary damages and costs. Specifically, the lawsuits claim breach of duty with respect to alleged arrangements to permit market timing and/or late trading activity, or breach of duty with respect to the valuation of the portfolio securities of certain funds managed by Company subsidiaries, resulting in alleged market timing activity. The majority of these lawsuits duplicate, in whole or in part, the allegations asserted in the Massachusetts administrative complaint described above. The lawsuits are styled as class actions or derivative actions on behalf of either the named funds or the Company.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8. REGULATORY MATTERS (CONTINUED)

OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS (CONTINUED)

Various subsidiaries of the Company have also been named in multiple lawsuits filed in state courts in Illinois alleging breach of duty with respect to valuation of the portfolio securities of certain funds managed by such subsidiaries.

In addition, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, as well as certain current and former officers, employees, and directors have been named in multiple lawsuits alleging violations of various securities laws and pendent state law claims relating to the disclosure of directed brokerage payments and/or payment of allegedly excessive advisory, commission, and distribution fees. These lawsuits are styled as class actions and derivative actions brought on behalf of certain funds.

The Company's management strongly believes that the claims made in each of these lawsuits are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against them.

The Company cannot predict with certainty the eventual outcome of the foregoing governmental investigations or class actions or other lawsuits. If the Company finds that it 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.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the "Fund") at August 31, 2004, 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

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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 August 31, 2004 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, California
October 13, 2004

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Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED)

Under Section 854(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), the Fund hereby designates up to a maximum of \$4,069,210 as qualified dividends for purposes of the maximum rate under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004. In January 2005, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of qualified dividends distributed during the calendar year 2004. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their individual income tax returns.

At August 31, 2004, more than 50% of the Templeton Emerging Markets Fund 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 hereby 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 5, 2004, 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, foreign qualified dividends, and adjusted foreign source income as designated by the Fund, to shareholders of record. As a service to individual shareholders filing Form 1116, "Adjusted Foreign Source Income per Share" in column 4 below reports foreign source income with the required adjustments to foreign source qualified dividends. This information is provided to simplify your reporting of foreign source income for line 1 of Form 1116.

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COUNTRY	FOREIGN TAX PAID PER SHARE	FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME PER SHARE	FOREIGN QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS PER SHARE
Austria	0.0010	0.0038	0.0038
Belgium	0.0003	0.0012	0.0012
Bermuda	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000
Brazil	0.0055	0.0257	0.0090
China	0.0000	0.0093	0.0060
Croatia	0.0000	0.0021	0.0000
Czech Republic	0.0004	0.0015	0.0015
Egypt	0.0000	0.0011	0.0011
Greece	0.0000	0.0077	0.0077
Hong Kong	0.0000	0.0210	0.0000
Hungary	0.0017	0.0063	0.0063
India	0.0803	0.0096	0.0090
Indonesia	0.0002	0.0007	0.0007
Luxembourg	0.0000	0.0014	0.0014
Malaysia	0.0014	0.0030	0.0000
Mexico	0.0000	0.0153	0.0146
Philippines	0.0006	0.0014	0.0014
Poland	0.0007	0.0025	0.0025
Russia	0.0006	0.0032	0.0030
Singapore	0.0070	0.0325	0.0000
South Africa	0.0022	0.0314	0.0224
South Korea	0.0098	0.0331	0.0304
Spain	0.0003	0.0012	0.0012
Switzerland	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000
Taiwan	0.0169	0.0433	0.0000
Thailand	0.0002	0.0041	0.0040
Turkey	0.0000	0.0007	0.0007
United Kingdom	0.0002	0.0009	0.0009
TOTAL	\$0.1293	\$0.2642	\$0.1288

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Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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Source Income reported to you in column 2 that were derived from qualified foreign securities held by the Fund. If you are an individual shareholder who does not meet the qualified dividend holding period requirements, you may find this information helpful to calculate the foreign source income adjustment needed to complete line 1 of Form 1116.

Adjusted Foreign Source Income per Share (Column 4) is the adjusted amount per share of foreign source income the Fund paid to you. These amounts reflect the Foreign Source Income reported in column 2 adjusted for the tax rate differential on foreign source qualified dividends that may be required for certain individual shareholders pursuant to Internal Revenue Code 904(b)(2)(B). If you are an individual shareholder who meets the qualified dividend holding period requirements, generally, these Adjusted Foreign Source Income amounts may be reported directly on line 1 of Form 1116 without additional adjustment.

