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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-04985

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 EAST BROWARD BLVD., SUITE 2100, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3091

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 527-7500  
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Date of fiscal year end: 8/31  
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Date of reporting period: 8/31/09  
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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

AUGUST 31, 2009

ANNUAL REPORT

(GRAPHIC)

INTERNATIONAL

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(FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS (R) LOGO)

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

(GRAPHIC)

Not part of the annual report

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Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

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

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

Based on Total Net Assets as of 8/31/09

Asia	54.4%
Latin America & Caribbean	23.1%
Europe	21.1%
Middle East & Africa	0.2%
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets	1.2%

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Templeton Emerging Markets Fund covers the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

## PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund had cumulative total returns of -1.27% based on market price and -5.54% based on net asset value for the 12 months under review.

## ECONOMIC AND MARKET OVERVIEW

The 2008 financial crisis drove significant corrections in global stock markets as extreme risk aversion led investors to shy away from most forms of investments including equities. Emerging markets were no exception, as the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets (EM) Index declined more than 50% in U.S. dollar terms from the beginning of 2008 to reach a year-low

THE DOLLAR VALUE, NUMBER OF SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AND NAMES OF ALL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS ARE LISTED IN THE FUND'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (SOI). THE SOI BEGINS ON PAGE 9.

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## TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Based on Equity Investments as of 8/31/09

% OF TOTAL  
NET ASSETS  
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Brazil	21.2%
China	16.4%
India	11.0%
Thailand	8.7%
Turkey	8.2%
Russia	7.6%
South Korea	6.6%
Hong Kong	5.9%
Indonesia	4.6%
U.K.	2.1%

in October 2008.(1) Markets subsequently traded sideways for about four months as governments globally implemented fiscal stimuli and loosened monetary policies to support their domestic economies and ease liquidity conditions. Partly as a result of these efforts, emerging markets stocks, which recovered much of their 2008 decline, returned +71.13% in the last six months of the reporting period and -9.96% for the 12 months.(1) Part of this decline was due to weakness in emerging markets currencies as the U.S. dollar benefited from funds seeking a safe haven during the earlier part of the period.

Stock markets in Eastern Europe were the weakest emerging market performers during the 12-month reporting period due to concerns about the financial state of European banks and current account deficits in several European countries, including the Baltic states. Eastern European markets, however, outperformed their emerging market counterparts in the latter half of the reporting period with a +91.41% six-month total return as investors returned in search of oversold stocks.(1) Turkey's stock market delivered +19.72% total return in local currency terms for the year, but a weak lira reversed the gains and the market had a -5.40% return in U.S. dollar terms.(1)

Asian stock markets, on the other hand, outperformed their emerging market peers as signs of economic recovery and improved investor confidence led to significant inflows. Chinese equities were among top performers during the period. China remained one of the world's fastest growing major economies, as 2009 second quarter gross domestic product growth accelerated to 8% from 6% in the first quarter, year-over-year.(2)

In Latin America, Brazil and Mexico were adversely affected by weaker domestic currencies and a correction in commodity prices. Close economic ties with the U.S. further impacted the recession-burdened Mexican 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

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(2.) Source: National Bureau of Statistics, China.

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potential. As we look for investments, we focus on specific companies and undertake in-depth research to construct an action list from which we make our buy decisions. Before we make a purchase, we look at the company's potential for earnings and growth over a five-year horizon. During our analysis, we also consider the company's position in its sector, the economic framework and political environment.

## MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

For the 12 months under review, among the most significant detractors from the Fund's absolute performance were CNOOC, China's largest offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production company, Victory City International Holdings, a Hong Kong textile maker with production facilities in China, and Oriflame Cosmetics, a Swedish cosmetics company that sells natural skin care and makeup products through an independent sales force. We continued to hold our position in Victory City because we considered its valuations attractive. Based on our research, we believed Victory City could benefit for the longer term from possible consolidations in China's textile industry. On the other hand, we divested the Fund's holdings in CNOOC and Oriflame Cosmetics due to availability of what we considered attractively valued stocks elsewhere in our investment universe.

On a positive note, the most significant contributors to the Fund's absolute performance during this review period included China's Denway Motors, Brazil's Itau Unibanco Holding and Chalco (Aluminum Corp. of China). Denway Motors has a joint venture with Honda Motor for the production and sales of Honda Accord, Fit and Odyssey models in the country. The company also manufactures automobile audio equipment and trades motor vehicles. We increased the Fund's holdings in Denway Motors during the reporting period, and based on our analysis, we maintained a positive long-term view on China's automobile sector, where low market penetration rates and government efforts supporting the sector could point to considerable growth potential. Itau Unibanco Holding is one of Brazil's largest financial conglomerates that provides a full range of banking and financial services. The merger between Itau and Unibanco in 2008 allowed the joint company to unlock hidden value, which had a positive impact on stock prices. We believe the continued liberalization of Brazil's financial sector and growing financial needs of the region's consumers could further benefit Itau Unibanco Holding. Chalco is China's leading producer of alumina and primary aluminum products. The company recorded significant price declines in the earlier part of the year due to commodity price correction and demand concerns amid slowing global growth. Since then, Chalco's share price regained some ground

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS 8/31/09

COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY, COUNTRY -----	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS -----
Petrobras (Petroleo Brasileiro SA), ADR, pfd. OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, BRAZIL	7.9%
Akbank TAS COMMERCIAL BANKS, TURKEY	6.0%
Vale SA, ADR, pfd., A	5.9%

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METALS & MINING, BRAZIL	
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H	4.6%
OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, CHINA	
Sesa Goa Ltd.	4.2%
METALS & MINING, INDIA	
Itau Unibanco Holding SA, ADR	3.9%
COMMERCIAL BANKS, BRAZIL	
Chalco (Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd.), H	3.7%
METALS & MINING, CHINA	
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd.	3.6%
COMMERCIAL BANKS, BRAZIL	
Denway Motors Ltd.	3.5%
AUTOMOBILES, CHINA	
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd.	3.3%
FOOD & STAPLES RETAILING, HONG KONG	

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along with commodity prices. Although commodity prices came down from their 2008 peaks, we believe they could trend upward in the long term and further benefit companies such as Chalco.

