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**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

DEAR STOCKHOLDER:

The Board of Directors of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the Company) invites you to attend the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time, in the H. L. Jamieson Auditorium, at One Franklin Parkway, Building 920, San Mateo, California, for the following purposes:

1. To elect 12 directors to the Board of Directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until that person's successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal.
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.
3. To submit for approval for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan revising the performance measures applicable to performance-based awards.
4. To transact such other business that may properly be raised at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting.

We are primarily furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders on the Internet rather than mailing paper copies of the materials to each stockholder. As a result, some of you will receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and others will receive paper copies of the Proxy Statement and our Annual Report. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials contains instructions on how to access the Proxy Statement and the Annual Report over the Internet, instructions on how to vote your shares, as well as instructions on how to request a paper copy of our proxy materials, if you so desire. We believe electronic delivery should expedite the receipt of materials, significantly lower costs and help to conserve natural resources.

Whether you received the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or paper copies of our proxy materials, the Proxy Statement, the Proxy Card, the Annual Report, and any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders are available for you to review online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

The Company's Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 19, 2010 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote on, all matters presented at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof. Your vote is very important. Even if you think that you will attend the Annual Meeting, we ask you to please cast your vote. You may vote your shares via the Internet, by telephone, by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

MARIA GRAY

SECRETARY

JANUARY 25, 2010

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

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**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**One Franklin Parkway**

**San Mateo, California 94403-1906**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**January 25, 2010**

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders are furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Franklin Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), of the accompanying proxy to be voted at the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"), which will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time, in the H. L. Jamieson Auditorium, One Franklin Parkway, Building 920, San Mateo, California, the Company's principal executive offices. We expect that this Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy will be mailed and/or made available to each stockholder entitled to vote on or about January 25, 2010.

All materials filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") can be obtained at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 or through the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS**

Under the rules adopted by the SEC, we are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders primarily over the Internet. We believe that this process should expedite stockholders' receipt of proxy materials, lower the costs of our annual meeting and help to conserve natural resources. On or about January 25, 2010, we mailed to each of our stockholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery and participants in the Franklin Templeton Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan (the "Profit Sharing Plan")) a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access and review the proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report, on the Internet and how to access a proxy card to vote on the Internet or by telephone. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also contains instructions on how to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you request one. If you received paper copies of our proxy materials, you may also view these materials at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**VOTING INFORMATION**

**WHO CAN VOTE?**

Holders of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "common stock"), at the close of business on January 19, 2010 (the "Record Date") are entitled to one vote for each share owned on that date on each matter presented at the Annual Meeting. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had 228,204,176 shares of common stock outstanding. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other holder of record, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of shares held in street name. The Notice of Internet Availability of this Proxy Statement has been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other holder of record who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other holder of record on how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction form included in the mailing or by following their instructions for voting by telephone or on the Internet.

**WHAT MATTERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING?**

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the: (1) election of 12 directors to the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or "Board") to hold office until the next

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annual meeting of stockholders or until that person's successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal; (Proposal No. 1); (2) ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (fiscal year 2010) (Proposal No. 2); and (3) approval for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, of an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan (the 2002 USIP) (Proposal No. 3) revising the performance measures applicable to performance-based awards. The Board of Directors does not know of any other matter to be brought before the Annual Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named in the form of proxy or their substitutes will vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matters.

### **HOW MANY VOTES ARE NEEDED TO HOLD THE MEETING?**

In order to take any action at the Annual Meeting, a majority of the Company's outstanding shares as of the Record Date must be present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting. This is called a quorum.

### **WHO COUNTS THE VOTES?**

The final voting results will be tallied by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. and the Inspector of Elections, and reported on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC within four business days following the meeting.

### **WHAT IS A PROXY?**

A proxy allows someone else (the proxy holder) to vote your shares on your behalf. The Board of Directors is asking you to allow any of the persons named on the proxy card (Charles B. Johnson, Chairman of the Board; Gregory E. Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer; and Maria Gray, Secretary) to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting.

### **HOW DO I VOTE?**

Whether you hold shares directly as a stockholder of record or beneficially in street name, you may vote your shares without attending the Annual Meeting. You may vote by granting a proxy or, for shares held in street name, by submitting voting instructions to your bank, broker or other holder of record. You may also vote by telephone, using the Internet or by mail as outlined in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or on your proxy card. Except for certain shareholders described below, the deadline for voting by telephone or by using the Internet is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, March 15, 2010. Please see the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, your proxy card or the information your bank, broker, or other holder of record provided to you for more information on these options.

The persons named as your proxy holders on the proxy card will vote the shares represented by your proxy in accordance with the specifications you make. For stockholders of record that return their proxy card but do not provide instructions on how to vote, the persons named as your proxy holders on the proxy card will vote the shares represented by the proxy FOR all nominees to the Board of Directors (Proposal No. 1), FOR the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (the independent auditors) for fiscal year 2010 (Proposal No. 2) and FOR the approval of the 2002 USIP for purposes of complying with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (Proposal No. 3). For beneficial holders that return their voting instructions but do not provide instructions on how to vote, your bank, broker or other holder of record will only have the discretion to vote on the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent auditors for fiscal 2010 (Proposal No. 2). Additionally, unless you specify otherwise on your proxy card, if any other matters come before the Annual Meeting to be voted on, the persons named as your proxy holders on the proxy card will vote, act and consent on those matters in their discretion.



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For participants in the Profit Sharing Plan, your shares will be voted as you specify on your proxy card. If you do not vote, an independent fiduciary will vote your shares in its discretion. If you wish to abstain from voting on any matter, you must indicate this on your proxy card. You cannot vote your Profit Sharing Plan shares in person at the meeting. To allow sufficient time for voting, the trustee must receive your vote by no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time ( PT ) on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

For participants in the Franklin Resources, Inc. amended and restated 1998 Employee Stock Investment Plan (the ESIP ) and holders of the Company s restricted common stock, each of whom have accounts established at the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney division of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ( Smith Barney ), your shares will be voted by Smith Barney as you specify on your proxy card. If you do not designate how your shares should be voted, Smith Barney will vote your shares in its discretion on the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company s independent auditors for fiscal year 2010 (Proposal No. 2), but your shares will not be voted for the election of the directors (Proposal No. 1) or for the approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP (Proposal No. 3). To allow sufficient time for voting, Smith Barney must receive your vote by no later than 5:00 p.m. PT on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

### **CAN I CHANGE OR REVOKE MY VOTE AFTER I RETURN MY PROXY CARD?**

Yes. Whether your vote is submitted via the mail, the Internet or by telephone, you may change or revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted. A proxy, including an Internet or telephone vote, may be changed or revoked by submitting another proxy with a later date at any time prior to the beginning of the Annual Meeting. You may also revoke your proxy by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Participants in the Profit Sharing Plan and those holding shares of the Company s restricted common stock or shares purchased through the ESIP, each of which are held in accounts with Smith Barney, may revoke their proxy by no later than 5:00 p.m. PT on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

### **CAN I VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING INSTEAD OF VOTING BY PROXY?**

Yes. However, we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed proxy card to ensure that your shares are represented and voted. Participants in the Profit Sharing Plan and those holding shares of the Company s restricted common stock or shares purchased through the ESIP, each of which are held in accounts at Smith Barney, must vote by no later than 5:00 p.m. PT Thursday, March 11, 2010.

### **HOW ARE VOTES COUNTED?**

To be counted as represented , a proxy card must have been returned for those shares, the stockholder must have voted the shares by telephone or over the Internet, or the stockholder must be present at the meeting. Votes will be tabulated by the Inspector of Elections appointed for the meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker non-votes.

### **WHAT IS A BROKER NON-VOTE?**

A broker non-vote occurs when a bank, broker or other holder of record holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have authority to vote on that particular proposal without receiving voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Under New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) rules, the ratification of the selection of an independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal No. 2), is considered a routine matter, and brokers generally may vote on behalf of beneficial owners who have not furnished voting instructions, subject to the rules of the NYSE concerning transmission of proxy materials to beneficial owners, and subject to any proxy voting policies and procedures of those brokerage firms. For non-routine proposals, such as the election of directors (Proposal No. 1) and the approval of the 2002 USIP for purposes of complying with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (Proposal No. 3), brokers may not vote on the proposals unless they have received voting instructions from the beneficial owner, and to the extent that they have not received voting instructions, brokers report such number of shares as non-votes .

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**WHAT IS THE VOTING REQUIREMENT TO APPROVE EACH OF THE PROPOSALS?**

The election of directors (Proposal No. 1) requires that each director receive a majority of the votes cast with respect to that director at the annual meeting. This means that the number of shares of stock voted FOR a director must exceed the number of votes cast AGAINST that director. Abstentions will not have any effect on the election of directors.

The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of common stock, having a majority of the votes present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the matter, are necessary to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (Proposal No. 2). Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal.

The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of common stock, having a majority of the votes present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the matter, are necessary to approve, for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code, an amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP (Proposal No. 3). Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal.

Shares that are voted FOR , AGAINST or ABSTAIN in a matter are treated as being present at the meeting for purposes of establishing a quorum, and will be included in determining the number of shares represented and voted at the Annual Meeting with respect to such matter. Broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business, but will not be counted for purposes of determining the number of shares represented and voted with respect to a proposal and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on a proposal. If the persons present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting constitute the holders of less than a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned to a subsequent date for the purpose of obtaining a quorum.

**WHO PAYS FOR THIS PROXY SOLICITATION?**

Your proxy is being solicited by the Board on behalf of the Company. The Company pays the cost of soliciting your proxy and reimburses brokerage costs and other fees for forwarding proxy materials to you.

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**PROPOSAL NO. 1**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**GENERAL**

The Corporate Governance Committee of the Board recommended and nominated, and the Board approved, the nominees named below for election as members of the Board. Each director nominee was elected by the Company's stockholders at the Company's last annual meeting of stockholders and, accordingly, is standing for re-election.

If elected, each director will serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until that person's successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal.

In accordance with the Company's Director Independence Standards, as amended, described more fully below, and the rules of the NYSE, the Board has affirmatively determined that it is currently composed of a majority of independent directors, and that the following nominee directors are independent and do not have a material relationship with the Company: Samuel H. Armacost; Charles Crocker; Joseph R. Hardiman; Robert D. Joffe; Thomas H. Kean; Chutta Ratnathicam; and Laura Stein. At the time of the annual meeting of stockholders, Anne M. Tatlock may also qualify as an independent director under the Company's Director Independence Standards and the rules of the NYSE. In addition, Louis E. Woodworth, who was a member of the Board for a portion of fiscal year 2009 until his retirement in March 2009, was an independent director.

**MAJORITY VOTING FOR DIRECTORS**

The Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws provide for majority voting in the election of directors. This means that in uncontested elections, directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast. Consequently, the number of shares voted for a director must exceed the number of shares voted against that director. In a contested election (a situation in which the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected), the standard for election of directors will be a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors.

The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines require the Corporate Governance Committee to establish procedures to implement a director resignation policy in situations where a director fails to receive a majority of votes cast in his or her election. The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that in the event a director fails to be elected, the Corporate Governance Committee will then make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board will act on the Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation within 90 days following certification of the election results. In determining whether or not to recommend that the Board accept any resignation offer, the Corporate Governance Committee may consider all factors believed relevant by such committee's members. Unless applicable to all directors, the director whose resignation is under consideration is expected to recuse himself or herself from the Board vote. The Board will promptly disclose its decision regarding the director's resignation offer (including the reason(s) for rejecting the resignation offer, if applicable) in a Form 8-K furnished to the SEC. If the Board accepts a director's resignation pursuant to this process, the Corporate Governance Committee will recommend to the Board whether to fill the vacancy created or reduce the size of the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD**

The Board recommends a vote **FOR** the election to the Board of each of the nominees listed below. The voting requirements for this proposal are described in the "Voting Information" section above.

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**NOMINEES**

Listed below are the names, ages as of December 31, 2009 and principal occupations for the past five years of the director nominees.

**Samuel H. Armacost**

*Age 70*

*Director Since 2004*

Chairman of the Board of Directors of SRI International (formerly Stanford Research Institute), an independent nonprofit technology research and development organization, for more than the past five years. Managing Director, Weiss, Peck & Greer LLC from 1990 until 1998 and Merrill Lynch Capital Markets from 1987 until 1990. President, Director and Chief Executive Officer, BankAmerica Corporation from 1981 until 1986. Director, Chevron Corporation, Del Monte Foods Company, Exponent, Inc. and Callaway Golf Company.

**Charles Crocker**

*Age 70*

*Director Since 2003*

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Crocker Capital; formerly Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a director from October 1997 to March 2006 of BEI Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer of electronic sensors and motion control products and a subsidiary of Schneider Electric SA; President of BEI Technologies, Inc. from October 1997 to May 2000. Director, Teledyne Technologies Incorporated and Fiduciary Trust Company International, a subsidiary of the Company.

**Joseph R. Hardiman**

*Age 72*

*Director Since 2005*

Formerly, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., from September 1987 through January 1997; from 1975 through September 1987, held various positions at Alex. Brown & Sons, including Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer; previously, served on the boards of the Deutsche Scudder Funds, Soundview Technology Group, ISI Funds, Broadwing Corporation and the Depository Trust Company. Director, Brown Investment Advisory & Trust Company.

**Robert D. Joffe**

*Age 66*

*Director Since 2003*

Partner of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, a law firm, since 1975, Presiding Partner from 1999 to 2006. Director of Fiduciary Trust Company International, a subsidiary of the Company.

**Charles B. Johnson**

*Age 76*

*Director Since 1969*

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Chairman of the Board of the Company since December 1999; formerly, Chief Executive Officer of the Company; officer and/or director of certain subsidiaries of the Company; officer and/or director or trustee of various investment companies managed or advised by subsidiaries of the Company.

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### **Gregory E. Johnson**

*Age 48*

*Director Since 2007*

President of the Company since December 1999 and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since January 2004; officer and/or director of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

### **Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.**

*Age 69*

*Director Since 1969*

Vice Chairman of the Company since December 1999; officer and/or director of certain subsidiaries of the Company; officer and/or director or trustee of various investment companies managed or advised by subsidiaries of the Company.

### **Thomas H. Kean**

*Age 74*

*Director Since 2003*

Chairman, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a health and healthcare philanthropic foundation, since April 2005 and a member of the board of trustees of the foundation since July 1990; formerly, President of Drew University from February 1990 to June 2005; formerly, Governor of the State of New Jersey from 1982 to 1990. Director, Hess Corporation and Fiduciary Trust Company International, a subsidiary of the Company.

### **Chutta Ratnathicam**

*Age 62*

*Director Since 2003*

Retired Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CNF Inc., a freight transportation, logistics, supply chain management and trailer manufacturing company, from 1997 to March 2005; formerly, Chief Executive Officer of the Emery Worldwide reporting segment of CNF from September 2000 to December 2001.

### **Peter M. Sacerdote**

*Age 72*

*Director Since 1993*

Chairman, Whale Rock Capital Management, LLC. Formerly, Advisory Director and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Principal Investment Area of Goldman, Sachs & Co., a global investment banking, securities and investment management firm, from May 1999 to 2006, and a general partner and then a limited partner of The Goldman Sachs Group, L.P.