In January 2005, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of taxes paid and foreign source income distributed during the calendar year 2004. The Foreign Source Income reported on Form 1099-DIV has been reduced to take into account the tax rate differential on foreign source qualified dividend income pursuant to the Code 904(b)(2)(B). Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their 2004 individual income tax returns.

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Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 27, 2004

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the Fund's offices, 500 E. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 27, 2004. The purpose of the meeting was to elect four Trustees of the Fund. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Trustees of the Fund: Harmon E. Burns, Charles B. Johnson, Frank A. Olson and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos.* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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

The election of four (4) Trustees:

TERM EXPIRING 2007:	FOR	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	% OF VOTED SHARES	WITHHELD	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES
Harmon E. Burns	14,832,116.3195	83.90%	98.42%	237,597.6964	1.34%
Charles B. Johnson	14,819,267.3195	83.82%	98.34%	250,446.6964	1.42%
Frank A. Olson	14,817,969.3195	83.82%	98.33%	251,744.6964	1.42%
Constantine D. Tseretopoulos	14,837,488.3195	83.93%	98.46%	232,225.6964	1.31%

* Harris J. Ashton, Nicholas F. Brady, Frank J. Crothers, S. Joseph Fortunato, Edith E. Holiday, Gordon S. Macklin and Fred R. Millsaps are Trustees of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office continued after the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Board Members and Officers

The name, age 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. Each board member will serve until that person's successor is elected and qualified.

INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*	O
HARRIS J. ASHTON (72) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1992	140	D p

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

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FRANK J. CROTHERS (60) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	21		
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Chairman, Island Corporate Holdings Ltd. (Vice Chairman 1996-2003); Vice Chairman, Caribbean Utility Services Ltd. (2003-2004); Director and President, Provo Power Company Ltd.; Director, Caribbean Electric Utility Services Ltd. (2002-2003); director of various other business and nonprofit organizations; and FORMERLY, Chairman, Island Corporate Holdings Ltd. & Power Ltd. (1977-2003).

S. JOSEPH FORTUNATO (72) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1992	141		
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Attorney; and FORMERLY, member of the law firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch.

EDITH E. HOLIDAY (52) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1996	96		
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Director or Trustee of various companies and trusts; and FORMERLY, Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Cabinet (1990-1993); General Counsel to the United States Treasury Department (1993-1994); the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Public Liaison-United States Treasury Department (1994-1995).

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*		
GORDON S. MACKLIN (76) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1993	140		

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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Deputy Chairman, White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company); and FORMERLY, Chairman (financial services) (1993-1998) and Hambrecht & Quist Group (investment banking) (1987-1992); a Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (1970-1987).

FRED R. MILLSAPS (75) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1990	28	N
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

FRANK A. OLSON (72) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2003	21	D D t M L a C a g
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman of the Board, The Hertz Corporation (car rental) (since 1980) (Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, UAL Corporation (airlines).

CONSTANTINE D. TSERETOPOULOS (50) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	21	N
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

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INTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*	O
**NICHOLAS F. BRADY (74) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1993	21	D C a g

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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman, Darby Overseas Investments, Ltd., Darby Emerging Markets Investments LDC and Darby Tec LLC (investment firms) (1994-present); Director, Templeton Capital Advisors Ltd. and Franklin Templeton Fund; and FORMERLY, Chairman, Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust PLC (until 2003), Secretary, United States Department of the Treasury (1988-1993); Chairman of the Board, Dillon, Read & Co., Inc. (until 1988); and U.S. Senator, New Jersey (April 1982-December 1982).

HARMON E. BURNS (59)
One Franklin Parkway
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

Trustee and Vice President
Trustee since 1992 and Vice President since 1996
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Executive Vice President, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; Director, Franklin Advisory Services, Inc.; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the investment companies of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 49 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

*CHARLES B. JOHNSON (71)
One Franklin Parkway
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

Trustee, Chairman of the Board and Vice President
Trustee and Chairman of the Board since 1995 and Vice President since 1992
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman of the Board, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice Chairman, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Director, Fiduciary Trust Company International; and officer and/or director, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

JAMES M. DAVIS (52)
One Franklin Parkway
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

Chief Compliance Officer
Since July 2004
Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Officer of 51 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; Director, Global Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc.; and FORMERLY, Director of Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc. (1994-2001).