It is important to recognize the effect of currency movements on the Fund's performance. In general, if the value of the U.S. dollar goes up compared with a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will go down in value because it will be worth fewer U.S. dollars. This can have a negative effect on Fund performance. Conversely, when the U.S. dollar weakens in relation to a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will increase in value, which can contribute to Fund performance. For the 12 months ended August 31, 2009, the U.S. dollar rose in value relative to most currencies. As a result, the Fund's performance was negatively affected by the portfolio's investment predominantly in securities with non-U.S. currency exposure.

We sold a number of holdings during this review period as stocks reached sale price targets or were no longer attractively valued in our investment universe. As we raised funds for income and capital gains distributions, we reduced the Fund's investments in semiconductors, oil and gas, and telecommunication services companies and the Fund's exposure to Taiwan, Poland and Turkey. Major sales included TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.), the world's largest independent integrated circuit foundry, Turkcell (Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri), Turkey's leading mobile communication services provider, and PKN Orlen (Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen), Poland's major oil and gas company.

During the reporting period, we made select purchases in diversified metals and mining, food retail, and IT consulting companies as price corrections made valuations more attractive in our view. We also increased the Fund's investments in India, South Africa and Brazil. Key additions included U.K.'s Anglo American, an international natural resources group, Walmex (Wal-Mart de Mexico), the largest retailer in Latin America, and India's Tata Consultancy Services, a major IT consulting company.

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Thank you for your continued participation in Templeton Emerging Markets Fund.

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We look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Sincerely,

(PHOTO OF MARK MOBIUS)

/s/ Mark Mobius  
 Mark Mobius  
 Executive Chairman  
 Templeton Asset Management Ltd.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION REFLECTS OUR ANALYSIS, OPINIONS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2009, THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE WAY WE IMPLEMENT OUR MAIN INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND THE RESULTING PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON FACTORS SUCH AS MARKET AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. THESE OPINIONS MAY NOT BE RELIED UPON AS INVESTMENT ADVICE OR AN OFFER FOR A PARTICULAR SECURITY. THE INFORMATION IS NOT A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF EVERY ASPECT OF ANY MARKET, COUNTRY, INDUSTRY, SECURITY OR THE FUND. STATEMENTS OF FACT ARE FROM SOURCES CONSIDERED RELIABLE, BUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THEIR COMPLETENESS OR ACCURACY. ALTHOUGH HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS, THESE INSIGHTS MAY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND OUR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY.

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### Performance Summary as of 8/31/09

Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities. Total return reflects reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. Total returns do not reflect any sales charges paid at inception or brokerage commissions paid on secondary market purchases. The performance table does not reflect any taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends, capital gain distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

### PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

SYMBOL: EMF -----	CHANGE -----	8/31/09 -----	8/31/08 -----
Net Asset Value (NAV)	-\$3.43	\$15.68	\$19.11
Market Price (NYSE)	-\$2.61	\$15.02	\$17.63
DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/08-8/31/09)			
Dividend Income		\$0.3045	
Short-Term Capital Gain		\$0.0006	
Long-Term Capital Gain		\$1.1385	
TOTAL		\$1.4436	

### PERFORMANCE

1-YEAR      5-YEAR      10-YEAR

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Cumulative Total Return(1)			
Based on change in NAV(2)	-5.54%	+113.82%	+165.72%
Based on change in market price(3)	-1.27%	+95.38%	+146.10%
Average Annual Total Return(1)			
Based on change in NAV(2)	-5.54%	+16.42%	+10.26%
Based on change in market price(3)	-1.27%	+14.34%	+9.42%

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

### ENDNOTES

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

- (1.) Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated.
- (2.) Assumes reinvestment of distribution based on net asset value.
- (3.) Assumes reinvestment of distribution based on the dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan.

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### Important Notice to Shareholders

#### SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

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

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### Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,

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2009	2008	2007	2006
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#### PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE



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(for a share outstanding throughout the year)

Net asset value, beginning of year .....	\$ 19.11	\$ 23.14	\$ 20.56	\$ 17.9
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Income from investment operations:				
Net investment income(a) .....	0.19	0.30	0.37	0.3
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) .....	(2.18)	(2.16)	7.47	4.2
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total from investment operations .....	(1.99)	(1.86)	7.84	4.5
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Less distributions from:				
Net investment income .....	(0.30)	(0.34)	(0.64)	(0.3)
Net realized gains .....	(1.14)	(1.83)	(4.62)	(1.6)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total distributions .....	(1.44)	(2.17)	(5.26)	(2.0)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net asset value, end of year .....	\$ 15.68	\$ 19.11	\$ 23.14	\$ 20.5
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Market value, end of year(b) .....	\$ 15.02	\$ 17.63	\$ 20.56	\$ 18.9
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total return (based on market value per share) .....	(1.27)%	(6.16)%	41.62%	15.0
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS				
Expenses(c) .....	1.55%	1.55%	1.55%	1.5
Net investment income .....	1.55%	1.28%	1.86%	1.6
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA				
Net assets, end of year (000's) .....	\$283,401	\$345,403	\$418,213	\$366,54
Portfolio turnover rate .....	13.03%	9.33%	33.15%	43.0

(a) Based on average daily shares outstanding.