### **Laura Stein**

*Age 48*

*Director Since 2005*

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Senior Vice President General Counsel of The Clorox Company, a leading marketer and manufacturer of consumer products, since January 2005; formerly, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of H.J. Heinz Company, a global marketer and manufacturer of branded food products, from January 2000 to January 2005.

### **Anne M. Tatlock**

*Age 70*

*Director Since December 21, 2004; Previously, Director from 2001 to Early December 2004*

Vice Chairman of the Company from 2001 to 2007; Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer from 2000 to 2006, and a director of Fiduciary Trust Company International, a subsidiary of the Company;

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formerly, President of Fiduciary Trust Company International and director of other subsidiaries of the Company. Director, Fortune Brands, Inc. and Merck & Co., Inc.

*Family Relations.* Charles B. Johnson, the Chairman of the Board and a director of the Company, and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman and a director of the Company, are brothers. Peter M. Sacerdote, a director of the Company, is a brother-in-law of Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. Gregory E. Johnson, the President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company, is the son of Charles B. Johnson, the nephew of Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and Peter M. Sacerdote and the brother of Jennifer J. Bolt, the Executive Vice President Operations and Technology of the Company. Jennifer J. Bolt is the daughter of Charles B. Johnson, the niece of Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and Peter M. Sacerdote and the sister of Gregory E. Johnson.



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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company regularly monitors regulatory developments and reviews its policies, processes and procedures in the area of corporate governance to respond to such developments. As part of those efforts, we review federal laws affecting corporate governance, as well as corporate governance-related rules adopted by the SEC and the NYSE.

*Corporate Governance Guidelines.* The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are attached as Appendix D and posted in the corporate governance section of the Company's website at [www.franklinresources.com](http://www.franklinresources.com) (the Company's website). The Corporate Governance Guidelines set forth the practices the Board follows with respect to, among other things, the composition of the Board, director responsibilities, Board committees, director access to officers, employees and independent advisors, director compensation, director orientation and continuing education, management succession and performance evaluation of the Board.

*Code of Ethics and Business Conduct.* The Board has adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct which is applicable to all employees, directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is posted in the corporate governance section of the Company's website. The Company also has a Compliance and Ethics Hotline, where employees can report a violation of the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct or anonymously submit a complaint concerning auditing or accounting matters. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement regarding any amendment to, or a waiver of, a provision of the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct for the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller, or persons performing similar functions, by posting such information on the Company's website.

*Director Independence Standards.* The Board has adopted guidelines for determining whether a director is independent, which are available at the Company's website. The Board will monitor and review as necessary, but at least once annually, commercial, charitable, family and other relationships that directors have with the Company to determine whether the Company's directors are independent.

For a director to be considered independent, the Board must determine affirmatively that the director does not have material relationships with the Company either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company. Such determination will be made and disclosed pursuant to applicable NYSE or other applicable rules. A material relationship can include, but is not limited to, commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable and family relationships. The Board has established the following guidelines to assist it in determining whether a director does not have material relationships and thereby qualifies as independent:

A. A director will not be independent if, at any time within the preceding three years (unless otherwise specified below):

1. (a) the director was employed by the Company; or  
(b) an immediate family member<sup>1</sup> of the director was employed by the Company as an executive officer<sup>2</sup> of the Company;
  
2. the director (or an immediate family member of the director who in the capacity of an executive officer of the Company) received direct compensation from the Company (other than for prior service as a director, or as pension or deferred compensation) of more than \$120,000 in any 12-month period;

<sup>1</sup> An immediate family member includes a spouse, parent, child, sibling, father- and mother-in-law, son- and daughter-in-law, brother- and sister-in-law and anyone (other than a domestic employee) sharing the director's home.

<sup>2</sup> An executive officer means a Section 16 reporting person under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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3. (a) the director or an immediate family member of the director is currently a partner of the Company's internal auditor or external independent auditor;  
(b) the director is currently employed by the Company's internal auditor or external independent auditor;  
  
(c) an immediate family member of the director is currently employed by the Company's internal auditor or external independent auditor and personally works on the Company's audit; or  
  
(d) the director or an immediate family member of the director was formerly employed by or a partner of the Company's internal auditor or external independent auditor and personally worked on the Company's audit within that time;
  4. the director or an immediate family member of the director was employed by another company and an executive officer of the Company served on the compensation committee of such other company; or
  5. (a) the director is an employee of a company that made payments to or received payments from the Company for property or services, in any single fiscal year, of more than the greater of \$1.0 million or 2% of the other company's consolidated gross revenues;  
(b) an immediate family member of the director is an executive officer of a company that made payments to or received payments from the Company for property or services, in any single fiscal year, of more than the greater of \$1.0 million or 2% of the Company's consolidated gross revenues; or  
  
(c) the director or an immediate family member of the director serves as an officer, director or trustee of a tax exempt organization, and the Company's contributions to the organization, in any single fiscal year, are more than the greater of \$3.0 million or 5% of that organization's consolidated gross revenues.
- B. The following relationships are not by themselves considered to be material and would not by themselves impair a director's independence:
1. a director (or an immediate family member of the director) serves as an executive officer, employee, partner or significant owner (more than 10%) of a company that made payments to or received payments from the Company, in any single fiscal year, of less than the greater of \$1.0 million or 2% of the consolidated gross revenues of the other entity;
  2. a director is an executive officer of another company, which is indebted to the Company, or to which the Company is indebted, and the total amount of either company's indebtedness to the other, in any single fiscal year, is less than 2% of the total consolidated assets of the other company;
  3. a director (or an immediate family member of a director) serves as an officer, director or trustee of a tax exempt organization, and the Company's contributions to the organization, in any single fiscal year, are more than the greater of \$1.0 million or 2% of that organization's consolidated gross revenues, provided that such contributions do not exceed the limits set forth in Paragraph A.5(c) above and that disclosure is made in the Company's annual proxy statement;
  4. a director serves or served as a director of a subsidiary, which is a privately held, wholly-owned, direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company;
  5. a director or an immediate family member of a director has entered into a transaction(s) with the Company or any affiliate of the Company in which the transaction(s) involves services as a bank depository of funds, transfer agent, registrar, trustee under a trust indenture or similar services, provided the terms of such transaction(s) are not preferential to the terms for similar transactions by the

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Company or affiliate of the Company in the ordinary course;

6. a director or an immediate family member of a director maintains a banking, trading, investment management, custody or other account with an affiliate of the Company, provided the terms of such account are generally the same as or similar to accounts offered by the affiliate of the Company in the ordinary course; or

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7. the Company or any affiliate of the Company extends or maintains credit, arranges for the extension of credit, or renews an extension of credit, in the form of a personal home improvement or manufactured home loan, consumer credit, any extension of credit under an open end credit plan or a charge card to a director or an immediate family member of a director, if such loan, consumer credit, extension of credit or charge card otherwise is permitted to such director or immediate family member of a director under the terms of Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which was codified as Section 13(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- C. For all relationships not specifically and clearly addressed by the guidelines above, the determination of whether or not a director has a material relationship, and therefore whether or not the director qualifies as independent or not, shall be made by the Board based on the totality of circumstances.

*Stock Ownership Guidelines.* In December 2005, the Board adopted guidelines in connection with the ownership of common stock of the Company by directors and certain senior officers of the Company. As a significant ownership interest by directors in the Company tends to align the interests of members of the Board with the interests of the Company's stockholders, all directors on the Board are expected to own, within five years of either December 16, 2005 or, if later, first joining the Board, shares of common stock of the Company with a value of at least \$250,000. Similarly, as a significant ownership interest by certain senior officers in the Company tends to align the interests of members of management of the Company with the Company's stockholders and to strengthen the link between long-term Company performance and executive compensation, the following senior officers of the Company are expected to own shares of common stock of the Company with a value equal to a specific multiple of such senior officer's base salary, as indicated in the table below, by the later of December 31, 2010 or five years from when he or she first assumed the particular senior officer position for which stock ownership is expected:

<b>Senior Officer Level</b>	<b>Market Value of Shares Owned as a Multiple of Base Salary</b>
Chairman	5X
Vice Chairman	5X
President and/or Chief Executive Officer	5X
Executive Vice President	4X
Senior Vice President	3X

In implementing these guidelines for directors and such senior officers of the Company, both direct and certain indirect forms of ownership are recognized in achieving these guidelines, including shares owned outright, restricted stock, restricted stock units, 401(k) funds invested in shares of the Company's stock, and funds deemed invested in shares of common stock under the Directors deferred compensation plan. Shares of common stock held by immediate family members (which includes a director's or senior officer's spouse, children and parents) or entities controlled by a director or senior officer may be considered holdings of the director or senior officer for purposes of the guidelines only and not as an admission of beneficial ownership for any other purpose.

*Policy Regarding Multiple Board Memberships.* The Board has adopted, upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee, a policy regarding memberships on multiple boards of directors or equivalent governance bodies of unaffiliated publicly traded companies or other entities. If a member of the Board also serves as the principal executive officer, such as the Chief Executive Officer or President, of a publicly traded company, it is the policy of the Board that such Board member shall not accept membership on a board of directors or equivalent governance body of another publicly traded company, without first informing and obtaining the consent of the Company's Corporate Governance Committee, if such new membership would result in the member serving contemporaneously on three or more boards of directors or equivalent governance bodies of unaffiliated publicly traded companies, excluding the Company's Board. If a member of the Board does not serve as a principal executive officer, such as a Chief Executive Officer or President, of a publicly traded company, it is the policy of the Board that such Board member shall not accept membership on a board of

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directors or equivalent governance body of another publicly traded company, without first informing and obtaining the consent of the Company's Corporate Governance Committee, if such new membership would result in the member serving contemporaneously on four or more boards of directors or equivalent governance bodies of publicly traded companies, excluding the Company's Board.

*Policy Regarding Change in Principal Employment of Director.* When a director's principal employment or business association changes significantly during his or her tenure as a director, that director shall offer his or her resignation for consideration by the Board of Directors. The Corporate Governance Committee, on behalf of the Board of Directors, will evaluate the change in circumstances and will recommend to the Board the action, if any, to be taken. The Corporate Governance Committee will review each situation on an individual basis and take into consideration such matters as the Committee deems appropriate, such as the background and expertise of the director and the contribution the director is expected to make to the Board given the change in circumstances. The Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether or not to accept the director's offer of resignation.

**Table of Contents****INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES****BOARD MEETINGS AND ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 ( fiscal year 2009 ), the Board held 5 meetings (not including committee meetings). For fiscal year 2009, each director attended at least 95.8% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings held by the Board and the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which he or she served.

The Board has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Corporate Governance Committee. To promote open discussion among the independent directors, the independent directors meet in executive session at least two times per year and generally meet in executive session after regularly scheduled Board meetings. Charles Crocker, an independent director, has been appointed to preside at the executive sessions of the independent directors. The Board encourages directors to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. All of the 12 directors then standing for election attended last year's annual meeting, in person or telephonically.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

The current standing committees of the Board are the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee. The table below provides current membership and meeting information.

	<b>Audit</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	<b>Corporate Governance</b>
<b>Samuel H. Armacost</b>		M	
<b>Charles Crocker</b>	M	C	
<b>Joseph R. Hardiman</b>		M	M
<b>Robert D. Joffe</b>			C
<b>Thomas H. Kean</b>		M	M
<b>Chutta Ratnathicam</b>	C		
<b>Laura Stein</b>	M		
Fiscal Year 2009 Meetings	13	6	6

M Member

C Chairman

Below is a description of each standing committee of the Board. The Board has affirmatively determined that each standing committee consists entirely of independent directors pursuant to rules established by the NYSE, rules promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Director Independence Standards established by the Board. See "Director Independence Standards" above. The Board has also determined that each member of the Audit Committee is independent under the criteria established by the NYSE and the SEC for audit committee members.

**THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Audit Committee currently consists of Messrs. Ratnathicam (Chairman) and Crocker and Ms. Stein.

The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee: (1) the Company's financial reporting, auditing and internal control activities, including the integrity of the Company's financial statements; (2) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (3) the independent auditors' qualifications and independence; and (4) the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditors. The Audit Committee also prepares the report the Audit Committee is

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required to include in the Company's annual proxy statement. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent auditors, including approval of all services and fees of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee meets with the Company's independent auditors and reviews the scope of their audit, the related reports and any recommendations they may make. The Audit Committee also reviews the annual audited financial statements for the Company.

The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board. The Audit Committee reviews and reassesses the adequacy of its charter annually and recommends any proposed changes to the Board for approval. The Audit Committee met 13 times during fiscal year 2009. The Audit Committee Charter is attached as Appendix A and posted in the corporate governance section of the Company's website. The Board has determined that all Audit Committee members are financially literate under the NYSE listing standards and that Mr. Chutta Ratnathicam, an independent director, is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the rules of the SEC.

## **THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Messrs. Crocker (Chairman), Armacost, Hardiman and Kean. The Compensation Committee oversees the establishment of goals and objectives related to Chief Executive Officer compensation, determines the compensation level of the Chief Executive Officer, assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility relating to the compensation (and related benefits) of the executive officers of the Company, discharges the responsibilities of the Board relating to compensation of the Company's executives and prepares the annual report on executive officer compensation for the Company's proxy statement. The Committee also reviews and discusses with management proposed Compensation Discussion and Analysis disclosure and determines whether to recommend it to the Board for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement. In addition the Compensation Committee reviews and approves compensation arrangements and deferred compensation agreements between the Company and members of its Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee may delegate any of its responsibilities to subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

The Compensation Committee generally follows the following processes and procedures in connection with the consideration and determination of the compensation of the Company's executive officers and directors.

*Determination of Executive Compensation.* The Compensation Committee meets periodically throughout the year to (i) review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the executive officers, (ii) evaluate the performance of the executive officers in light of those goals and objectives, and (iii) determine and approve the compensation of the executive officers. For a detailed description regarding the Compensation Committee's role in setting executive compensation, including the role of executive officers in the process, see Executive Compensation Compensation, Discussion and Analysis below.

*Determination of Director Compensation.* The Compensation Committee meets at least annually to review and make recommendations to the Board on the compensation (including equity-based compensation) of the Company's directors. In reviewing and making recommendations on director compensation, the Committee considers, among other things, the following policies and principles:

that the compensation should fairly pay the directors for the work, time commitment and efforts required by directors of an organization of the Company's size and scope of business activities, including service on Board committees;

that a component of the compensation should be designed to align the directors' interests with the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders; and

that directors' independence may be compromised or impaired for Board or committee purposes if director compensation exceeds customary levels.

As a part of its review, the Compensation Committee periodically engages an outside consultant to report on comparable director compensation practices and levels. The Compensation Committee formerly engaged Mercer

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Human Resources Consulting ( Mercer ) for such role. Beginning in early 2009, the Compensation Committee replaced Mercer with Hewitt Associates to serve as outside compensation consultant. No executive officer of the Company is involved in determining or recommending director compensation levels. For a detailed description regarding the role and scope of assignment of the Compensation Committee s compensation consultants, see Executive Compensation Compensation, Discussion and Analysis below. See the section of this Proxy Statement entitled Director Fees below, for a more detailed discussion of compensation paid to the Company s directors during fiscal year 2009.

*Incentive Plan Matters.* The Compensation Committee also administers the Company s Amended and Restated Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the Annual Incentive Plan ), the 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan (the KEIP ), the 2002 USIP, which is the successor to the Amended and Restated 1998 Universal Stock Incentive Plan, and the ESIP.