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
JEFFREY A. EVERETT (40)	Vice President	Since 2001	Not Applicable

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PO Box N-7759
Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

President and Director, Templeton Global Advisors Limited; officer of 15 of the investment companies; and FORMERLY, Investment Officer, First Pennsylvania Investment Research (until 1989)

MARTIN L. FLANAGAN (44) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President Since 1989	Not Applicable	
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Co-President and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC; Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; President and Chief Operating Officer, Templeton Investment Advisory Services, Inc. and Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; Chief Financial Officer, Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; Chairman, Franklin Templeton Investment Services, LLC; officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Templeton Investments.

JIMMY D. GAMBILL (57) 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 51 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

DAVID P. GOSS (57) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2000	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Associate General Counsel, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and director of one of the subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of 51 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Officer and Director, Property Resources Equity Trust (until 1999) and Franklin Select Realty Trust

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
BARBARA J. GREEN (56) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President and Secretary	Vice President since 2000 and Secretary since 1996	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

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Advisory Services, Inc., Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC, Franklin Templeton Alternative Strategies, Templeton Investor Services, LLC, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Investment Counsel, LLC, and Templeton/Franklin Investment Services, Inc.; and officer of some of the subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 51 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Deputy Director, Division of Investment Management, Executive Assistant and Senior Advisor to the Chairman, Special Counsel and Attorney Fellow, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and Attorney, Rogers & Wells (until 1986); and Judicial Clerk, U.S. District Court (District of Massachusetts).

RUPERT H. JOHNSON, JR. (64) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President Since 1996	Not Applicable	
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc.; Director, Franklin Advisers, Inc. and Franklin Investment Services, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; and officer and/or director or trustee of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 49 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

JOHN R. KAY (64) 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.; President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 35 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Vice President, Keystone Group, Inc.

DIOMEDES LOO-TAM (65) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Treasurer Since March 2004	Not Applicable	
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Officer of 15 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; Consultant, MyVest (a financial development company and investment advisory services); and FORMERLY, Director and member of Audit Committee, Runkel Funds, Inc. (2002-2003); Treasurer/Controller of most of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments (1985-2000); and Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (1997-2000).

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
MICHAEL O. MAGDOL (67) 600 Fifth Avenue Rockefeller Center New York, NY 10020-2302	Vice President Since 2002 - AML Compliance		Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:
Vice Chairman, Chief Banking Officer and Director, Fiduciary Trust Company International; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 48 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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MARK MOBIUS (68) 17th Floor, The Chater House 8 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong	President and Chief Executive Officer - Investment Management	President since 1987 and Chief Executive Officer - Investment Management since 2002	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Portfolio Manager of various Templeton advisory affiliates; Managing Director, Templeton Asset Management; President and Director, Templeton Global Advisors Limited; and officer and/or director, as the case may be, of other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of six of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, President, International Investment Trust Company Limited (investment manager of Taiwan Investment Trust Company Limited (1983-1986)); and Director, Vickers da Costa, Hong Kong (1983-1986).

MURRAY L. SIMPSON (67) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President Since 2000	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and/or director, as the case may be, of some of the subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 51 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Templeton Franklin Investments Limited (until 2000); and Director, Templeton Asset Management Ltd. (until 1999).

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
GALEN G. VETTER (52) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	Since May 2004	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Officer of 51 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; and FORMERLY, Managing Director, RSM McGladrey, Inc.; and Partner, McGladrey & Pullen LLP.

* 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 adviser or affiliated investment advisers.

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

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to be an interested person of the Fund under the federal securities laws due to his ownership interest in a subsidiary of Resources, as well as his director positions with such company and certain other related companies. Note: Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are brothers.

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

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Fund has established Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Policies") that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. Shareholders may view the Fund's complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954/847-2268 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at sec.gov and reflect the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund files a complete statement of investments with the 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

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operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800/SEC-0330.

CERTIFICATIONS

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

In addition, the Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer are required by the rules of the SEC to provide certain certifications with respect to the Fund's Form N-CSR and Form N-CSRS (which includes the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders) that are filed semi-annually with the SEC. The Fund has filed such certifications with its Form N-CSRS for the six months ended February 29, 2004. Additionally, the Fund expects to file, on or before October 29, 2004, such certifications with its Form N-CSR for the year ended August 31, 2004.