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

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

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2009

	INDUSTRY
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COMMON STOCKS 81.5%	
AUSTRIA 1.2%	
OMV AG .....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
BRAZIL 3.9%	
Itau Unibanco Holding SA, ADR .....	Commercial Banks
CHINA 16.4%	
Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd., H .....	Metals & Mining
(a) Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Ltd. ....	Automobiles
China Petroleum and Chemical Corp., H .....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Chiwan Wharf Holdings Ltd., B .....	Transportation Infrastructure

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Denway Motors Ltd. ....	Automobiles
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H .....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Win Hanverky Holdings Ltd. ....	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
HONG KONG 5.9%	
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. ....	Food & Staples Retailing
(a) Victory City International Holdings Ltd. ....	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
VTech Holdings Ltd. ....	Communications Equipment
HUNGARY 1.3%	
(a) MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Nyrt. ....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
INDIA 11.0%	
National Aluminium Co. Ltd. ....	Metals & Mining
Oil & Natural Gas Corp. Ltd. ....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Peninsula Land Ltd. ....	Real Estate Management & Development
Sesa Goa Ltd. ....	Metals & Mining
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. ....	IT Services
INDONESIA 4.6%	
PT Astra International Tbk .....	Automobiles
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk .....	Commercial Banks
MEXICO 1.9%	
Wal-Mart de Mexico SAB de CV, V .....	Food & Staples Retailing
PAKISTAN 1.3%	
(a) Faysal Bank Ltd. ....	Commercial Banks
MCB Bank Ltd. ....	Commercial Banks
POLAND 0.6%	
(a) Polnord SA .....	Construction & Engineering

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2009 (CONTINUED)

INDUSTRY

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COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)

RUSSIA 7.6%

Gazprom, ADR .....

Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels

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LUKOIL Holdings, ADR .....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
LUKOIL Holdings, ADR (London Exchange) .....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
(a) Mining and Metallurgical Co. Norilsk Nickel .....	Metals & Mining
Mobile TeleSystems, ADR .....	Wireless Telecommunication Servi
OAO TMK .....	Energy Equipment & Services
SOUTH AFRICA 0.2%	
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd. ....	Metals & Mining
SOUTH KOREA 6.6%	
Avista Inc. ....	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goo
Hyundai Development Co. ....	Construction & Engineering
Neopharm Co. Ltd. ....	Personal Products
SK Energy Co. Ltd. ....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
TAIWAN 0.0% (b)	
MediaTek Inc. ....	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equ
THAILAND 8.7%	
Amata Corp. Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Real Estate Management & Develop
Hemraj Land and Development Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Real Estate Management & Develop
Kasikornbank Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Commercial Banks
Kiatnakin Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Consumer Finance
Land and Houses Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Real Estate Management & Develop
PTT Exploration and Production Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ...	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
PTT Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Siam Cement Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ....	Construction Materials
TURKEY 8.2%	
Akbank TAS .....	Commercial Banks
Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri AS .....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
UNITED KINGDOM 2.1%	
(a) Anglo American PLC .....	Metals & Mining
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
(COST \$186,070,169) .....	

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INDUSTRY

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PREFERRED STOCKS 17.3%	
BRAZIL 17.3%	
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd. ....	Commercial Banks
Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd. ....	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Vale SA, ADR, pfd., A .....	Metals & Mining
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS	
(COST \$18,224,142) .....	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT TERM	
INVESTMENTS (COST \$204,294,311) .....	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$3,366,055) 1.2%	
MONEY MARKET FUNDS 1.2%	
UNITED STATES 1.2%	
(c) Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio,	
0.00% .....	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$207,660,366) 100.0% .....	
OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 0.0%(b) .....	
NET ASSETS 100.0% .....	

See Abbreviations on page 20.

- (a) Non-income producing.
- (b) Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.
- (c) See Note 7 regarding investments in the Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

August 31, 2009

#### Assets:

##### Investments in securities:

Cost - Unaffiliated issuers .....	\$204
Cost - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7) .....	3
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Total cost of investments .....	\$207
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Value - Unaffiliated issuers .....	\$279
Value - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7) .....	3
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Total value of investments .....	283

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Receivables:	
Dividends .....	1
Foreign tax .....	
Total assets .....	284
Liabilities:	
Payables:	
Investment securities purchased .....	
Affiliates .....	
Custodian fees .....	
Deferred tax .....	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities .....	
Total liabilities .....	1
Net assets, at value .....	\$283
Net assets consist of:	
Paid-in capital .....	\$212
Undistributed net investment income .....	2
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....	75
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) .....	(6)
Net assets, at value .....	\$283
Shares outstanding .....	18
Net asset value per share .....	\$

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the year ended August 31, 2009

Investment income:	
Dividends: (net of foreign taxes of \$672,751)	
Unaffiliated issuers .....	\$ 6
Sweep Money Fund (Note 7) .....	
Total investment income .....	6
Expenses:	
Management fees (Note 3a) .....	2
Administrative fees (Note 3b) .....	
Transfer agent fees .....	
Custodian fees (Note 4) .....	
Reports to shareholders .....	
Registration and filing fees .....	

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Professional fees .....		
Trustees' fees and expenses .....		
Other .....		
Total expenses .....		3
Expense reductions (Note 4) .....		---
Net expenses .....		3
Net investment income .....		3
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):		
Net realized gain (loss) from:		
Investments .....		(6)
Foreign currency transactions .....		---
Net realized gain (loss) .....		(6)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:		
Investments .....		(32)
Translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies .....		---
Change in deferred taxes on unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....		---
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....		(32)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) .....		(39)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations .....		\$ (35)
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Increase (decrease) in net assets:		
Operations:		
Net investment income .....		
Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions .....		
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and deferred taxes .....		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations .....		
Distributions to shareholders from:		
Net investment income .....		