The Compensation Committee s charter reflects these various responsibilities, and the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors annually review and revise the charter, as necessary or appropriate. The Compensation Committee Charter is attached as Appendix B and posted in the corporate governance section of the Company s website. The Compensation Committee met 6 times during fiscal year 2009.

## **THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of Messrs. Joffe (Chairman), Hardiman and Kean.

The Corporate Governance Committee has the responsibilities set forth in its charter and provides counsel to the Board of Directors with respect to the organization, function and composition of the Board and committees and oversees the evaluation of the Board and management of the Company. The Corporate Governance Committee is also responsible for developing and recommending to the Board corporate governance policies and procedures applicable to the Company and reviewing the anti-money laundering policies, procedures and operations of the Company on a periodic basis. The Corporate Governance Committee met 6 times during fiscal year 2009. The Corporate Governance Committee Charter is attached as Appendix C and posted in the corporate governance section of the Company s website.

The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending to the Board potential director candidates for nomination and election to the Board at the annual meeting of stockholders. It uses a variety of means as it determines are necessary or appropriate, including recommendations of stockholders, to do so. The Corporate Governance Committee has adopted a policy regarding nominations and qualifications of directors, which has been approved by the Board. Under such policy, the Corporate Governance Committee may solicit recommendations from current and former directors, management or others who may be familiar with qualified candidates, and may consider current directors for re-nomination. The Corporate Governance Committee may, in its sole discretion, retain and terminate any search firm (and approve such search firm s fees and other retention terms) to assist in the identification of candidates.

The Corporate Governance Committee believes there are certain minimum skills and qualifications that each director nominee must possess or satisfy, including:

high personal and professional integrity and ethical character;

significant achievement in business, finance, government, education, law, technology or other fields important to the operation of the Company;

the ability to exercise sound business judgment on a broad range of issues;

sufficiently broad experience and professional and educational background to have a general appreciation of the major issues facing public companies of a size and scope similar to the Company;

the willingness and ability to devote the necessary time to Board duties, including preparing for and attending meetings of the Board and its committees; and





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being prepared to represent the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and committed to enhancing stockholder value. The Corporate Governance Committee also believes there are other skills and qualifications that at least one or more directors must possess or satisfy, including:

experience and knowledge of the industry sector in which the Company operates its businesses;

a majority of the directors being independent directors in accordance with the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE and any other applicable securities exchanges;

at least three directors meeting the additional independence requirements for members of the Audit Committee of the Board in accordance with the applicable rules of the NYSE, other applicable securities exchanges and the SEC;

at least three directors who are eligible to serve on the Audit Committee of the Board being financially literate or capable of becoming financially literate within a reasonable period of time;

at least one director who is eligible to serve on the Audit Committee of the Board being an audit committee financial expert in accordance with applicable rules of the SEC; and

other standards the Board may adopt from time to time.

In considering candidates for director nominee, the Corporate Governance Committee generally assembles all information regarding a candidate's background and qualifications, evaluates a candidate's mix of skills and qualifications and determines the contribution the candidate could be expected to make to the overall functioning of the Board, giving due consideration to the overall Board balance of diversity of perspectives, backgrounds and experiences. With respect to current directors, the Corporate Governance Committee considers past attendance at meetings and assesses participation in and contributions to the activities of the Board. The Corporate Governance Committee, in its discretion, may designate one or more of its members to interview any candidate. In addition, the Corporate Governance Committee may seek input from the Company's management or the Board, who may interview any candidate. The Corporate Governance Committee recommends director nominees to the Board based on its assessment of overall suitability to serve on the Board in accordance with the Company's policy regarding nominations and qualifications of directors.

The Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates recommended for nomination to the Board by stockholders of the Company. Stockholders may make such a recommendation by submitting a completed Director Nomination Form, which is posted in the corporate governance section of the Company's website, not later than the close of business on the 120th day nor earlier than the close of business on the 150th day prior to the first anniversary of the date on which the Company first (i) mailed its notice of annual meeting, proxy statement and proxy or (ii) sent its notice of annual meeting and notice of internet availability of its proxy materials, whichever is earlier, for the immediately preceding year's annual meeting. Completed Director Nomination Forms shall be sent to: Corporate Governance Committee, Franklin Resources, Inc., c/o Maria Gray, Secretary, One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906. This year our Proxy Statement is dated January 25, 2010; for a recommendation to be properly made for the 2011 annual meeting, we must receive the notice of recommendation between August 28, 2010 and September 27, 2010.

The manner in which the Corporate Governance Committee evaluates candidates recommended by stockholders is generally the same as any other candidate. However, the Corporate Governance Committee will also seek and consider information concerning any relationship between a stockholder recommending a candidate and the candidate to determine if the candidate can represent the interests of all of the stockholders. The Corporate Governance Committee will not evaluate a candidate recommended by a stockholder unless the Director Nomination Form provides that the potential candidate has indicated a willingness to serve as a director, to comply with the expectations and requirements for Board service as publicly disclosed by the Company and to provide all of the information necessary to conduct an evaluation.



**Table of Contents****DIRECTOR FEES****STANDARD COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS**

*Standard Board Fees.* Directors who are not employees of the Company are paid a retainer fee of \$17,500 per quarter. They also receive \$3,000 per Board meeting attended. Furthermore, each of these directors receives an annual stock grant valued at \$75,000 (rounded up to the nearest whole share) on the date of each annual organizational meeting of the Board.

*Standard Committee Fees.* Directors who are not employees of the Company and who serve on Board committees are paid \$1,500 per committee meeting attended. Additionally, Chairpersons of the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee receive \$1,250 per quarter and the Chairperson of the Audit Committee receives \$2,500 per quarter.

*Other Board Compensation.* The Company reimburses directors for certain expenses incurred in connection with attending Board and committee meetings as well as other Company-related events, including travel, hotel accommodations, meals and other incidental expenses for the director and his or her spouse accompanying the director in connection with such events. The Company may also, from time to time, provide directors and their spouses token gifts of nominal value.

The following table details the total compensation earned by the Company's directors in fiscal year 2009:

**FISCAL YEAR 2009 DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash \$(1)	Stock Awards \$(2)(3)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Samuel H. Armacost	91,000	267,047		358,047
Charles Crocker (4)	59,250	604,726		663,976
Joseph R. Hardiman	97,000	75,000		172,000
Robert D. Joffe (4)	142,438	190,323		332,761
Charles B. Johnson (5)				
Gregory E. Johnson (6)				
Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (5)				
Thomas H. Kean (4)	218,000			218,000
Chutta Ratnathicam	114,500	231,517		346,017
Peter M. Sacerdote		468,051		468,051
Laura Stein	179,500			179,500
Anne M. Tatlock (4)	125,000	75,000		200,000
Louis E. Woodworth (7)		557,002(8)	13,588(9)	570,590

- (1) Fees include quarterly retainer fees, Board and various committee meeting attendance fees and fees for service as a committee chairman. Fees are awarded in cash, the payment of which may be deferred pursuant to the 2006 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Director Deferred Plan") described below in "Deferred Director Fees". Pursuant to the Director Deferred Plan, directors may elect to defer payment of their directors' fees and stock awards into hypothetical investments in common stock of the Company and/or in Company sponsored mutual funds. If a director receives fees in cash or elects to defer fees into hypothetical units of Company sponsored mutual funds, such amounts are included in this column. Any such director fees deferred into hypothetical shares of the Company's common stock are included in the "Stock Awards" column. See notes 2 and 3 below.
- (2) Stock Awards amounts represent the Company's financial accounting expense for fiscal year 2009, recorded in accordance with the requirements of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation (ASC 718)" (but disregarding estimates for forfeitures, if any), associated with (i) an

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annual stock grant made on February 10, 2009, provided such stock grant is not deferred into hypothetical units of Company sponsored mutual funds (see note 1 above), and (ii) director fees earned in fiscal year 2009 and prior years but whose payment is deferred into hypothetical shares of the Company's common stock and eventually payable in cash. See "Deferred Director Fees" below. The ASC 718 valuation assumptions (i) for the annual stock grant are the closing price for the common stock on the NYSE on the grant date (\$51.84) and (ii) for the deferred hypothetical Company common stock are changes in the closing price of the common stock on the NYSE during fiscal year 2009, and the reinvestment of dividends declared by the Company. Because of the required accounting treatment under ASC 718, the Stock Award amounts for fees earned in fiscal year 2009 and prior years and deferred into hypothetical shares of common stock vary (up or down) to reflect market prices of the common stock.

- (3) The following represents the grant date fair value for all Stock Awards received in fiscal year 2009, computed in accordance with ASC 718:

Name	Actual Common Stock (\$)	Deferred Hypothetical Shares (\$)
Samuel H. Armacost		75,000
Charles Crocker		174,250
Joseph R. Hardiman	75,000	
Robert D. Joffe	37,500	34,063
Thomas H. Kean		
Chutta Ratnathicam		75,000
Peter M. Sacerdote		160,000
Laura Stein		
Anne M. Tatlock	75,000	
Louis E. Woodworth		328,149

- (4) Fees also include fees for service as a member of the Board of Directors of Fiduciary Trust Company International ( "Fiduciary Trust" ), a subsidiary of the Company. Fiduciary Trust directors receive an annual retainer fee of \$35,000 (one-fourth of which is paid quarterly) and an annual retainer fee for committee services of \$5,000 (one-fourth of which is paid quarterly). Messrs. Crocker, Joffe and Kean and Ms. Tatlock each received \$40,000 in fees related to service on the Fiduciary Trust Board of Directors during fiscal year 2009. Messrs. Crocker, Joffe and Kean elected to defer certain of their fees earned for their service on the Fiduciary Trust Board of Directors during fiscal year 2009. Any such director fees earned in fiscal year 2009 but deferred into Company sponsored hypothetical mutual fund units are included in the "Fees Earned or Paid in Cash" column and fees deferred into hypothetical common stock of the Company are included in the "Stock Awards" column. See notes 1 and 2 above.
- (5) Messrs. Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are both executives as well as directors of Franklin Resources, Inc. and do not receive compensation for their services as directors. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" below for information regarding their fiscal year 2009 compensation.
- (6) Mr. Gregory E. Johnson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and does not receive compensation for his service as a director. See the Summary Compensation Table in "Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors Executive Compensation" below.
- (7) Mr. Woodworth retired from the Board on March 11, 2009.
- (8) Includes amounts recorded in accordance with the requirements of ASC 718 for distributions of previously earned and deferred director's fees and stock awards. Such amounts are distributed to Mr. Woodworth in forty (40) substantially equal quarterly installments. These payments began on October 20, 2005 and will continue on each January 20, April 20, July 20 and October 20 until all payments are made.
- (9) Includes reimbursement of the cost of health insurance coverage for Mr. Woodworth who is retired from other employment and is not otherwise eligible for group health coverage under the Company's group health plan or any other company's health plan. The Company reimburses the cost of health insurance coverage comparable to that provided to employees of the Company.

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**DEFERRED DIRECTOR FEES**

The Company and its subsidiaries allow non-employee directors to defer payment of their directors' fees and stock awards, and to treat the deferred amounts as hypothetical investments in common stock of the Company and/or in Company sponsored mutual funds, as applicable. Directors are then credited with the same earnings, gains or losses that they would have incurred if the deferred amounts had been invested in the specific investments, in the specific amounts and for the specific periods as directed by each particular director. Additionally, directors who defer their directors' fees and stock awards are credited with notional dividends and other distributions at the same time, in the same form, and in equivalent amounts as dividends and other distributions that are payable from time to time with respect to investments selected by each particular director. On the payout dates elected by a director, the hypothetical investments are valued and the Company or its subsidiary, as applicable, must pay the director or his or her beneficiary an amount equal to the value of the hypothetical investments.

In response to the adoption of Section 409A ( Section 409A ) of the Code, the Company, in December 2005, adopted the 2006 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of December 15, 2005, pursuant to which directors may elect to have their directors' fees and stock awards deferred. This plan was amended in 2007 and further amended in 2008 to comply with the final regulations under Section 409A which modified or expanded some of the requirements set forth in the proposed regulations issued in 2005. Payouts may be made in a lump sum or in periodic installments. If a director changes his or her distribution election for amounts previously deferred, any such change does not take effect for one (1) year from the date of the new election and each distribution installment (or lump sum) will occur no earlier than five (5) years after such installment (or lump sum) would have been paid under the prior distribution election (with a series of distributions treated as one payment for this purpose). Accelerated distributions are permitted in limited circumstances in accordance with Section 409A, and the plan may be terminated by the Company if certain conditions are met, in each case as set forth more fully in the plan. The plan is intended to comply with the provisions of Section 409A.

**Table of Contents****SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS**

The following table sets forth the common stock beneficially owned as of December 31, 2009 by each stockholder known to us to beneficially own more than five percent of the Company's outstanding common stock as of such date. The percentage of ownership indicated in the following table is based on 228,204,176 shares of common stock outstanding on December 31, 2009.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(a)	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(d)	Percent of Class
<b>Charles B. Johnson (b)</b>	38,528,595	16.89%
<b>Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (c)</b>	36,970,012	16.20%

- (a) The addresses of Messrs. C. B. Johnson and R. H. Johnson, Jr. are: c/o Franklin Resources, Inc., One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906.
- (b) Includes 2,706,117 shares held in an individual retirement account (an IRA), 500,000 shares held by Mr. C. B. Johnson's spouse, and 272,600 shares held by a trust of which Mr. C. B. Johnson's spouse is the lifetime beneficiary. Also includes an aggregate of 1,362,630 shares held by two private charitable foundations, of which Mr. C. B. Johnson is a trustee, of which Mr. C. B. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership, and 6,143 shares which represent Mr. C. B. Johnson's approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 6,000,000 shares pledged as collateral in connection with a line of credit.
- (c) Includes 1,447,245 shares held in an IRA, and 3,372 shares held by Mr. R. H. Johnson, Jr.'s spouse, of which Mr. R. H. Johnson, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership. Also includes 418,911 shares held by a private charitable foundation, of which Mr. R. H. Johnson, Jr. is a trustee, of which Mr. R. H. Johnson, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership, and 6,669 shares which represent Mr. R. H. Johnson, Jr.'s approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan.
- (d) Except as described otherwise in the footnotes to this table, each beneficial owner in the table has sole voting and investment power with regard to the shares beneficially owned by such owner.