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FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS

INTERNATIONAL

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

GLOBAL

Mutual Discovery Fund
Templeton Capital Accumulator Fund
Templeton Global Long-Short Fund
Templeton Global Opportunities Trust
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

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Templeton Growth Fund
Templeton World Fund

GROWTH

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

VALUE

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

BLEND

Franklin Blue Chip Fund
Franklin Convertible Securities Fund
Franklin Growth Fund
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund
Franklin U.S. Long-Short Fund 4

SECTOR

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

ASSET ALLOCATION

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

TARGET FUNDS

Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund

INCOME

Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Franklin's AGE High Income Fund
Franklin Federal Money Fund 5, 6
Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund
Franklin Floating Rate Trust 3
Franklin Income Fund
Franklin Limited Maturity

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U.S. Government Securities Fund 5, 7
Franklin Money Fund 5, 6
Franklin Strategic Income Fund
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Templeton Hard Currency Fund
Franklin Total Return Fund
Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Templeton Global Bond Fund

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NATIONAL FUNDS

Double Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Tax-Free Income Fund
High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund
Insured Tax-Free Income Fund 9
Tax-Exempt Money Fund 5, 6

LIMITED-TERM FUNDS

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

INTERMEDIATE-TERM FUNDS

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

STATE-SPECIFIC

Alabama
Arizona
California 10
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida 10
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts 9
Michigan 9
Minnesota 9
Missouri
New Jersey
New York 10
North Carolina
Ohio 9
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Virginia

INSURANCE FUNDS

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Products Trust 11

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.

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3. The fund is a continuously offered, closed-end fund. Shares may be purchased daily; there is no daily redemption. However, each quarter, pending board approval, the fund will authorize the repurchase of 5%-25% of the outstanding number of shares. Investors may tender all or a portion of their shares during the tender period.

4. Upon reaching approximately \$350 million in assets, the fund intends to close to all investors.

5. An investment in the fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government or by any other entity or institution.

6. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.

7. Formerly Franklin Short-Intermediate U.S. Government Securities Fund. Effective 9/1/04, the fund's name changed; its investment goal and strategy remained the same.

8. For investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, a small portion of fund dividends may be taxable. Distributions of capital gains are generally taxable.

9. Portfolio of insured municipal securities.

10. 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).

11. The funds of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust are generally available only through insurance company variable contracts.

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

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 11(a), the registrant is attaching as an exhibit a copy of its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

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

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) Audit Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or for services that are normally provided by the principal accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements were \$6,052 the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004 and \$20,912 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003.

(b) Audit-Related Fees

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

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with

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the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the their financial statements were \$45,000 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004 and \$3,614 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003. The services for which these fees were paid included attestation services.

(c) Tax Fees

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

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

(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 \$100 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004 and \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003. 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 \$99,985 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004 and \$876 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003. 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

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(b)-(d) of Item 4 were pre-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 \$145,085 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004 and \$4,490 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003.

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

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

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

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. N/A

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

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

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

To assist it in analyzing proxies, the manager subscribes to Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), an unaffiliated third party corporate governance research service that provides in-depth analyses of shareholder meeting agendas, vote recommendations, recordkeeping and vote disclosure services. In addition, the manager subscribes to Glass Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis), an unaffiliated third party analytical research firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations on the shareholder meetings of publicly held U.S. companies. Although ISS' and/or Glass Lewis' analyses are thoroughly reviewed and considered in making a final voting decision, the manager does not consider recommendations from ISS, Glass Lewis or any other third party to be determinative of the manager's ultimate decision. The manager votes proxies solely in the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. As a matter of policy, the officers, trustees and employees of the Fund, the manager and the Proxy Group will not be influenced by outside sources whose interests conflict with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. All conflicts are resolved in the interests of the manager's clients. In situations where the manager perceives a material conflict of interest, the manager may: disclose the conflict to the Fund's board of trustees; defer to the voting recommendation of the Fund's board of trustees, ISS, Glass Lewis or those of another independent third party provider of proxy services; or take such other action in good faith (in consultation with counsel) which would protect the interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

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

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

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

RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS. 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 & 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

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and will closely evaluate such plans on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not they warrant support. The manager will generally vote against any proposal to issue stock that has unequal or subordinate voting rights. The manager generally opposes any supermajority voting requirements as well as the payment of "greenmail." The manager generally supports "fair price" provisions and confidential voting.

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

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

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

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

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

Shareholders may view the complete Policies on-line at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954/847-2268 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are available on-line at franklintempleton.com and posted on the SEC website at WWW.SEC.GOV and reflect the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

ITEM 8. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND AFFILIATED PURCHASES. N/A

ITEM 9. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS OF A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

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

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ITEM 10. 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 11. EXHIBITS

(a) Code of Ethics

(b) (1) 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) (2) 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 29, 2004

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.

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By /s/JIMMY D. GAMBILL
Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration
Date October 29, 2004

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER
Chief Financial Officer
Date October 29, 2004