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Net realized gains .....	
Total distributions to shareholders .....	
Net increase (decrease) in net assets .....	
Net assets:	
Beginning of year .....	
End of year .....	
Undistributed net investment income included in net assets:	
End of year .....	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

##### A. SECURITY VALUATION

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

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

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of individual securities and other assets for which market prices are not readily available or which may not be reliably priced. Methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis based upon the underlying investment book value, anticipated future cash flows, market changes in comparable or similar securities, matrix pricing, discounts from market prices of similar securities, or discounts applied due to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such securities, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that

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would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into question the availability (including the reliability) of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. The investment manager monitors price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depository Receipts, futures contracts and exchange traded funds). These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services. All security valuation procedures are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

##### B. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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

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

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

##### C. INCOME AND DEFERRED TAXES

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

The Fund has reviewed the tax positions, taken on federal income tax returns, for each of the three open tax years and as of August 31, 2009, and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements.



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

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. 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. Estimated expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized as soon as the Fund is notified of the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis). Distributable earnings determined on a tax basis may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary differences are not reclassified, as they may reverse in subsequent periods.

E. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. GUARANTEES AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

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

2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

At August 31, 2009, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without

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par value). During the years ended August 31, 2009 and August 31, 2008, there were no shares issued; all reinvested distributions were satisfied with previously issued shares purchased in the open market.

The Fund's Board of Trustees previously authorized an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, Fund shares in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. This authorization remains in effect. During the years ended August 31, 2009 and August 31, 2008, there were no shares repurchased.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

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

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

#### A. MANAGEMENT FEES

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

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

#### B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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

### 4. EXPENSE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of

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the Fund's custodian expenses. During the year ended August 31, 2009, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

### 5. INCOME TAXES

For tax purposes, capital losses may be carried over to offset future capital gains, if any. At August 31, 2009, the Fund had tax basis capital losses of \$1,375,872 expiring in 2017.

For tax purposes, realized capital losses occurring subsequent to October 31, may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first day of the following fiscal year. At August 31, 2009, the Fund deferred realized capital losses of \$3,998,148.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 5. INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended August 31, 2009 and 2008, was as follows:

	2009	2008
	-----	-----
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income .....	\$ 5,514,083	\$ 12,549,914
Long term capital gain .....	20,576,007	26,614,348
	-----	-----
	\$26,090,090	\$ 39,164,262
	=====	=====

At August 31, 2009, the cost of investments, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) and undistributed ordinary income for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments .....		\$208,861,678
		=====
Unrealized appreciation .....		\$ 96,905,994
Unrealized depreciation .....		(22,425,389)
		-----
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....		\$ 74,480,605
		=====
Distributable earnings - undistributed ordinary income .....		\$ 2,542,876
		=====

Net investment income differs for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatment of foreign currency transactions.

Net realized gains (losses) differ for financial statement and tax purposes

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primarily due to differing treatment of wash sales and foreign currency transactions.

### 6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the year ended August 31, 2009, aggregated \$29,107,439 and \$39,828,419, respectively.

### 7. INVESTMENTS IN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

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

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 8. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

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

### 9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement" (SFAS 157), on September 1, 2008. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The Fund has determined that the implementation of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements.

SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and the Fund's own market assumptions (unobservable inputs). These inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments and are summarized in the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speed, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

At August 31, 2009, all the Fund's investments in securities carried at fair value were in Level 1 inputs. For detailed country descriptions, see the

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accompanying Statement of Investments.

### 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Fund has evaluated subsequent events through October 20, 2009, the issuance date of the financial statements, and determined that no events have occurred that require disclosure.

### ABBREVIATIONS

#### SELECTED PORTFOLIO

ADR - American Depository Receipt

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the "Fund") at August 31, 2009, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at August 31, 2009 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, California  
October 20, 2009

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TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED)

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Under Section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$20,576,007 as a long term capital gain dividend for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

Under Section 871(k)(2)(C) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$10,408 as a short term capital gain dividend for purposes of the tax imposed under Section 871(a)(1)(A) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

Under Section 854(b)(2) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$4,474,561 as qualified dividends for purposes of the maximum rate under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009. Distributions, including qualified dividend income, paid during calendar year 2009 will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV in January 2010. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their individual income tax returns.

Under Section 871(k)(1)(C) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$41,414 as interest related dividends for purposes of the tax imposed under Section 871(a)(1)(A) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

At August 31, 2008, more than 50% of the Fund's total assets were invested in securities of foreign issuers. In most instances, foreign taxes were withheld from income paid to the Fund on these investments. As shown in the table below, the Fund designates to shareholders the foreign source income and foreign taxes paid, pursuant to Section 853 of the Code. This designation will allow shareholders of record on December 16, 2008, to treat their proportionate share of foreign taxes paid by the Funds 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 of foreign tax paid, foreign source income, and foreign qualified dividends as designated by the Fund to shareholders of record.

RECORD DATE: 12/16/2008

CLASS	FOREIGN TAX PAID PER SHARE	FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME PER SHARE	FOREIGN QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS PER SHARE
-----	-----	-----	-----
Class A .....	\$0.0589	\$0.3585	\$0.2508

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

Foreign Source Income Per Share (Column 2) is the amount per share of income dividends paid to you that is attributable to foreign securities held by the Fund, plus any foreign taxes withheld on these dividends. The amounts reported include foreign source qualified dividends that have not been adjusted for the rate differential applicable to such dividend income.(1)

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TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Foreign Qualified Dividends Per Share (Column 3) is the amount per share of foreign source qualified dividends the Fund paid to you, plus any foreign taxes withheld on these dividends. These amounts represent the portion of the Foreign Source Income reported to you in column 2 that were derived from qualified foreign securities held by the Fund.(1)

In January 2009, shareholders received Form 1099-DIV which included their share of taxes paid and foreign source income distributed during the calendar year 2008. The Foreign Source Income reported on Form 1099-DIV has not been adjusted for the rate differential on foreign source qualified dividend income. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their 2008 individual income tax returns.