**Table of Contents****SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT**

The following table lists the common stock beneficially owned as of December 31, 2009 by (1) each director nominee, (2) each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table below, and (3) all director nominees and executive officers as a group. The percentage of ownership indicated in the following table is based on 228,204,176 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding on December 31, 2009.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(a)	Percent of Class
Vijay C. Advani (b)	62,448	*
Samuel H. Armacost (c)(d)	2,000	*
Jennifer J. Bolt (e)	1,528,002	*
Charles Crocker (d)	8,660	*
Joseph R. Hardiman	5,046	*
Robert D. Joffe (d)	6,848	*
Charles B. Johnson (f)	38,528,595	16.89%
Gregory E. Johnson (g)	1,799,163	*
Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (h)	36,970,012	16.20%
Thomas H. Kean	10,030	*
Kenneth A. Lewis (i)	28,591	*
Chutta Ratnathicam (d)	4,952	*
Peter M. Sacerdote (d)	29,319	*
Laura Stein	1,378	*
Anne M. Tatlock	181,691	*
William Y. Yun (j)	101,196	*
<b>Director Nominees and Executive Officers as a Group (consisting of 23 persons) (k)</b>	<b>79,440,334</b>	<b>34.76%</b>

\* Represents less than 1% of class

- (a) Except as described otherwise in the footnotes to this table: (i) each beneficial owner listed in the table has sole voting and investment power with regard to the shares beneficially owned by such owner; (ii) each share of unvested restricted stock confers voting but not dispositive power; and (iii) shares beneficially owned pursuant to options include only shares that the individual has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of within 60 days following December 31, 2009.
- (b) Includes 18,424 shares of unvested restricted stock. Also includes 43,183 shares held in a trust of which Mr. Advani and his spouse are co-trustees with shared voting and investment power, and 317 shares which represent Mr. Advani's approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan.
- (c) Mr. Armacost and his spouse have shared voting and investment power with respect to shares owned.
- (d) Does not include any hypothetical shares described under Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors Director Fees Deferred Director Fees .
- (e) Includes 9,251 shares of unvested restricted stock, and 99,446 shares that may be purchased pursuant to options. Also includes 47,518 shares held in a trust of which Ms. Bolt is a trustee for her minor children, of which Ms. Bolt disclaims beneficial ownership, 870,000 shares held pursuant to a limited partnership, 5,000 shares held in a business trust for the benefit of Ms. Bolt and her children, and 486 shares which represent Ms. Bolt's approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan.
- (f) See footnote (b) under Security Ownership of Principal Stockholders above.
- (g) Includes 68,957 shares of unvested restricted stock, and 252,281 shares that may be purchased pursuant to options. Also includes 18,638 shares held in a trust of which Mr. G. Johnson is a trustee for his minor children, of which Mr. G. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership, 4,821 shares held by Mr. G. Johnson's spouse, of which Mr. G. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership, 940,000 shares held pursuant to a limited partnership, 2,700 shares held in a business trust for the benefit of Mr. G. Johnson and his children, and 1,412 shares which represent Mr. G. Johnson's approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 506,009 shares pledged as collateral in connection with a line of credit.



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- (h) See footnote (c) under Security Ownership of Principal Stockholders above.
- (i) Includes 7,944 shares of unvested restricted stock, and 7,431 shares that may be purchased pursuant to options. Also includes 533 shares which represent Mr. Lewis' approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan.
- (j) Includes 8,950 shares of unvested restricted stock. Also includes 4,524 shares which represent Mr. Yun's approximate holdings through the Profit Sharing Plan.
- (k) Includes 139,400 shares of unvested restricted stock, and 386,061 shares that may be purchased pursuant to options. Also includes 22,201 shares which represent the aggregate approximate holdings of these individuals through the Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes an aggregate of 6,524,377 shares pledged as collateral in connection with lines of credit.

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**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**Overview**

The following discussion provides an overview and analysis of the Compensation Committee’s philosophy and objectives in designing compensation programs for the executive officers. In this discussion and analysis, we address the compensation determinations and the rationale for those determinations relating to the Company’s chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and the next three most highly compensated executive officers, whom we refer to collectively as the named executive officers.

This discussion should be read together with the compensation tables for the named executive officers that can be found in this Proxy Statement following this discussion. Unless otherwise indicated, any references to a particular year in the following discussion means the fiscal year ended September 30th of such year.

**Executive Summary**

The Compensation Committee believes that executive compensation should be linked with the Company’s performance and that executive compensation should be significantly aligned with the interests of the Company’s stockholders. In addition, executive compensation is designed to allow the Company to recruit, retain and motivate employees who play a significant role in the Company’s current and future success.

The compensation of the named executive officers should be understood within the context of the Company’s business. The Company is an investment management organization focused on long-term performance. One of the Compensation Committee’s main goals is to focus the executives on the Company’s long-term performance. The Compensation Committee believes that long-term awards are effective tools for aligning the executives’ interests with long-term stockholder interests in order to increase overall stockholder value. In addition, the named executive officers are often asked to implement long-term initiatives for the Company that, by definition, take more than one fiscal year to accomplish. Stability and continuity among the named executive officers aids in the Company’s implementation of such long-term initiatives. However, a portion of the named executive officers’ annual compensation is also linked to the short-term success of the Company in order to motivate and reward executives to achieve certain objectives and to attract and retain talented executives.

The Company’s compensation levels historically have been conservatively positioned as compared to those of its peer companies. The named executive officers are all employed at will, without employment agreements, guaranteed severance arrangements or payment arrangements that would automatically be triggered by a change in control of the Company. The Company does not provide any significant retirement plans or benefits for the executive officers other than the Franklin Templeton Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan (the Profit Sharing Plan), which is available to most of the Company’s employees.

Each element of compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers is designed to support one or more of the objectives described below.

**Objectives of the Compensation Program**

*Company-wide Objectives.* In order to link executive compensation to the Company’s performance, the Compensation Committee considers a number of different financial and non-financial objectives it believes further the growth and welfare of the Company. In particular, the Compensation Committee may reward executives for continued improvement in some or all of the following Company-wide performance measures, among others:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| annual revenue                    | operating income        |
| assets under management           | operating revenues      |
| diluted earnings per share growth | operating profit margin |

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earnings per share	pre-tax operating income
expense management	sales
net income	total return to stockholders
investment management performance	

In recent years the Compensation Committee has placed an emphasis on investment management performance, diluted earnings per share growth, operating profit margin, pre-tax operating income, operating income growth and net sales as it believes these financial measures are significant indicators of the Company's overall performance.

*Business Unit Objectives.* The Company-wide performance measures described above are driven by and reflect the combined performance of the Company's numerous individual business units. However, the Compensation Committee recognizes that such Company-wide measures often may not fully reflect the individual performance and contributions made by the Company's separate business units and their respective leaders. The Compensation Committee therefore believes that in addition to Company-wide objectives, individual objectives should be set for the executives that are linked to the growth and development of their respective business units. Such goals are specifically tailored to each business unit and include, but are not limited to, a mix of investment performance, sales, financial, customer service, technology and human resources objectives. The Compensation Committee seeks to reward executives who achieve such objectives as they are designed to improve business unit performance and contribute to the performance of the Company as a whole.

**What the Compensation Program Rewards and its Relationship to the Company-wide and Business Unit Objectives**

The compensation program for executive officers, including the named executive officers, consists primarily of a base salary and incentive compensation consisting of a combination of cash and equity bonuses based upon the achievement of business unit and Company-wide objectives.

Each element of compensation is designed to reward different results as summarized below:

<b>Compensation Element</b>	<b>Designed to Reward</b>	<b>Relationship to the Objectives</b>
<b>Base Salary</b>	Experience, knowledge of the industry, duties and scope of responsibility	Provides a minimum, fixed level of cash compensation to attract and retain talented executives to the Company who can continue to improve the Company's overall performance
<b>Short-term Incentive Compensation</b>	Success in achieving annual objectives	Motivates executives to achieve specific Company-wide and business unit objectives
<b>Long-term Incentive Compensation</b>	Continued excellence and attainment of objectives over time Success in long-term growth and development	Provides competitive compensation to attract and retain talented executives Motivates executives to achieve long-term business unit and Company-wide objectives Aligns the executives' interests with long-term stockholder interests in order to increase overall stockholder value
		Provides competitive compensation to attract and retain talented executives

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### **The Elements of Executive Compensation**

*Base Salary.* The Compensation Committee believes that base salaries for the named executive officers should be limited to a reasonable base compensation for the day-to-day performance of their job responsibilities, and that the majority of their pay should be in variable compensation tied to performance. Base salary is designed to provide competitive levels of compensation to executives based upon their experience, duties and scope of responsibility. Base salaries are evaluated by the Compensation Committee annually for all named executive officers and in general remain static unless the individual is promoted or the Compensation Committee determines that an adjustment is necessary due to compensation or economic trends in the industry.

*Short-term and Long-term Incentive Compensation.* The Compensation Committee believes that named executive officers should be encouraged to enhance the Company's performance by linking the receipt of a significant portion of their compensation to the achievement of business unit and Company-wide objectives.

To facilitate the Company's incentive program, each year the Compensation Committee establishes an award pool, under the Annual Incentive Plan, from which grants are made to named executive officers and other salaried employees of the Company to reward performance. The size of the award pool available for bonus payments is set by the Compensation Committee as a percentage (not to exceed 20%) of the Company's net operating income, exclusive of passive income and calculated before non-operating interest, taxes, extraordinary and certain special items, and before the accrual of awards under the plan (referred to as pre-tax operating income or PTOI).

In determining the percentage of pre-tax operating income that will go into the award pool, the Compensation Committee considers the recommendation of the Company's Human Resources Group as to the appropriate size of the award pool. In preparing its recommendation, senior members of the Human Resources Group meet periodically with the Chief Executive Officer (the CEO) to discuss competitive compensation, retention, funding requirements and other significant compensation issues. In addition, the CEO meets with the Chief Financial Officer (the CFO) to review the quarterly financial performance of the Company over the most recent quarters and the last two years, and in particular focuses on the Company's year-over-year results with regard to the Company-wide performance measures set forth under the heading "Company-wide Objectives" above. All of these factors are taken into account in preparing the recommendation for the percentage of pre-tax operating income that will go into the award pool. The recommendation is reviewed and endorsed by the CEO prior to its presentation to the Compensation Committee.

Grants from the award pool generally consist of a combination of a cash bonus and restricted stock or restricted stock units. The awards are generally comprised of 65% cash and 35% restricted stock or restricted stock units, in each case with deferred vesting over time. Executives whose aggregate incentive awards are in excess of \$1.0 million typically receive any amount in excess of \$1.0 million in the form of 50% cash and 50% restricted stock or restricted stock units. Any amount in excess of \$5.0 million is usually in the form of restricted stock or restricted stock units.

Equity awards are generally granted in the form of restricted stock or restricted stock units rather than options, in part, because the Compensation Committee believes that in the current market restricted stock is a better motivational tool than options. However, the Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, award options to executives in the future.

As noted above, up to 65% of grants from the award pool consist of a cash bonus. The use of a cash bonus is designed to reward an executive for achievement of shorter term objectives. Grants of restricted stock and restricted stock units are designed to reward an executive for continued excellence and attainment of longer-term objectives. In addition, because these awards are subject to time vesting, they help to focus an executive on the Company's long-term growth and development and aid in retention. The Compensation Committee believes that as an executive's compensation increases, the percentage of compensation received in stock should increase,

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such that an executive's interests continue to be aligned with those of the other stockholders. In addition, in order to further align the named executive officers' interests with stockholders, each executive is required to comply with the Company's stock ownership guidelines. For additional details regarding these guidelines, see "Other Considerations - Stock Ownership Requirements" below and "Corporate Governance - Stock Ownership Guidelines" elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

As part of the Company's incentive program, the Company also maintains the 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, or KEIP, which is a sub-plan under the Annual Incentive Plan for the key executives. In order to maximize deductibility of compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (Section 162(m)), in fiscal year 2009 the Compensation Committee selected each of the named executive officers and one other executive as eligible participants in the KEIP. Awards under the KEIP are intended to qualify for a tax deduction under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Annual awards under the KEIP to any one participant may not exceed \$15,000,000 per year and all such awards are deducted from the Company's award pool under the Annual Incentive Plan for that year.

*2010 Performance-based Long-term Incentive Awards.* In order to further emphasize the importance of long term performance, the Compensation Committee determined that a new award structure was desirable to motivate and retain key employees. The Compensation Committee believes that any such awards should directly align employee and shareholder interests, and should be paid only in response to targeted Company financial results. Accordingly, in fiscal year 2010, the Compensation Committee approved new performance-based long-term incentive awards. These awards are equity-based and will vest over a three-year period based on the achievement of predetermined Company financial performance goals, including operating margin, revenue growth, and shareholder return. In the event a performance measure is not achieved at or above a specified threshold level, the portion of an award tied to such performance measure will be forfeited.

*Supplemental Compensation.* Occasionally, the Compensation Committee may determine that recognition of significant contributions is warranted, or that specific action is required for retention purposes. In such cases, additional cash, long-term restricted stock or restricted stock unit awards may be granted to certain executives.

## **Compensation Consultant**

*Role of Outside Consultant.* The Compensation Committee engages an outside compensation consultant to provide objective analyses of, and counsel on, the Company's executive compensation program and practices. The role of the consultant is set by the Compensation Committee and, in general, the consultant is used to assess objectively all elements of compensation paid to the named executive officers, including market competitiveness of base, short-term and long-term compensation.

*Determination of Outside Consultant's Objectivity.* The Compensation Committee recognizes that it is essential to receive objective advice from its outside compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee currently engages Hewitt Associates as its outside consultant. Hewitt replaced Mercer, Inc. in this role in early 2009. Although Mercer has historically provided, and continues to provide, a variety of human resources consulting services to the Company and its subsidiaries in areas including retirement, health and benefits, and communication, the Compensation Committee believes that Mercer provided the Compensation Committee with objective advice in its role as outside compensation consultant, which was not compromised by Mercer's additional roles. In an effort to eliminate any perception that the advice received from its outside compensation consultant is not objective, in early 2009, the Compensation Committee engaged Hewitt Associates to replace Mercer as its outside compensation consultant. Under the terms of this engagement, Hewitt is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Compensation Committee before Hewitt or its affiliates performs any non-executive compensation related services to the Company or its subsidiaries. Hewitt will report to the Compensation Committee any such services and fees annually and upon the reasonable request of the Committee. The Compensation Committee determines whether Hewitt's advice is objective and free from the influence of management. The Compensation Committee also closely examines the safeguards and steps Hewitt

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takes to ensure that its executive compensation consulting services are objective. The Compensation Committee takes into consideration that:

The Compensation Committee directly hired and has the authority to terminate Hewitt's engagement;

The Compensation Committee solely determined the terms and conditions of Hewitt's engagement, including the fees charged;

The Hewitt consultant is engaged by and reports directly to the Compensation Committee;

The Hewitt consultant has direct access to members of the Compensation Committee during and between meetings;

The Hewitt consultant does not participate in any other services provided by other Hewitt business units;

Interactions between the Hewitt consultant and management generally are limited to discussions on behalf of the Compensation Committee and information presented to the Compensation Committee for approval.

During fiscal year 2009, the Company paid Mercer \$35,375 in consulting fees and paid Hewitt \$18,788 in consulting fees directly related to services performed for the Compensation Committee. During the same period, the Company paid Mercer \$1,150,735 and Hewitt and its affiliates \$44,949, for a variety of human resources services unrelated to executive compensation.

A subsidiary of the Company makes payments to Hewitt for administrative services provided to persons who invest, through 401(k) plans, in Franklin Templeton mutual funds. Our subsidiary, in turn, is reimbursed by the funds for these payments. It is the Company's understanding that Hewitt offsets any such payments received from our subsidiary against payments Hewitt receives from its 401(k) clients. These fees are not related to executive compensation services provided to the Compensation Committee or services otherwise provided to the Company. During fiscal year 2009, the total amount of such shareholder administration fees collected by Hewitt for the benefit of defined contribution plan investors in mutual funds serviced by our subsidiary was \$374,212. Similar fees were paid to Mercer during fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$360,142.