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

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the Fund's offices, 500 E. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 20, 2009. 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: Ann Torre Bates, David W. Niemiec, Larry D. Thompson and Robert E. Wade.\* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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

The election of four Trustees:

TERM EXPIRING 2012 -----	FOR -----	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES -----	% OF PRESENT AND VOTING -----	WITHHELD -----	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES -----	% OF PRESENT AND VOTING -----
Ann Torre Bates .....	14,146,699	78.28%	93.98%	905,556	5.01%	6.02%
David W. Niemiec .....	14,162,041	78.36%	94.09%	890,214	4.93%	5.91%
Larry D. Thompson .....	14,135,519	78.21%	93.91%	916,736	5.07%	6.09%
Robert E. Wade .....	14,149,904	78.29%	94.01%	902,351	4.99%	5.99%

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- \* Charles B. Johnson, Gregory E. Johnson, Harris J. Ashton, Frank J. Crothers, Edith E. Holiday, Frank A. Olson, and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos are Trustees of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office continued after the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

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

Shareholders must affirmatively elect to participate in the Plan. If you decide to use this service, share dividends and capital gains distributions will be reinvested automatically in shares of the Fund for your account. BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035, 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 new 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 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 can be made by check or money order payable to The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Plan Administrator") and sent to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 382009, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8009, Attention: Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. The Plan Administrator will apply such payments (less a \$5.00 service charge and less a pro rata share of trading fees) to purchases of Fund shares on the open market.

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

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

A participant may withdraw from the Plan without penalty at any time by written notice to the Plan Administrator sent to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035. 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. The Plan Administrator will convert any fractional shares you hold at the



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time of your withdrawal to cash at the current market value and send you a check for the net proceeds.

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN (CONTINUED)

DIRECT DEPOSIT SERVICE FOR REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

Cash distributions can now be electronically credited to a checking or saving account at any financial institution that participates in the Automated Clearing House ("ACH") system. The Direct Deposit service is provided for registered shareholders at no charge. To enroll in the service, access your account online by going to <http://vault.bnymellon.com/isd> or dial 1-800-416-5585 (toll free) and follow the instructions. Direct Deposit will begin with the next scheduled distribution payment date following enrollment in the service.

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TRANSFER AGENT

BNY Mellon Shareowner Services  
P.O. Box 358035  
Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035  
1-800-416-5585  
[www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com)

DIRECT REGISTRATION

If you are a registered shareholder of the Fund, purchases of shares of the Fund can be electronically credited to your Fund account at BNY Mellon Shareowner Services through Direct Registration. This service provides shareholders with a convenient way to keep track of shares through book entry transactions, electronically move book-entry shares between broker-dealers, transfer agents and DRS eligible issuers, and eliminate the possibility of lost certificates. For additional information, please contact BNY Mellon Shareowner Services at 1-800-416-5585.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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### BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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

#### INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
HARRIS J. ASHTON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1992	134

#### PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

ANN TORRE BATES (1958) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2008	31
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#### PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Independent strategic and financial consultant; and FORMERLY, Executive Vice President and Chief (manager of multifamily housing) (1995-1997); and Vice President and Treasurer, US Airways, Inc.

FRANK J. CROTHERS (1944) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	23
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director and Vice Chairman, Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. and director of various other private organizations.

EDITH E. HOLIDAY (1952) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Lead Independent Trustee	Trustee since 1996 and Lead Independent Trustee since 2007	134
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
DAVID W. NIEMIEC (1949) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2005	23

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Advisor, Saratoga Partners (private equity fund); and FORMERLY, Managing Director, Saratoga Partners, Dillon Read (investment banking) (1997-1998); Vice Chairman, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (investment banking) (1993-1997); and Financial Officer, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (1982-1997).

FRANK A. OLSON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2003	134
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

LARRY D. THOMPSON (1945) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2005	142
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consumer products), Delta Airlines (aviation) (2003-2005) and Provident Financial Corp. (credit card provider); Director, The Brookings Institution (2003-2004); Visiting Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2001-2003); U.S. Department of Justice (2001-2003).

CONSTANTINE D. TSERETOPOULOS (1954) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	23
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Physician, Lyford Cay Hospital (1987-present); director of various nonprofit organizations; and Professor, University of Maryland (1985-1987) and Internal Medicine Resident, Greater Baltimore Medical Center (1981-1985).

ROBERT E. WADE (1946) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2006	38
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Attorney at law.

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INTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
**CHARLES B. JOHNSON (1933) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee, Chairman of the Board and Vice President	Trustee and Chairman of the Board since 1995 and Vice President since 1992	134

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

**GREGORY E. JOHNSON (1961) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee	Since 2007	90
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin Resources, Inc.; President, Templeton Asset Management Ltd.; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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Resources, Inc. and of 32 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

JAMES M. DAVIS (1952) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President - AML Compliance	Chief Compliance Officer since 2004 and Vice President - AML Compliance since 2006	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, Global Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of some of the other subsidiaries of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Director of Compliance (1994-2001).

LAURA F. FERGERSON (1962) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration	Since March 2009	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Director and member of Audit and Valuation Committees, Runkel Funds, Inc. (2003-2004); officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments (1997-2003); and Vice President, Franklin Templeton Investments (1997-2003).