## **Peer Group Companies**

The Company's Human Resources Group, in conjunction with the outside compensation consultant, compares the named executive officers' compensation to the compensation of executive officers performing similar functions among a peer group of other publicly traded investment management companies. This comparison takes into account the performance of the Company relative to the other companies, the executives' comparative roles, responsibilities and performance at such companies, and the market size and composition data for such comparable companies. The Compensation Committee reviews such companies' compensation for comparison purposes but this review is not the determining factor as it is only one of many factors that are considered by the Compensation Committee in setting compensation. The Company's fiscal year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and that of most of the peer group companies ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>; accordingly, any meaningful compensation comparison must rely on available data covering time periods which may not correspond exactly. When compared against similar positions at the peer group companies using data available for the most recently completed fiscal year, the Company's named executive officer total compensation (comprised of base pay, bonuses and equity compensation) for fiscal year 2009 fell below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile in each case. Although relative ranking information is considered by the Compensation Committee in evaluating compensation for the named executive officers, the Compensation Committee does not target a specific percentile ranking for any component of, or the aggregate total of, named executive officer compensation.

The peer group companies reviewed included: Affiliated Managers Group Inc., AllianceBernstein L.P., Blackrock Inc., Federated Investors Inc., Invesco Ltd., Janus Capital Group, Legg Mason Inc. and T. Rowe Price Group. The peer group companies are all publicly traded investment management companies that compete with



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the Company. The Human Resources Group also reviews compensation data from a survey of management and administration positions in investment management organizations published by McLagan, a financial services industry compensation consultancy.

### **Chief Executive Officer's Compensation**

*Starting Point.* In setting the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, the Compensation Committee takes into account several factors, both internal and external to the Company. As the Company's highest ranking officer, the CEO is responsible for overseeing all of the Company's operations and results, implementing the Company's strategic objectives and providing direction and leadership to the Company. The Compensation Committee therefore believes that the CEO's compensation should normally be higher than the compensation paid to other named executive officers and should be linked to Company-wide measures and objectives. In particular, the Compensation Committee has determined that a large percentage of the CEO's compensation should be at risk and linked to the achievement of objectives based upon the Company's performance with regard to certain significant financial metrics.

While the Compensation Committee believes that the Company's financial performance should be the main driver of CEO pay, it also believes the CEO's individual performance with regard to relevant non-financial objectives and achievements during the year should be taken into account. Such non-financial objectives for the CEO include investment performance, customer service, technology and human resource objectives, as well as goals regarding the Company's compliance with laws and regulations and the maintenance of excellence in its corporate governance practices, among other things. To ensure that attention is given to these factors in addition to the financial measures, the Compensation Committee retains the authority and discretion to reduce the CEO's incentive pay under the KEIP or to provide supplementary compensation.

*Compensation Structure.* In setting the CEO's compensation, every year the Compensation Committee reviews (i) the Company's performance (both financial and non-financial), (ii) compensation reports (which we refer to as tally sheets) regarding the amounts paid to the CEO in prior years as salary, bonus, perquisites and other compensation (including a sensitivity analysis regarding the CEO's vested and unvested stock), (iii) recommendations provided by the Compensation Committee's outside compensation consultant, and (iv) relevant non-financial information, such as data regarding achievements in investment performance, customer service, technology and human resource objectives, the Company's compliance with laws and regulations and the maintenance of excellence in its corporate governance practices. Based upon these reviews, the Compensation Committee determines the CEO's compensation for the current fiscal year and potential compensation for the upcoming fiscal year.

*Base Salary.* In keeping with its stated philosophy, the Compensation Committee limits the CEO's base salary opportunity and has structured the majority of the CEO's potential compensation around incentive grants. Prior to fiscal year 2009, Mr. G. Johnson's base salary remained at \$780,132, unchanged since January 1, 2000. In September 2008, Mr. Johnson and his direct reports, including each of the named executive officers, determined that they would each take a temporary 10% salary reduction for fiscal year 2009. Accordingly, Mr. G. Johnson's base salary for fiscal year 2009 was reduced to \$702,119. These salary reductions were initiated by management as part of the Company's overall efforts to contain costs in light of the unprecedented economic challenges facing the Company, and were not a reflection of individual performance. These voluntary reductions were reevaluated by the named executive officers and the Compensation Committee and the executives' full base salary amounts were reinstated during the second quarter of fiscal year 2010.

*Incentive Compensation.* An incentive award was granted to the CEO in fiscal year 2009 under the Company's KEIP (as described above). In fiscal year 2009, the Compensation Committee decided to continue its philosophy of linking the majority of the CEO's potential compensation to the achievement of specified performance measures by the Company. Accordingly, early in the fiscal year, the Compensation Committee established a maximum bonus pool under the KEIP funded in an amount equal to 1% of PTOI for the year, approved the participation of Mr. G. Johnson and granted him a maximum target award under the KEIP equal to



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44% of the pool. Although the Committee's decisions are not dictated by a specific formula, the profitability of the firm, as reflected in PTOI, is the determining performance-based measure in establishing award maximums for Mr. G. Johnson and the other named executive officers. The maximum award that each named executive officer is eligible to receive is not an expectation of actual bonus amounts that will be paid to them, but a cap on the range of compensation (\$0 to the maximum amount) that an individual may be paid while maintaining the tax deductibility of the bonus as performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m). This provides the Compensation Committee with the flexibility to compensate executives for truly exceptional performance without paying more than is necessary to incent and retain our named executive officers. The Committee believes that this bonus structure is in the best interests of stockholders because it enables the most prudent use of Company assets by maximizing the deductibility of performance-based compensation while empowering the Committee to pay only those amounts it determines are necessary to appropriately compensate executives.

Under Mr. G. Johnson's leadership:

Total shareholder return for fiscal year 2009 was 16%, outpacing the S&P 500 Index of -7% and the S&P 500 Financials Index of -24%.

Relative investment performance strengthened with at least 85% of the Company's U.S. registered long-term mutual fund assets under management (AUM) in funds ranked in the top two quartiles of their respective Lipper peer groups for total return for the one-, three-, five- and ten-year periods (based on Class A shares only) at September 30, 2009.

The Company's succession planning was enhanced, with internal successors for chief investment officer positions and critical portfolio management roles being identified for core investment strategies.

As global markets began to recover during the second half of the fiscal year, the company experienced a rebound in net new flows and ended the year with one of its best quarters ever for net flows. However, overall net new flows for the fiscal year were (\$5.5) billion.

Fiscal year 2009 gross sales market share for non-proprietary long-term open-end funds grew to 9.1% (ranked #2 by the Investment Company Institute) in the U.S. and 10.2% (ranked #2 by Lipper FMI Thomson Reuters) in long-term, third-party, retail cross border funds (excluding exchange traded funds and index tracking funds) sold internationally, at September 30, 2009.

AUM market share for non-proprietary long-term open-end funds in the U.S. increased from 11.2% at the end of fiscal year 2008 to 11.5% as of September according to the Investment Company Institute.

Effective investment risk management practices were maintained and further strengthened to manage exposure to counter-party risk and carefully assess complex securities.

Based on the CEO's performance and achievements described above, the Compensation Committee granted the CEO an award of \$3,000,000 under the Company's KEIP for fiscal year 2009. Such amount was paid in fiscal year 2010 and, in keeping with the Company's payment philosophy, the first \$1 million was awarded 65% in cash and 35% in restricted stock and amounts in excess of \$1 million were awarded 50% in cash and 50% in restricted stock. All awards of restricted stock were subject to vesting over a period of three years from the date of grant.

*Review.* All of the compensation elements awarded to the CEO described above were reviewed by the Compensation Committee's outside consultant, who advised the Compensation Committee that they were reasonable, consistent with market practices, significantly performance-based and aligned with Company objectives. The Compensation Committee believes that the CEO's compensation package is reasonable and appropriate and that it is aligned with the interests of the Company's stockholders.



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### **Senior Executive Officer Compensation**

*Starting Point.* Similar to its view on the CEO's compensation, the Compensation Committee believes that the majority of compensation that may be earned by the other named executive officers (excluding the CEO, the Senior Executives) should be directly linked to performance. The Committee therefore also limits the Senior Executives' base salary opportunity and has structured the majority of their potential compensation around incentive grants.

*Base Salary.* In September 2008, Mr. G. Johnson and his direct reports, including each of the Senior Executives, determined that they would each take a temporary 10% salary reduction as of the start of fiscal year 2009. These salary reductions were initiated by management as part of the Company's overall efforts to contain costs in light of the unprecedented economic challenges facing the Company, and were not a reflection of individual performance. These voluntary reductions were reevaluated by the named executive officers and the Compensation Committee and the executives' full base salary amounts were reinstated during the second quarter of fiscal year 2010.

*Incentive Compensation.* Incentive awards were made to the Senior Executives under the Company's KEIP, (as described above). The Compensation Committee established a maximum bonus pool under the Company's KEIP, funded in an amount equal to 1% of PTOI for fiscal year 2009. Early in the fiscal year, the Compensation Committee approved the participation of each Senior Executive in the KEIP, and each was granted a target award expressed as a percentage of the available pool. These targets represented the maximum possible payout under the KEIP for each of the four Senior Executives for fiscal year 2009. The maximum award that each Senior Executive is eligible to receive is not an expectation of actual bonus amounts that will be paid to them, but a cap on the range of compensation (\$0 to the maximum amount) that an individual may be paid while maintaining the tax deductibility of the bonus as performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m). The Compensation Committee retained discretion to reduce or eliminate any award granted under the KEIP, based on Company performance, business unit performance, or such other factors as the Committee may determine. In adjusting the Senior Executives' incentive compensation under the KEIP, the Compensation Committee recognizes that each Senior Executive may be most able to directly influence the business unit for which he or she is responsible. The Committee therefore believes that it is appropriate to take into account each Senior Executive's achievement of objectives that are directly tied to the growth and development of their respective business unit. The portion of each target award actually paid to each Senior Executive was determined based on individual performance achievements during fiscal year 2009, including those described below.

Each year the Company conducts a review process in which goals are developed for each business unit by the CEO, the Senior Executive who leads the business unit and the Company's business planning group. Each unit's goals are specifically tailored because their different business functions are not always easily comparable. However, each unit's goals (and thus those of the responsible Senior Executive) typically include, but are not limited to, a mix of investment performance, sales, financial, customer service, technology and human resources objectives. Upon completion of this process, the Compensation Committee establishes target incentive awards for the Senior Executives. For fiscal year 2009, the Compensation Committee determined that it was appropriate to set Mr. Advani's potential incentive compensation opportunity at a higher rate than that of the other Senior Executives because of Mr. Advani's particular responsibilities and contributions to the Company. For fiscal year 2009, the Senior Executives were allocated maximum target awards under the KEIP, as follows, expressed as a percentage of the maximum bonus pool reserved payable under the KEIP: 16% for Vijay C. Advani, and 10% for each of Jennifer J. Bolt, Kenneth A. Lewis and William Y. Yun.

Descriptions of the material business unit objectives set for and subsequently achieved by the Senior Executives in fiscal year 2009 are set forth below:

*Vijay C. Advani, Executive Vice President - Global Distribution.* Mr. Advani is responsible for the Company's global retail and institutional distribution strategies and initiatives, including sales, marketing, client

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service and product development. In fiscal year 2009, Mr. Advani increased gross sales market share for non-proprietary, long-term, open-end funds to 9.1% (ranked #2 by the Investment Company Institute) in the U.S. and 10.2% (ranked #2 by Lipper FMI - Thompson Reuters) in retail cross-border, long-term funds internationally through September, 2009. AUM market share in the U.S. increased from 11.2% at the end of fiscal year 2008 to 11.5% as of September according to the Investment Company Institute. Mr. Advani also bolstered the integration of our retail and institutional businesses, resulting in increased efficiency that generated significant cost savings.

*Jennifer J. Bolt, Executive Vice President Operations and Technology.* Ms. Bolt oversees global operations in the transfer agency, investment management services, technology, and the banking business units. In fiscal year 2009, Ms. Bolt continued to increase efficiencies and reduce costs to achieve profitability in the U.S. Transfer Agency. Through her leadership and guidance, Ms. Bolt was able to execute an effective transition of the Franklin Templeton Services ( FTS ) leadership team. The reorganization resulted in consolidation and realignment of functions and a broadening of roles, including the appointment of a new President of FTS. Ms. Bolt also established a comprehensive approach to the design and operation of the company's infrastructure environment (data center optimization), including the framework for scalable services and a new strategy for disaster recovery support. Additionally, under Ms. Bolt's leadership, Fiduciary Trust Company was able to maintain positive net sales throughout the year in a difficult market environment.

*Kenneth A. Lewis, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.* Mr. Lewis directs the Company's finance division and oversees the financial performance of the organization, including the Company's balance sheet profile. In response to a volatile market environment, Mr. Lewis led expense management efforts that resulted in the implementation of strategic business unit reviews and cost reduction plans. These efforts, in part, led to a reduction in the Company's total operating expenses of over \$900 million or a decrease of 24% compared to fiscal year 2008. Mr. Lewis evaluated and implemented several corporate finance and investment initiatives in response to the unprecedented market volatility and market illiquidity; thus strengthening the Company's financial position while distributing 64% of fiscal 2009 earnings to shareholders in the form of dividends and share repurchases. In addition, Mr. Lewis continued to leverage technology to improve financial systems' functionality, efficiencies and reporting through various system upgrades and enhancements.

*William Y. Yun, Executive Vice President Alternative Strategies.* Mr. Yun oversees the Company's specialized and alternative investment business, which includes local asset management, joint ventures, real estate, fund of funds business and dedicated private equity. During fiscal year 2009, Mr. Yun strengthened the investment performance of the local asset management businesses around the globe and added responsibilities for the Japan Local Asset Management business. In addition, Mr. Yun strengthened relationships with the Company's joint venture partners to identify the opportunities and risks associated with each. The Company's ownership in Dubai-based Algebra Capital was increased. Mr. Yun also joined the Board of Algebra Capital in May and the Board of China-based Sealand Fund Management Company in April 2009. Mr. Yun hired a new full-time CEO for Vietcombank Fund Management, our joint venture in Vietnam, to help with development of the asset management capabilities.

For fiscal year 2009, the incentive award payable to each Senior Executive was determined in relation to such executive's performance in achieving his or her objectives. Twice a year the CEO, aided by the Company's business planning group, evaluates each Senior Executive and his or her respective business unit's progress in achieving its goals. In addition, the CEO works with senior members of the Company's Human Resources Group to recommend the appropriate award amount for each Senior Executive based upon such performance. As part of this process, the Human Resources Group conducts and reviews with the outside Compensation Committee consultant an analysis of competitive compensation by peer companies (as set forth above under Peer Group Companies), compares previous year over year performance and compensation paid to the executive, considers internal pay equity issues and reviews third party executive compensation surveys related generally to the financial services industry and specifically to the asset management industry. In addition, the Human Resources Group prepares tally sheets which include cash, equity and other compensation paid to each Senior Executive in

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prior periods as well as an analysis of the total projected wealth accumulation for such executive over the next five years. Upon completion of this review process, management presents the performance evaluations to the Compensation Committee and the CEO makes a recommendation regarding the appropriate level of incentive compensation in relation to the objectives achieved.

The Compensation Committee reviews and discusses the evaluations, competitive compensation information, tally sheets and the compensation recommendations for each Senior Executive. Based upon this review, the Compensation Committee assesses the reasonableness of the compensation recommendations and sets each Senior Executive's incentive compensation for the fiscal year.

Based upon each Senior Executive's performance and achievements described above, the Compensation Committee granted fiscal year 2009 awards to each of the Senior Executives under the Company's KEIP in the following amounts: Vijay C. Advani: \$1,750,000; Jennifer J. Bolt: \$950,000; Kenneth A. Lewis: \$950,000; William Y. Yun: \$900,000. Such amounts were paid in fiscal year 2010. In keeping with the Company's compensation philosophy, the first \$1 million awarded was paid 65% in cash and 35% in restricted stock and amounts awarded in excess of \$1 million were paid 50% in cash and 50% in restricted stock. Restricted stock and restricted unit grants generally vest over a three-year period after grant. The Compensation Committee believes that requiring time-based vesting of equity incentive grants helps to align executives' long-term interests with those of stockholders, further ties compensation to company performance, and aids in retention.

## **Risk**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the aforementioned incentive plans and does not believe the goals, or the underlying philosophy, encourage named executive officers to take excessive risk. By utilizing long-term equity, as well as our stock ownership requirements, we align named executive officer compensation with that of the long-term stockholder.

## **Benefits and Perquisites**

All executive officers are entitled to receive medical, life and disability insurance coverage and other corporate benefits available to most of the Company's employees. Executive officers (other than those who directly, or through attribution of shares held by certain family members, hold 5% or more of the Company's stock) are also eligible to participate in the Franklin Resources, Inc. 1998 Employee Stock Investment Plan ( ESIP ) on similar terms to the Company's other employees. Under the ESIP a participant may elect to have 1% - 10% of his or her payroll deducted to purchase up to the lesser of \$22,500 in value or 2,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a specified price. In addition, all of the executive officers may also participate in the Profit Sharing Plan. Similar to the Company's other employees and subject to completion of an initial employment period and subsequent vesting period, up to 6% of an executive's eligible compensation contributed to the Profit Sharing Plan is 50% matched by the Company. The Board of Directors reviews and approves all corporate contributions to the Profit Sharing Plan. After assessing a variety of fiscal year performance factors resulting from a challenging economic year, including a 43% year-over-year decrease in operating income, Company management recommended, and the Board of Directors concurred, that the Company would not make any profit sharing contributions for fiscal 2009. As a result, none of the named executive officers received a profit sharing contribution for fiscal 2009.

The Company provides certain perquisites to its executive officers it believes aids the executives in their execution of Company business. For example, occasional personal use of Company aircraft and membership in airline clubs are provided to enable named executive officers to devote additional and efficient time to Company business when traveling. In addition, the Company sponsors memberships in social clubs and provides tickets to events to provide for the entertainment of clients and prospective clients. Perquisites and other benefits represent a small part of the Company's overall compensation package. The Compensation Committee believes the value

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of perquisites and other benefits are reasonable in amount and consistent with its overall compensation plan. For additional information on perquisites and other benefits please see the Summary Compensation Table elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

### **Termination/Change in Control Matters**

The Company's named executive officers are employed on an at will basis, without any written employment or severance agreements. Accordingly, the named executive officers are not entitled to any particular severance benefit upon termination of employment by the Company. The Company may, however, provide severance on a case-by-case basis in its discretion as approved by the Compensation Committee. In addition, the Company has not entered into any agreement with any named executive officer that provides for additional payments solely on account of a change in control of the Company. The Company's only change in control provisions are found in existing compensation plans and apply to all participants in those plans.

### **Tax Considerations**

In evaluating compensation program alternatives, the Compensation Committee considers the potential impact on the Company of Section 162(m) of the Code. Section 162(m) limits to \$1 million the amount that a publicly traded corporation, such as the Company, may deduct for compensation paid in any year to its chief executive officer or any other of its three most highly compensated executive officers (other than the principal financial officer). However, compensation which qualifies as performance-based is excluded from the \$1 million per executive officer limit if, among other requirements, the compensation is payable only upon attainment of pre-established, objective performance goals under a plan approved by the Company's stockholders.

The Compensation Committee endeavors to maximize deductibility of compensation under Section 162(m) to the extent practicable while maintaining competitive compensation. The Compensation Committee expects that the majority of performance-based awards either in the form of cash or restricted stock should qualify for the performance-based compensation exception to Section 162(m). The Compensation Committee, however, believes that it is important for it to retain maximum flexibility in designing compensation programs that are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. Therefore, the Compensation Committee, while considering tax deductibility as a factor in determining compensation, may not limit compensation to those levels or types of compensation that will be deductible if it believes that the compensation is commensurate with the performance of the covered employee.

### **Other Considerations**

*Stock Ownership Requirements.* As discussed in greater detail under the heading Corporate Governance Stock Ownership Guidelines in this Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors has adopted guidelines for the directors and certain of the senior officers, including each of the named executive officers, concerning their ownership of the Company's common stock. The ownership guidelines specify the minimum amount of shares that the directors and such officers should own. The purpose of the stock ownership guidelines is to more closely align the interests of the directors and such officers with the interests of the Company's other stockholders through good and bad economic times. In addition, the stock ownership guidelines are designed to strengthen the link between long-term Company performance and executive compensation.

*Timing of Awards.* The Compensation Committee's general practice is to make award decisions for the previous fiscal year and review salaries of the Company's executive officers in November. This time frame allows the Compensation Committee to review a full year of the executives performance as well as a full year of the Company's performance, given that the Company's fiscal year ends on September 30th and the press release containing the Company's earnings for the fiscal year typically is released in late October.

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*Potential Impact on Incentive Compensation of Financial Restatements.* In fiscal year 2010, the Compensation Committee enhanced current Company protections under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by approving clawback provisions under the Annual Incentive Plan and fiscal year 2010 executive award agreements. These provisions provide for the forfeiture by our executive officers of any awards granted or earned pursuant to the 2002 USIP or Annual Incentive Plan (including under the KEIP), or earnings thereupon, in the event that (i) the Company issues a restatement of financial results to correct a material error, (ii) the Compensation Committee determines, in good faith, that fraud or willful misconduct on the part of the executive officer was a significant contributing factor to the need to issue such restatement, and (iii) some or all of the award that was granted and/or earned prior to such restatement by the executive officer would not have been granted and/or earned, as applicable, based upon the restated financial results. The forfeiture is enforceable by the Company by all legal means available, including, without limitation, by withholding such amount from other sums owed by the Company to the executive officer.

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*Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that might incorporate filings made by us under those statutes, the following report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material, or to be incorporated by reference into any prior filings or future filings made by the Company under those statutes.*

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this Proxy Statement. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee has recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Compensation Committee**

Charles Crocker (Chairman)

Samuel H. Armacost

Joseph R. Hardiman

Thomas H. Kean



**Table of Contents****SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

The following table provides compensation information for the Company's named executive officers for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus \$(1)	Stock Awards \$(2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (3)	All Other Compensation \$(4)	Total (\$)
<b>Gregory E. Johnson</b>	2009	702,119		3,914,703	1,650,000	22,318(5)	6,289,140
<i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>	2008	780,132	1,200,000	4,276,187	1,200,000	152,514	7,608,833
	2007	780,132	500,000	3,135,040	2,650,000	61,126	7,126,298
<b>Kenneth A. Lewis</b>	2009	472,500		301,720	617,500	17,057(6)	1,408,777
<i>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>	2008	497,917	427,000	199,840	273,000	110,916	1,508,673
	2007	396,111	675,000	116,093		20,777	1,207,981
<b>Vijay C. Advani</b>	2009	472,500		953,641	1,025,000	22,459(7)	2,473,600
<i>Executive Vice President - Global Distribution</i>	2008	525,000	694,500	934,737	468,000	116,528	2,738,765
	2007	525,000	1,500,000	628,266		53,514	2,706,780
<b>Jennifer J. Bolt</b>	2009	472,500		516,646	617,500	8,075(8)	1,614,721
<i>Executive Vice President - Operations and Technology</i>	2008	506,250	477,000	478,085	273,000	34,720	1,769,055
	2007	450,000	950,000	362,551		38,691	1,801,242
<b>William Y. Yun</b>	2009	472,500		482,515	585,000	22,443(9)	1,562,458
<i>Executive Vice President - Alternative Strategies</i>	2008	525,000	477,000	459,679	273,000	88,217	1,822,896
	2007	525,000	900,000	358,731		55,110	1,838,841

- (1) Represents the cash portion of the bonus awarded under the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the "AIP"), a discretionary performance-based award made at the end of each fiscal year.
- (2) Stock award values represent the portion of prior years' stock grants expensed in accordance with the requirements of ASC 718 (but disregarding estimates for forfeitures, if any) in the specified year for grants made in such years and prior years. Additional information is set forth in the "Grants of Plan-Based Awards (Fiscal Year 2009)" table below. See "Note 16 Stock-Based Compensation" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2009 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 24, 2009 for further details.
- (3) Represents the cash portion of awards made under the Company's KEIP for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. In fiscal years 2008 and 2009, all of the named executive officers (the "NEOs") participated in the KEIP. In fiscal year 2007, Mr. Gregory E. Johnson was the sole participant in the KEIP. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - The Elements of Executive Compensation - Incentive Compensation" above for more details.
- (4) Includes amounts with respect to fiscal year 2008 which were paid in fiscal year 2009.
- (5) Includes \$19,921 for personal use of the Company's aircraft. The aggregate incremental cost of personal use of Company aircraft is calculated using the rate per nautical mile for each personal flight, published twice per year by Conklin & de Decker Associates, Inc. for each type of Company aircraft. Such amount is based on the published rate at the time of the personal flight use. These rates are used by a variety of corporate aviation operators for cost and budget estimation purposes. The rates include the estimated variable costs of operating aircraft, including fuel, labor and parts for most scheduled maintenance, engine, propeller and auxiliary power unit overhaul cost and parts repair and replacement costs, landing fees and expenses, supplies and catering and crew costs excluding salaries, benefits and fixed costs. The rates do not include the cost of periodic aircraft refurbishment, hangar costs, dues, subscriptions, weather and navigation services or the cost of insurance and administrative services. The rates also do not include depreciation or any tax benefit reductions due to personal use. The aggregate incremental costs in the table includes the cost of all nautical miles flown for positioning flights necessary to accomplish a personal flight and to return the aircraft to its next scheduled location.

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- (6) Includes \$15,840 of Company matching grants and purchase discounts under the Franklin Resources, Inc. 1998 Employee Stock Investment Plan ( ESIP ) and matching amounts contributed to Mr. Lewis Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan account.
- (7) Includes \$20,949 of Company matching grants and purchase discounts under the ESIP, and matching amounts contributed to Mr. Advani s Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan account.
- (8) Includes \$6,900 of Company matching amounts contributed to Ms. Bolt s Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan account.
- (9) Includes \$20,949 of Company matching grants and purchase discounts under the ESIP and matching amounts contributed to Mr. Yun s Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan account.

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The following table presents information regarding grants of plan-based awards to the named executive officers during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

Name	Plan(1)	Grant Date(2)	Estimated Future	Estimated Future Payouts Under			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)(6)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards(\$)(2)
			Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(3)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards(4)(5)				
			Maximum (\$)	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)		
Gregory E. Johnson	KEIP		2,650,000					
	KEIP	11/03/08		1,180,000	3,370,000	4,350,000		
	AIP	11/03/08					17,475	1,200,000
Kenneth A. Lewis	KEIP		849,715					
	KEIP	11/03/08		186,200	452,000	550,000		
	AIP	11/03/08					3,684	253,000
Vijay C. Advani	KEIP		1,269,545					
	KEIP	11/03/08		319,200	882,000	1,050,000		
	AIP	11/03/08					8,890	610,500
Jennifer J. Bolt	KEIP		849,715					
	KEIP	11/03/08		186,200	452,000	550,000		
	AIP	11/03/08					4,412	303,000
William Y. Yun	KEIP		849,715					
	KEIP	11/03/08		186,200	452,000	550,000		
	AIP	11/03/08					4,412	303,000

- (1) The KEIP is a sub-plan under the AIP. Incentive awards made under the AIP and KEIP typically include restricted stock and such awards are granted under the Company's 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan (the "2002 USIP"). For purposes of determining the split between cash and restricted stock granted to the NEOs for years prior to fiscal year 2009, incentive awards made under the KEIP were calculated first. Awards up to \$1.0 million under the KEIP consist of 65% cash and 35% restricted stock and amounts awarded in excess of \$1.0 million and up to \$5.0 million consist of 50% cash and 50% restricted stock. Thereafter, incentive awards granted under the AIP were calculated as follows: (a) if the KEIP award was more than \$1.0 million, the entire AIP award consists of 50% cash and 50% restricted stock; and (b) if the KEIP award was less than \$1.0 million, the amount of the AIP award equal to the difference between \$1.0 million and the KEIP award consists of 65% cash and 35% restricted stock and the remaining AIP award, if any, consists of 50% cash and 50% restricted stock.
- (2) Determined pursuant to ASC 718.
- (3) Represents the cash portion of the maximum awards that may be made under the KEIP for fiscal year 2009. Awards under the KEIP have no assigned threshold or target amount, and are determined in the discretion of the Compensation Committee, subject to a pre-determined maximum. Accordingly, no threshold or target amounts are listed. Please refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CD&A") above for the actual cash amount received by each named executive officer in fiscal year 2010 pursuant to such awards.
- (4) Amounts do not include the equity portion of awards that may be made under the KEIP for fiscal year 2009 because such awards were granted in fiscal year 2010.
- (5) Represents the potential range of the equity portion of awards under the KEIP for fiscal year 2008, as discussed in last year's CD&A, which were granted in fiscal year 2009. Grants of restricted stock include time vesting provisions such that the award would vest in thirds on August 31, 2009, August 31, 2010 and August 31, 2011. In accordance with the terms of the 2002 USIP, the number of shares of restricted stock issued was determined based on the closing price on the NYSE of the Company's common stock on the grant date.
- (6) Represents restricted stock awards under the AIP granted on November 3, 2008 by the Compensation Committee under the 2002 USIP. The awards were earned in fiscal year 2008 and granted in fiscal year 2009. The number of shares was determined by dividing the award value by the closing price of the Company's common stock on November 3, 2008, the date of grant, rounded up to the nearest whole share. One-third of these restricted stock awards vested on August 29, 2009; the remaining shares will vest in equal portions on August 31, 2010 and August 31, 2011.

Please refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above for further details regarding amounts disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-based Awards table.



**Table of Contents****OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2009 FISCAL YEAR-END**

The following table presents information concerning the number and value of option and stock awards held by the named executive officers as of September 30, 2009.

Name	Option Awards			Stock Awards		Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(4)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)(3)
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable(1)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)(2)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)(3)		
Gregory E. Johnson	102,972	36.30	11/19/11	31,722	3,191,233	28,484	2,865,490
	102,972	34.77	12/14/12				
	46,337	47.57	11/11/13				
Kenneth A. Lewis	4,000	31.95	11/09/12	4,841	487,005		
	3,431	47.57	11/11/13				
Vijay C. Advani				11,659	1,172,895		
Jennifer J. Bolt	20,594	37.27	11/16/10	6,148	618,489		
	9,347	33.50	12/15/10				
	30,891	36.30	11/19/11				
	20,594	31.95	11/09/12				
	18,020	47.57	11/11/13				
William Y. Yun				6,011	604,707		

(1) All options held by the named executive officers have vested and are shown in this column.