ALIYA S. GORDON (1973) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since March 2009	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Litigation Associate, Steefel, Levitt & Weiss, LLP (2000-2004).

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS -----	POSITION -----	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED -----	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER* -----
DAVID P. GOSS (1947) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2000	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; officer and/or director, as the subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

STEVEN J. GRAY (1955) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Vice President since August 2009	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Vice President, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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

Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; and officer in various capacities, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 43 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

MARK MOBIUS (1936) 17th Floor, 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; Executive Chairman, Templeton Asset Management, Inc.; and officer, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 43 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, President, International Investment Trust Company (Taiwan R.O.C. Fund) (1986-1987); and Director, Vickers da Costa, Hong Kong (1983-1986).

MARK H. OTANI (1968) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	Since March 2009	Not Applicable
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PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, Global Fund Accounting Operations, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 14 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
ROBERT C.ROSSELOT (1960) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Secretary and Vice President	Secretary since 2004 and Vice President since August 2009	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Secretary, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; Vice President, Secretary and Trust Officer, Fiduciary Services, Inc.; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

KAREN L. SKIDMORE (1952) Vice President Since August 2009 Not Applicable  
One Franklin Parkway  
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

### PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

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

### PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of some of the investment companies in Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY General Counsel, LLP (2004-2005); and General Counsel, Investment Company Institute (ICI) (1997-2004).

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

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

Note 1: Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are brothers and the father and uncle, respectively, of Gregory E. Johnson.

Note 2: Officer information is current as of the date of this report. It is possible that after this date, information about officers may change.

THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REQUIRE THE FUND TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THE FUND'S AUDIT COMMITTEE INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUCH ACT AND RULES. THE FUND'S BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE SUCH FINANCIAL EXPERT ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND HAS DESIGNATED EACH OF ANN TORRE BATES AND DAVID W. NIEMIEC AS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT MS. BATES AND MR. NIEMIEC QUALIFY AS SUCH AN EXPERT IN VIEW OF THEIR EXTENSIVE BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. MS. BATES HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 2008. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A DIRECTOR OF SLM CORPORATION AND ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND WAS FORMERLY THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF NHP INCORPORATED AND VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF US AIRWAYS, INC. MR. NIEMIEC HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 2005, CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN ADVISOR TO SARATOGA PARTNERS AND WAS FORMERLY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR FROM 1998 TO 2001. MR. NIEMIEC IS A DIRECTOR OF EMERITUS CORPORATION AND OSI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AND VARIOUS PRIVATE COMPANIES, AND WAS FORMERLY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SBC WARBURG DILLON READ FROM 1997 TO 1998, AND WAS VICE CHAIRMAN FROM 1991 TO 1997 AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FROM 1982 TO 1997 OF DILLON, READ & CO. INC. AS A RESULT OF SUCH BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, THE BOARD BELIEVES

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THAT MS. BATES AND MR. NIEMIEC HAVE EACH ACQUIRED AN UNDERSTANDING OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THE GENERAL APPLICATION OF SUCH PRINCIPLES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES, ACCRUALS AND RESERVES, AND ANALYZING AND EVALUATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT PRESENT A BREADTH AND LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY OF ACCOUNTING ISSUES GENERALLY COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE FUND, AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF AUDIT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS. MS. BATES AND MR. NIEMIEC ARE INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED UNDER THE APPLICABLE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULES AND RELEASES OR THE LISTING STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO THE FUND.

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BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

At a meeting held May 19, 2009, the Board of Trustees (Board), including a majority of non-interested or independent Trustees, approved renewal of the investment management agreement for the Fund. In reaching this decision, the Board took into account information furnished throughout the year at regular Board meetings, as well as information prepared specifically in connection with the annual renewal review process. Information furnished and discussed throughout the year included investment performance reports on the Fund, information on its share price discount to net asset value, and other related financial information, as well as periodic reports on legal, compliance, pricing, brokerage commissions and execution and other services provided by the Investment Manager (Manager) and its affiliates. Information furnished specifically in connection with the renewal process included a report prepared by Lipper, Inc. (Lipper), an independent organization, as well as additional material, including a Fund profitability analysis report prepared by management. The Lipper reports compared the Fund's investment performance and expenses with those of other funds deemed comparable to the Fund as selected by Lipper. The Fund profitability analysis report discussed the profitability to Franklin Templeton Investments from its overall U.S. fund operations, as well as on an individual fund-by-fund basis. Included with such profitability analysis report was information on a fund-by-fund basis listing portfolio managers and other accounts they manage, as well as information on management fees charged by the Manager and its affiliates including management's explanation of differences where relevant, and a three-year expense analysis with an explanation for any increase in expense ratios. Additional material accompanying such report was a memorandum prepared by management describing project initiatives and capital investments relating to the services provided to the Fund by the Franklin Templeton Investments organization, as well as a memorandum relating to economies of scale. Such material also discussed some of the actions taken by management in coping with problems arising out of the past year's financial upheaval.

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



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NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICE. The Board was satisfied with the nature and quality of the overall services provided by the Manager and its affiliates to the Fund and its shareholders. In addition to investment performance and expenses discussed later, the Board's opinion was based, in part, upon periodic reports furnished it showing that the investment policies and restrictions for the Fund were consistently complied with as well as other reports periodically furnished the Board covering matters such as the compliance of portfolio managers and other management personnel with the code of ethics adopted throughout the Franklin Templeton fund

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complex, the adherence to fair value pricing procedures established by the Board, and the accuracy of net asset value calculations. Favorable consideration was given to management's continuous efforts and expenditures in establishing back-up systems and recovery procedures to function in the event of a natural disaster, it being noted that such systems and procedures had functioned smoothly during the Florida hurricanes and blackouts experienced in recent years. Among other factors taken into account by the Board were the Manager's best execution trading policies, including a favorable report by an independent portfolio trading analytical firm. Consideration was also given to the experience of the Fund's portfolio management team, the number of accounts managed and general method of compensation. In this latter respect, the Board noted that a primary factor in management's determination of the level of a portfolio manager's bonus compensation was the relative investment performance of the funds he or she managed and that a portion of such bonus was required to be invested in a predesignated list of funds within such person's fund management area so as to be aligned with the interests of Fund shareholders. Particular attention was given to the overall performance and actions taken by the Manager and its affiliates in response to problems arising out of the market turmoil and financial crisis experienced during the past year. In this respect, the Board noted that management's independent credit analysis and diligent risk management procedures had prevented any structured investment products or other volatile instruments from being held in the portfolios of any of the money market funds within the Franklin Templeton complex, including the sweep money fund utilized by many of the funds as part of their cash management. The Board also took into account, among other things, the strong financial position of the Manager's parent company and its commitment to the fund business. The Board also noted that during the past year Franklin Templeton Investments, like many other fund managers, had announced a hiring freeze and implemented employee reductions, and the Board discussed with management the nature of such reductions and steps being taken to minimize any negative impact on the nature and quality of services being provided the Fund.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. The Board placed significant emphasis on the investment performance of the Fund in view of its importance to shareholders. While consideration was given to performance reports and discussions with portfolio managers at Board meetings during the year, particular attention in assessing performance was given to the Lipper reports furnished for the agreement renewal. The Lipper report for the Fund showed its investment performance for the one-year period ended February 28, 2009, as well as the previous 10 years ended that date in comparison to a performance universe consisting of the Fund and all other closed-end nonleveraged emerging markets funds as selected by Lipper. Such

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report considers total return on a fund net asset value basis without regard to market discounts or premiums to accurately reflect investment performance. Consistent with the market sell-off that occurred in 2008, the Fund and all other funds within such performance universe experienced losses for the one-year period. On a comparative basis, the Lipper report showed the Fund's total return for the one-year period to be in the middle quintile of the performance universe, and on an annualized basis to also be in the middle quintile of such universe for each of the previous three- and five-year periods, and to be in the second-lowest

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quintile of such universe for the previous 10-year period. The Board found such comparative performance to be acceptable noting that the Fund's total return had exceeded the median of its Lipper performance universe for the one-year period and for the previous year was in the highest quintile of such universe as shown in the Lipper report.

COMPARATIVE EXPENSES. Consideration was given to a comparative analysis of the management fees and total expense ratios of the Fund compared with those of a group of other funds selected by Lipper as its appropriate Lipper expense group. Lipper expense data is based upon historical information taken from each fund's most recent annual report and, as a result of the severe decline in fund industry assets during the last quarter of 2008, is based on asset levels that are higher than the level currently existing for most funds. While recognizing the limitations inherent in Lipper's methodology and recognizing that current expense ratios may increase as assets decline, the Board believed that the independent analysis conducted by Lipper remained an appropriate measure of comparative expenses. In reviewing comparative costs, Lipper provides information on the Fund's investment contractual management fee rate in comparison with the investment contractual management fee rate that would have been charged by the other funds within the Lipper expense group assuming they were similar in size to the Fund, as well as the actual total expense rate of the Fund in comparison with those of such other funds. The Lipper contractual investment management fee analysis considers administrative fees to be part of management fees. The Lipper expense group was composed of eight funds, and the results of such expense comparison showed the Fund's contractual investment management fee rate to be the highest of such expense group, and its actual total expense rate to be the second highest of such group, but within eight basis points of the group median. The Board found the Fund's contractual investment management fee and expenses in comparison to those of the expense group to be acceptable in view of factors relating to the Fund's operation, such as the background and experience of its portfolio managers and research staff and their physical presence and coverage in the geographical areas in which the Fund invests.

MANAGEMENT PROFITABILITY. The Board also considered the level of profits realized by the Manager and its affiliates in connection with the operation of the Fund. In this respect, the Board reviewed the Fund profitability analysis that addresses the overall profitability of Franklin Templeton's U.S. fund business, as well as its profits in providing management and other services to the Fund during the 12-month period ended September 30, 2008, being the most recent fiscal year end for Franklin Resources, Inc., the Manager's parent.

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During such period, the assets of the Franklin Templeton U.S. fund business were significantly higher than currently existing, and to such extent the profitability analysis does not reflect current fund operations. While taking this into account in assessing the significance of the Fund profitability analysis, the Board recognized such analysis was made at a given point in time and that the decline in assets and effect on profitability would be reflected in the profitability analysis covering Franklin Resources' 2009 fiscal year period. In reviewing the analysis, attention was given to the methodology followed in allocating costs to the Fund, it being recognized that allocation methodologies are inherently

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subjective and various allocation methodologies may each be reasonable while producing different results. In this respect, the Board noted that, while being continuously refined and reflecting changes in the Manager's own cost accounting, the allocation methodology was consistent with that followed in profitability report presentations made in prior years and that the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm had been engaged by the Manager to perform certain procedures on a biennial basis, specified and approved by the Manager and the Fund's Board solely for their purposes and use in reference to the profitability analysis. In reviewing and discussing such analysis, management discussed with the Board its belief that costs incurred in establishing the infrastructure necessary for the type of fund operations conducted by the Manager and its affiliates may not be fully reflected in the expenses allocated to the Fund in determining its profitability, as well as the fact that the level of profits, to a certain extent, reflected operational cost savings and efficiencies initiated by management. In addition, the Board considered a third-party study comparing the profitability of the Manager's parent on an overall basis as compared to other publicly held managers broken down to show profitability from management operations exclusive of distribution expenses, as well as profitability including distribution expenses. The Board also considered the extent to which the Manager and its affiliates might derive ancillary benefits from fund operations, as well as potential benefits resulting from allocation of fund brokerage and the use of commission dollars to pay for research. Based upon its consideration of all these factors, the Board determined that the level of profits realized by the Manager and its affiliates from providing services to the Fund was not excessive in view of the nature, quality and extent of services provided.

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

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previously added a breakpoint to the Fund's investment management fee at the \$1 billion level.

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PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Fund's investment manager 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](http://franklintempleton.com). Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at (954) 527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com) and posted on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov) and reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund files a complete statement of investments with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). The filed form may also be viewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information regarding the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (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 she is not aware of any violation by the Fund of the Exchange's Corporate Governance Standards applicable to the Fund. The Fund has filed such certification.

In addition, the Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer are required by the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to provide certain certifications with respect to the Fund's Form N-CSR and Form N-CSRS (which include the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders) that are filed semiannually with the Commission. The Fund has filed such certifications with its Form N-CSRS for the six months ended February 28, 2009. Additionally, the Fund expects to file, on or about October 30, 2009, such certifications with its Form N-CSR for the year ended August 31, 2009.

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### Franklin Templeton Funds

LITERATURE REQUEST. TO RECEIVE A PROSPECTUS, PLEASE CALL US AT (800) DIAL BEN/(800) 342-5236 OR VISIT franklintempleton.com. INVESTORS SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER A FUND'S INVESTMENT GOALS, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES BEFORE INVESTING. THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINS THIS AND OTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE PROSPECTUS BEFORE INVESTING. TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE, WE MAY MONITOR, RECORD AND ACCESS TELEPHONE CALLS TO OR FROM OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENTS. THESE CALLS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF A REGULAR BEEPING TONE.

#### VALUE

Franklin All Cap Value Fund  
Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund  
Franklin Large Cap Value Fund  
Franklin MicroCap Value Fund(1)  
Franklin MidCap Value Fund  
Franklin Small Cap Value Fund  
Mutual Beacon Fund  
Mutual Quest Fund  
Mutual Recovery Fund(2)  
Mutual Shares Fund

#### BLEND

Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund  
Franklin Large Cap Equity Fund  
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund

#### GROWTH

Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund  
Franklin Growth Fund  
Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund  
Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund  
Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund

#### SECTOR

Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund  
Franklin DynaTech Fund  
Franklin Global Real Estate Fund  
Franklin Gold & Precious Metals Fund  
Franklin Natural Resources Fund  
Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund  
Franklin Utilities Fund  
Mutual Financial Services Fund

#### GLOBAL

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

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### INTERNATIONAL

Franklin India Growth Fund  
Franklin International Growth Fund  
Franklin International Small Cap Growth Fund  
Mutual European Fund  
Mutual International Fund  
Templeton BRIC Fund  
Templeton China World Fund  
Templeton Developing Markets Trust  
Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund  
Templeton Foreign Fund  
Templeton Foreign Smaller Companies Fund  
Templeton Frontier Markets Fund

### HYBRID

Franklin Balanced Fund  
Franklin Convertible Securities Fund  
Franklin Equity Income Fund  
Franklin Income Fund  
Templeton Income Fund

### ASSET ALLOCATION

Franklin Templeton Corefolio(R) Allocation Fund  
Franklin Templeton Founding Funds Allocation Fund  
Franklin Templeton Perspectives Allocation Fund  
Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund  
Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund  
Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund  
Franklin Templeton 2015 Retirement Target Fund  
Franklin Templeton 2025 Retirement Target Fund  
Franklin Templeton 2035 Retirement Target Fund  
Franklin Templeton 2045 Retirement Target Fund

### FIXED INCOME

Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund(3)  
Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund  
Franklin High Income Fund  
Franklin Limited Maturity U.S. Government Securities Fund(3)  
Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund  
Franklin Real Return Fund  
Franklin Strategic Income Fund  
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio  
Franklin Templeton Hard Currency Fund  
Franklin Total Return Fund  
Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund(3)  
Templeton Global Bond Fund  
Templeton Global Total Return Fund  
Templeton International Bond Fund

### TAX-FREE INCOME (4)

#### NATIONAL

Double Tax-Free Income Fund  
Federal Tax-Free Income Fund  
High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund  
Insured Tax-Free Income Fund(5)

#### LIMITED-/INTERMEDIATE-TERM

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

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### STATE-SPECIFIC

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

### INSURANCE FUNDS

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust (8)

- (1.) The fund is closed to new investors. Existing shareholders and select retirement plans can continue adding to their accounts.
- (2.) 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.
- (3.) An investment in the fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government or by any other entity or institution.
- (4.) For investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, a small portion of fund dividends may be taxable. Distributions of capital gains are generally taxable.
- (5.) The fund invests primarily in insured municipal securities.
- (6.) These funds are available in four or more variations, including long-term portfolios, intermediate-term portfolios, portfolios of insured securities, a high-yield portfolio (CA only) and money market portfolios.
- (7.) The Board of Trustees approved the elimination of the non-fundamental policy requiring the fund to invest at least 80% of net assets in insured municipal securities and the removal of the word "Insured" from the fund name. The changes became effective 2/17/09.
- (8.) The funds of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust are generally available only through insurance company variable contracts.

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### TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

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#### FUND INFORMATION

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

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

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#### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

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

#### ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

- (a)(1) The Registrant has an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee.
- (2) The audit committee financial expert is David W. Niemiec and he is "independent" as defined under the relevant Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Releases.

#### ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

- (a) Audit Fees



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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 \$30,838 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009 and \$31,842 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

### (b) Audit-Related Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related services rendered by the principal acc