(2) The shares consist of shares of restricted stock that vest as follows:

Name	Total Unvested Shares	Vesting Schedule
Gregory E. Johnson	11,334	Vest on 8/31/10
	20,388	Vest in equal parts on 8/31/10 and 8/31/11
Kenneth A. Lewis	958	Vest on 8/31/10
	3,883	Vest in equal parts 8/31/10 and 8/31/11
Vijay C. Advani	3,285	Vest on 8/31/10
	8,374	Vest in equal parts 8/31/10 and 8/31/11
Jennifer J. Bolt	1,779	Vest on 8/31/10
	4,369	Vest in equal parts 8/31/10 and 8/31/11
William Y. Yun	1,642	Vest on 8/31/10
	4,369	Vest in equal parts 8/31/10 and 8/31/11

(3) Calculated by multiplying unvested shares by \$100.60, the closing price of the Company's common stock on September 30, 2009.

- (4) Includes performance-based shares of restricted stock that were subject to vest with respect to 3,845 of such shares on December 27, 2009 and with respect to 24,639 of such shares that vest on November 30, 2010.

**Table of Contents****OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED (FISCAL YEAR 2009)**

The following table presents information regarding stock option exercises and stock awards vesting for the named executive officers during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(2)
<b>Gregory E. Johnson</b>	78,715	1,113,164	34,908	3,257,964
<b>Kenneth A. Lewis</b>			3,271	305,282
<b>Vijay C. Advani</b>			11,464	1,081,880
<b>Jennifer J. Bolt</b>			6,972	662,641
<b>William Y. Yun</b>			6,608	628,669

- (1) The value realized on exercise of stock options is calculated by subtracting the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of exercise from the exercise price of the stock option award and multiplying that resulting number by the number of shares that were exercised under such option award.
- (2) The value of each stock award is calculated by multiplying the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of vesting by the number of shares that vested.

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**POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL**

The Company has not provided the named executive officers with agreements providing for severance payments, medical or insurance benefits or any other perquisites after their employment with us has ended or following a change in control.

As described under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" above in this Proxy Statement, the named executive officers typically receive grants of incentive awards payable in the form of cash under the Company's Annual Incentive Plan and the KEIP and restricted stock under the Company's 2002 USIP. Except as set forth below or as otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, awards made to a named executive officer under such plans are forfeited upon voluntary or involuntary termination of executive's employment with the Company. In any event, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may pay, eliminate or reduce awards payable under the Annual Incentive Plan or the KEIP.

**Amended and Restated Annual Incentive Compensation Plan**

In the event the employment of a participant under the Annual Incentive Plan terminates due to death or permanent disability, such participant is generally entitled to receive a single pro-rata cash payment of unvested awards under the plan based upon time served during the relevant performance period. If a participant's employment terminates due to retirement, such participant may, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, receive a single pro-rata cash payment based upon time served during the relevant performance period. To be eligible to receive a pro-rata payment upon retirement from the Company, the participant must retire after reaching age fifty-five and have at least ten years of service with the Company.

The Annual Incentive Plan does not expressly provide for any change-in-control payments, however, the Compensation Committee has the discretion to make awards under the plan in the event of a change in control.

Under the Annual Incentive Plan, involuntary termination of employment includes employment that is terminated by the Company as a result of the Company's dissatisfaction with the job-related activities of the employee or conviction of the employee of a felony. No payments would be made in either of these events. For involuntary termination for any other reason, such as job elimination, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may (i) pay the participant a pro-rated incentive award based upon performance during the plan year to the date of termination, (ii) pay the participant's full award under the plan (or any greater amount), or (iii) not make any payment.

**Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan**

As described in more detail under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - The Elements of Executive Compensation - Incentive Compensation," the 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, or KEIP, is a sub-plan under the Annual Incentive Plan. Consequently, all of the provisions described above regarding the Annual Incentive Compensation Plan apply to grants made under the KEIP. In addition, the KEIP includes separate terms regarding termination payments which are summarized below.

If the employment of a participant in the KEIP terminates due to death, permanent disability or retirement, such participant is generally entitled to receive payment of any unvested awards under the plan. In addition, if a participant terminates employment with the Company for any reason other than death, permanent disability or retirement, such participant's unvested awards are generally required to be reduced proportionately based on the date of termination. To be eligible to receive a pro-rata payment upon retirement from the Company, the participant must retire after reaching age fifty-five and have at least ten years of service with the Company. To be eligible for awards in the event of permanent disability, the executive must be eligible for payments under the Company's long-term disability insurance policy.

The KEIP does not expressly provide for any change-in-control payments, however, the Compensation Committee has the discretion to make awards under the plan in the event of a change in control.



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Pursuant to the terms of the Company's 2002 USIP and applicable award agreements, any options that are exercisable by a named executive officer will remain exercisable for a period of (i) 180 days after termination of employment due to the death or permanent disability of the executive, and (ii) 90 days after termination of such executive's employment for any other reason; provided that in no case will the option remain exercisable later than its expiration date.

Pursuant to the terms of the 2002 USIP, a change in control of the Company means a proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company or a merger or corporate combination (a Transaction) in which the successor corporation does not agree to assume the award or substitute an equivalent award. The Compensation Committee must notify participants of such treatment no later than ten days prior to such proposed Transaction. To the extent not previously exercised, option grants and awards terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed Transaction.

**Compensation Committee Policy & Practice**

Notwithstanding the discussion above, pursuant to the terms of the KEIP and the Annual Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may eliminate or reduce any unvested awards otherwise payable to a participant following termination of employment. In addition, the Compensation Committee has the authority to pay the full award amount to a participant whose award would have otherwise been reduced or forfeited following termination of employment or a change in control. The Compensation Committee also has the discretion under the 2002 USIP to determine the terms, conditions, performance criteria, restrictions, and other provisions of awards made under the 2002 USIP.

As a general policy matter, the Compensation Committee limits the payment of unvested awards under the KEIP, the Annual Incentive Plan and the 2002 USIP following a participant's termination of employment or upon a change in control. Payments for unvested awards, if any, made to the named executive officers upon the termination of employment or upon a change in control are determined on a case-by-case basis by the Compensation Committee.

**Estimated Payments Upon Termination**

Due to the Compensation Committee's general policy of limiting payments to the named executive officers following termination of employment and its authority to reduce or increase the payments otherwise available under such awards, the amounts payable to the named executive officers following termination of employment are not determinable. The following table sets forth a range of the potential compensation that could become payable under the KEIP and the Annual Incentive Plan if a named executive officer's employment had terminated on September 30, 2009. The amounts provided are based upon the named executive officer's compensation and service levels as of September 30, 2009 and, if applicable, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on that date.

Name	Death or Permanent Disability(1)(2)(\$)	Voluntary Termination(3)(4)(\$)	Involuntary Termination(3)(5)(\$)	Retirement(1)(6)(\$)
<b>Gregory E. Johnson</b>	0 - 8,456,724	0 - 2,400,000	0 - 2,400,000	0 - 8,456,724
<b>Kenneth A. Lewis</b>	0 - 1,187,005	0 - 700,000	0 - 700,000	0 - 1,187,005
<b>Vijay C. Advani</b>	0 - 2,335,395	0 - 1,162,500	0 - 1,162,500	0 - 2,335,395
<b>Jennifer J. Bolt</b>	0 - 1,368,489	0 - 750,000	0 - 750,000	0 - 1,368,489
<b>William Y. Yun</b>	0 - 1,354,707	0 - 750,000	0 - 750,000	0 - 1,354,707

- (1) Amounts included in this column range from \$0 to a maximum payment which is based on the executive's fiscal year 2008 cash bonus, plus the cash value of the executive's unvested stock awards listed under the

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column Stock Awards in the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2009 Fiscal Year-End table above, as determined in the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The value of unvested stock awards is based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on September 30, 2009.

- (2) Permanent Disability means that the executive is eligible for payments under the Company's long-term permanent disability insurance policy.
- (3) Amounts included in this column range from \$0 to a maximum payment which is based on the executive's fiscal year 2008 cash bonus, as determined in the discretion of the Compensation Committee.
- (4) Under the Annual Incentive Plan, Voluntary Termination of employment generally means that an executive voluntarily resigned from employment at the Company.
- (5) Under the Annual Incentive Plan, involuntary termination of employment includes employment that is terminated by the Company as a result of the Company's dissatisfaction with the job-related activities of the employee or conviction of the employee of a felony. No payments would be made in either of these events. For involuntary termination for any other reason, such as job elimination, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may (i) pay the participant a pro-rated incentive award based upon performance during the plan year to the date of termination, (ii) pay the participant's full award under the plan (or any greater amount) or (iii) not make any payment.
- (6) A person has retired if such person terminates employment with the Company after reaching age fifty-five (55) with at least ten (10) years of service to the Company. See footnote (1) above for the basis of the amounts in this column.

**Estimated Payments Upon a Change in Control**

None of the named executive officers have agreements which provide for payments upon a change in control of the Company. However, under the Company's 2002 USIP the Compensation Committee has the discretion to make a determination as to the equitable treatment of awards upon a change in control. The Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, make cash awards under the KEIP and the Annual Incentive Plan and awards of restricted stock under the 2002 USIP following a change in control. The following table sets forth an estimate of the potential compensation that may become payable under the 2002 USIP, the KEIP and the Annual Incentive Plan upon a change in control of the Company. A change in control of the Company is deemed to have occurred upon the occurrence of certain transactions as defined in the 2002 USIP and specified above. The amounts provided are based upon the named executive officer's compensation and service levels as of September 30, 2009, and if applicable, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on that date.

Name	Cash(1)(\$)	Unvested Value of Restricted Stock(2)(\$)	Total(\$)
<b>Gregory E. Johnson</b>	0 - 2,400,000	0 - 6,056,724	0 - 8,456,724
<b>Kenneth A. Lewis</b>	0 - 700,000	0 - 487,005	0 - 1,187,005
<b>Vijay C. Advani</b>	0 - 1,162,500	0 - 1,172,895	0 - 2,335,395
<b>Jennifer J. Bolt</b>	0 - 750,000	0 - 618,489	0 - 1,368,489
<b>William Y. Yun</b>	0 - 750,000	0 - 604,707	0 - 1,354,707

- (1) Amounts included in this column range from \$0 to a maximum payment which is based on the executive's fiscal year 2008 cash bonus.
- (2) Amounts included in this column range from \$0 to a maximum payment which is based on the cash value of the executive's unvested stock awards listed under the column Stock Awards in the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2009 Fiscal Year-End table above and determined at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The amounts are based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on September 30, 2009.

**Table of Contents****COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION**

During fiscal year 2009, the following directors served as members of the Compensation Committee: Messrs. Crocker, Armacost, Hardiman and Kean. No member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries during fiscal year 2009, and no member of the Compensation Committee was formerly an officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or was a party to any disclosable related party transaction involving the Company. During fiscal year 2009, none of the executive officers of the Company served on the board of directors or on the compensation committee of any other entity that has or had executive officers serving as a member of the Board of Directors or Compensation Committee of the Company.

**EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table sets forth certain information as of September 30, 2009 with respect to the shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under the Company's existing compensation plans that have been approved by stockholders and plans that have not been approved by stockholders.

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)</b>	<b>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)</b>	<b>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders (1)	2,921,838(2)	\$ 37.86(3)	7,305,976(4)
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,921,838</b>	<b>\$ 37.86</b>	<b>7,305,976</b>

- (1) Consists of the 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "2002 USIP") and the amended and restated 1998 Employee Stock Investment Plan (the "ESIP"). Equity securities granted under the 2002 USIP may include awards in connection with the Amended and Restated Annual Incentive Compensation Plan and the 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended and restated.
- (2) Includes restricted stock unit awards under the 2002 USIP that may be settled in shares of the Company's common stock, but excludes options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock accruing under the Company's ESIP. Under the ESIP, each eligible employee is granted a separate option to purchase up to 2,000 shares of common stock each semi-annual accrual period on January 31 and July 31 at a purchase price per share equal to 85% of the fair market value of the common stock on the enrollment date or the exercise date, whichever is lower.
- (3) Does not take into account restricted stock unit awards under the 2002 USIP.
- (4) As of September 30, 2009, 3,103,054 shares of common stock were available for future issuance under the ESIP and 4,202,922 shares of common stock were available for future issuance under the 2002 USIP.

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*Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that might incorporate filings made by us under those statutes, the following report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material, or to be incorporated by reference into any prior filings or future filings made by the Company under those statutes.*

### **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND ROLE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the Company) currently consists of Chutta Ratnathicam (Chairman), Charles Crocker, and Laura Stein. Each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent as defined under the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and applicable law. The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee (i) the Company's financial reporting, auditing and internal control activities, including the integrity of the Company's financial statements, (ii) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, and (iv) the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditor. The Audit Committee's function is more fully described in the written charter, which is attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement and posted in the corporate governance section of the Company's website.

#### **REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 with the Company's management.

The Audit Committee has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1, AU section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.

The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from PwC required by the applicable Public Company Accounting Oversight Board requirements for independent accountant communications with audit committees concerning auditor independence, and has discussed the independence of PwC with that firm.

Based on the Audit Committee's review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Respectfully Submitted by the Members of the Audit Committee:

Chutta Ratnathicam (Chairman)

Charles Crocker

Laura Stein

**Table of Contents****FEES PAID TO INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee of the Board, with the ratification of the stockholders, engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ( PwC ) to perform an annual audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for fiscal year 2009.

The following table sets forth the approximate aggregate fees billed or expected to be billed to the Company by PwC for fiscal years 2009 and 2008 for the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and for other services rendered by PwC.

	FISCAL YEAR	
	2009	2008
	(in thousands)	
<b>Audit Fees (a)</b>	\$ 5,264	\$ 4,923
<b>Audit-Related Fees (b)</b>	\$ 2,323	1,653
<b>Tax Fees (c)</b>	\$ 75	50
<b>All Other Fees (d)</b>	\$ 387	248
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	<b>\$ 8,049</b>	<b>\$ 6,874</b>

- (a) The 2009 Audit Fees amount includes approximately \$417,000 of fees related to fiscal year 2008 that were billed in fiscal year 2009 and the 2008 Audit Fees include approximately \$67,000 of fees related to fiscal year 2007 that were billed in fiscal year 2008.
- (b) Audit-Related Fees consist of assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements. Such services related primarily to internal control examinations pursuant to the Statement of Auditing Standards No. 70, consultation concerning financial accounting and reporting standards, attestation services, due diligence services and audits of employee benefit plans. Audit-Related Fees includes \$995,000 of fees that have been contracted with the Company but which are expected to be paid by third parties.
- (c) Tax Fees consist of tax return preparation, tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning services. For fiscal year 2009, tax return preparation and tax compliance services represented approximately \$24,500 of the total amount of Tax Fees. For fiscal year 2008, tax return preparation and tax compliance services represented approximately \$40,500 of the total amount of Tax Fees.
- (d) Other Fees includes \$25,000 of fees that have been contracted with the Company but which are expected to be paid by a third party. The remainder of Other Fees consists principally of services rendered in connection with assistance in regulatory reporting in various jurisdictions, miscellaneous services provided to certain of our funds and diligence review.

Note: For fiscal year 2009, 6.17% of the fees for services described under Audit-Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the pre-approval waiver requirements under 17 CFR 210.2-01(c)(7)(i)(C), all of which represented All Other Fees. For fiscal year 2008, 5.64% of the fees for services described under Audit-Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the pre-approval waiver requirements under 17 CFR 210.2-01(c)(7)(i)(C), all of which represented All Other Fees.

**PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS AND POLICY**

The audit and non-audit services provided to the Company and its subsidiaries by PwC, the independent auditors, during fiscal years 2009 and 2008 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has adopted policies and procedures for pre-approving all audit and non-audit services provided by PwC. This policy describes the permitted audit, audit-related, tax and other services that the independent auditors may perform.

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Any requests for audit, audit-related, tax and other services must initially be submitted to the Company's CFO. Any requests preliminarily approved by the CFO are then submitted to the Audit Committee for final pre-approval. Normally, pre-approval is considered at regularly scheduled meetings. However, the authority to grant specific pre-approval between meetings up to a designated approval amount, which amount for fiscal year 2009 was \$50,000 (the Chairman Approval Amount), has been delegated to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The decision of the Chairman to grant specific pre-approval of a service is presented to the Audit Committee at its scheduled meetings. If the estimated fees for proposed services exceed the Chairman Approval Amount, specific pre-approval by the entire Audit Committee is required.

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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

During fiscal year 2009, Franklin Templeton Bank & Trust, F.S.B. and various bank related subsidiaries of Fiduciary Trust, a subsidiary of the Company, entered into various transactions in the ordinary course of their business with certain directors and executive officers of the Company and members of their immediate families. Additionally, Fiduciary Trust provided certain services to individual directors and/or members of their families. The transactions and services involved loans, deposits, certificates of deposit and other money market instruments and certain other banking transactions as well as trustee and investment management services. As transactions and services made or entered into in the ordinary course of business, all such transactions and services were made or provided on substantially the same terms, including fees, interest rates and collateral, that prevailed at the time for comparable transactions or services with other third parties in arms-length relationships and did not involve more than the normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features.

In fiscal year 2008, Charles B. Johnson, Chairman of the Board and a director of the Company, who, among other family relationships, is the father of Gregory E. Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company, and Jennifer J. Bolt, Executive Vice President Operations and Technology of the Company, was paid a base salary of \$594,330 and did not receive a cash bonus. Effective October 1, 2008, Charles B. Johnson voluntarily decreased his base salary to \$180,000. Such salary reduction will be reevaluated during fiscal year 2010. Mr. C. Johnson did not receive a cash bonus in fiscal year 2009.

In fiscal year 2008, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman and a director of the Company, who, among other family relationships, is the brother of Charles B. Johnson, Chairman of the Board, was paid a base salary of \$532,397 and did not receive a cash bonus. Effective October 1, 2008, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. voluntarily decreased his base salary to \$180,000. Such salary reduction will be reevaluated during fiscal year 2010. Mr. R. H. Johnson, Jr. did not receive a cash bonus in fiscal year 2009.

David A. Lewis, Sr., a senior trader for Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, is the brother of Mr. Kenneth A. Lewis, one of the Company's named executive officers and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. In fiscal year 2009, Mr. D. Lewis' base salary was \$152,500 and he received a cash bonus of \$84,500 and 425 shares of restricted stock. Mr. D. Lewis' base salary for fiscal year 2010 is \$152,500.

Messrs. Charles B. Johnson, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and David A. Lewis, Sr. are entitled to receive medical, life and disability insurance coverage and other benefits available generally to employees of the Company and/or its subsidiaries.

*Share Repurchases.* Under a stock repurchase program authorized by the Board, the Company can repurchase shares of its common stock from time to time on the open market and in private transactions in accordance with applicable securities laws. Pursuant to this stock repurchase program, the Company repurchased shares of the Company's common stock from, among others, certain directors, executive officers and greater than five percent (5%) beneficial owners of the Company's common stock, and certain members of the immediate family of the foregoing persons, during fiscal year 2009. The price per share paid by the Company for repurchases is generally the average of the high and low price of the Company's common stock on the NYSE on the repurchase date.

In order to pay taxes due in connection with the vesting of employee and executive officer restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards under the 2002 USIP and matching grants under the ESIP, the Company uses a net stock issuance method, equivalent to a stock repurchase program, to pay such taxes. For shares repurchased in connection with the payment of taxes on vesting shares and matching grants under the ESIP, the repurchase price is the closing price on the NYSE on the date of the transaction.

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During fiscal year 2009, the Company repurchased shares of common stock from the persons listed below for the aggregate consideration shown.

Name and Title	Number of Shares Repurchased	Aggregate Consideration(\$)
Charles B. Johnson and IRA of Charles B. Johnson, Chairman of the Board and Director	200,000	18,426,000
Vijay C. Advani, Executive Vice President Global Distribution	4,309	407,398
Leslie M. Kratter, Senior Vice President and Assistant Secretary	1,377	128,184
Kenneth A. Lewis, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	1,208(a)	111,749(a)
John M. Lusk, Executive Vice President Portfolio Operations	1,744	167,042
William Y. Yun, Executive Vice President, Alternative Strategies	2,800	266,040

(a) Amount does not include 280 shares repurchased by the Company for \$25,491 from David A. Lewis, Sr., a senior trader for Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, and the brother of Mr. Kenneth A. Lewis.

*Management and Use of AC Travel Aircraft.* A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into an amended and restated aircraft management agreement, effective as of June 1, 2008, with AC Travel, LLC ( AC Travel ), an entity owned and controlled by Charles B. Johnson, Chairman of the Board and a director of the Company, to manage the operations of a Gulfstream III aircraft (the G-III ) and a Gulfstream G550 aircraft (the G550 ), both of which are owned by AC Travel. We refer to the G-III and the G550 as the Aircraft . Under the amended and restated management agreement, the subsidiary: (a) provides consulting and management services for the operations of the Aircraft; (b) assists in the arrangement for the utilization of the G-III for charter activities; (c) provides flight crew personnel, including coordinating training of such personnel; (d) arranges for maintenance of the Aircraft; and (e) arranges for insurance and a hanger for Aircraft storage and also provides other administrative services. The initial term of the amended and restated agreement ended on May 31, 2009, with automatic one-year renewals thereafter, subject to cancellation by either party. Our subsidiary receives a monthly management fee of \$10,000 for the G550 and \$3,000 for the G-III for administrative services. All other expenses incurred under the amended and restated management agreement for services provided are either reimbursed or passed through to, and paid by, AC Travel.

Charles B. Johnson and the Company entered into an amended and restated reimbursement agreement, effective as of January 1, 2008, to provide for the terms of reimbursement when Mr. C. B. Johnson uses the G550 in connection with his travels on Company business. Pursuant to the terms of the reimbursement agreement, the Company reimburses Mr. C. B. Johnson for fees incurred in connection with his business travel on behalf of the Company on the G550, including fees for landing, parking, hangar, tie-down, handling, customs, regulatory fees and charges, in-flight catering, pilot and crew costs and communication charges. Under the agreement, the amount reimbursed by the Company is not to exceed \$750,000 on an annual basis without the prior written consent of the Board's Audit Committee. In addition, the fees reimbursed may not exceed the fair market value to charter a G550 aircraft from an independent third party. The initial term of the amended and restated agreement ended on December 31, 2008, with automatic one-year renewals thereafter, subject to cancellation by either party. The agreement automatically terminates upon Mr. C. B. Johnson's termination of employment with the Company. In accordance with the reimbursement agreement, the Company reimbursed Mr. C. B. Johnson \$88,925 for use of the G550 for Company business purposes during fiscal year 2009.

*Company Owned Aircraft.* During fiscal year 2009, Charles B. Johnson used Company owned aircraft for personal use. The aggregate incremental cost of personal use of Company aircraft by Charles B. Johnson was



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\$17,782 for fiscal year 2009, based upon a rate per nautical mile of personal use as generally used by corporate aviation operators for cost and budget estimation purposes as published from time to time by Conklin & de Decker Associates, Inc. for each particular aircraft type utilized by the Company.

*Office Lease.* In October 2009, the Board approved a three year fixed term extension of a lease of approximately 5,495 square feet of office space owned by the Company in San Mateo, California with Tano Capital, LLC ( Tano ), a company owned by Charles E. Johnson, the son of Charles B. Johnson, brother of Gregory E. Johnson and nephew of Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. The lease renewal is at monthly rents of \$12,913.25, \$13,106.95, and \$13,303.55 for the first, second and third years. The effective average return to the Company is slightly higher than the rate for other recently signed leases of similar office space in San Mateo from the Company.

*Transaction Fees.* The Company also utilized the services of Tano to assist in due diligence and negotiation of a potential acquisition earlier in the fiscal year, which transaction was not consummated (the Transaction ). In connection with the Company s withdrawal from the Transaction, the Company received payments of \$2,500,000.

Pursuant to an agreement with Tano (the Tano Agreement ), after offsetting its own out-of-pocket expenses of \$180,056, the Company used such payments to reimburse Tano for \$75,178 of third party out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the Transaction.

The Tano Agreement also provides that in further consideration for Tano s services and Tano s undertaking to indemnify the Company for 70% of certain third party legal and accounting due diligence expenses arising out of the Transaction, the Company will pay Tano \$1,571,335, representing 70% of the payments (net of out-of-pocket expenses) received to date by the Company. In addition, and subject to Tano s indemnity obligations, 70% of any further payments received by the Company in connection with its withdrawal from the Transaction would be paid to Tano in an additional amount of up to \$1,750,000.

**RELATED PERSON TRANSACTION POLICY**

*Related Person Transaction Policy.* The Board of Directors has adopted a Related Person Transaction Policy ( Related Transaction Policy ) to address the reporting, review, approval and ratification of related person transactions. Related persons include the Company s executive officers, directors and director nominees, holders of more than five percent (5%) of a class of the Company s voting securities, and immediate family members of the foregoing persons. A related person transaction means a transaction or series of transactions in which the Company participates and a related person has a direct or indirect interest. Examples include sales, purchases and transfers of real or personal property, use of property and equipment by lease or otherwise, services received or furnished and borrowings and lendings, including guarantees. Transactions with related persons which are for Company business purposes, compensation of directors approved by the Board and compensation arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee are not considered related person transactions. All related person transactions are required to be reported to the Audit Committee. However, the Audit Committee has the authority to determine categories of related person transactions that are immaterial and not required to be disclosed and that need not be reported to, reviewed by, and/or approved or ratified by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has determined that the following related person transactions need not be reported to, reviewed by, and/or approved or ratified by the Audit Committee:

The establishment or maintenance of a banking, trading, investment management, custody or other account with an affiliate of the Company, if the terms of such account are generally the same as or similar to accounts offered by the affiliate of the Company in the ordinary course to persons who are not related persons.

Accounts invested in shares of one or more investment companies or portfolios in Franklin Templeton Investments ( FT Fund ) that are established and/or maintained by a Related Person on terms set forth in the applicable FT Fund prospectus or other disclosure documents.

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The extension or maintenance of credit, arrangements for the extension of credit, or renewals of an extension of credit, in the form of a personal home improvement or manufactured home loan, consumer credit, any extension of credit under an open end credit plan or a charge card, if such loan, consumer credit, extension of credit or charge card otherwise is permitted to such related person under the terms of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act, whether or not such person is subject to such Section 13(k).

*Audit Committee Review and Approval.* Every quarter the Audit Committee reviews related person transactions. Such transactions involving an estimated amount of \$120,000 or more require the approval or ratification of the Audit Committee. In connection with approving or ratifying a related person transaction, the Audit Committee will consider the relevant facts and circumstances of the transaction and any of the following factors that are relevant:

The position or relationship of the related person at or with the Company;

The materiality of the transaction to the related person, including the dollar value of the transaction;

The business purpose for and reasonableness of the transaction;

Whether the related person transaction is comparable to a transaction that could be available on an arms-length basis or is on the terms that the Company offers generally to persons who are not related persons;

Whether the related person transaction is in the ordinary course of the Company's business; and

The effect of the transaction on the Company's business and operations.

In addition, the Audit Committee has the authority to pre-approve certain categories of related person transactions, which transactions must still be reported to the Audit Committee at least annually. The Audit Committee has determined that Company purchases of shares of its common stock to pay taxes due in connection with the vesting of employee and executive officer restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards under the 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan and matching grants under the ESIP are pre-approved, but should be reported to the Audit Committee annually. The Audit Committee may delegate its authority to review, approve or ratify specified related person transactions to one or more members of the Audit Committee between scheduled committee meetings. Any determination made pursuant to this delegated authority must be presented to the full Audit Committee at a subsequent meeting.

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**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's common stock to file reports of ownership on Form 3 and changes in ownership on Forms 4 or 5 with the SEC. The reporting officers, directors and 10% stockholders are also required by SEC rules to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file.

Based solely on its review of copies of such reports received or written representations from such executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders, the Company believes that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders were complied with during fiscal year 2009; however, Charles Crocker filed a Form 4A in April, 2009 to report an acquisition of 137.1903 shares in December, 2008, in correction of a previously filed Form 4 which inadvertently reported the acquisition as relating to 131.3814 shares; Robert D. Joffe filed a Form 4A in April, 2009 to report an acquisition of 31.3578 shares in December, 2008, in correction of a previously filed Form 4 which inadvertently reported the acquisition as relating to 30.0301 shares; and Kenneth A. Lewis filed a Form 4A in August, 2008 to report the disposition of 671 shares in correction of a previously filed Form 4 which inadvertently reported the disposition as relating to 521 shares. Each of these amendments was to correct an error in share information that had been incorrectly reported to the individual at the time the original filing was made.

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**PROPOSAL NO. 2**

**RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF  
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**GENERAL**

The Audit Committee of the Board has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 and to audit the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2010. During and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audited and rendered opinions on the financial statements of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries and many of the open-end and closed-end investment companies managed and advised by the Company's subsidiaries. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP also rendered an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2009. In addition, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP provides the Company with tax consulting and compliance services, accounting and financial reporting advice on transactions and regulatory filings and certain other consulting services not prohibited by applicable auditor independence requirements. See "Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" above. Representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so. It is also expected that they will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD**

The Board recommends a vote **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. The voting requirements for this proposal are described in the "Voting Information" section. If the appointment is not ratified, the Audit Committee may reconsider the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

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**PROPOSAL NO. 3**

**SUBMIT FOR STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL THE FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**2002 UNIVERSAL STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

The Company's stockholders are being asked to approve an amendment and restatement of the 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan (the 2002 USIP). The primary purpose of the amendment and restatement is to (a) revise the performance measures applicable to the grant of awards under the 2002 USIP intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) in order to bring such performance measures into conformity with those applicable to the 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, and (b) make certain other administrative changes.

The 2002 USIP is intended to qualify as a performance-based plan under Section 162(m) of the Code (Section 162(m)). We are seeking approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP so that the Company may claim tax deductions for compensation resulting from performance-based awards, without these deductions being limited by Section 162(m). Section 162(m) limits our ability to claim tax deductions for compensation to our most senior executive officers in excess of \$1.0 million per year, unless the compensation is paid based on achievement of performance goals that are set using stockholder-approved criteria and such approval is received at least once every five years.

The Board of Directors approved the 2002 USIP on October 10, 2002 and the 2002 USIP was approved by the stockholders in January 2003. The Board of Directors approved an amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP on December 16, 2004, which was approved by the stockholders in January 2005. The Board of Directors approved the current amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP on December 18, 2009. Ratification and approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the Company's common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal. It is the intention of the persons named as proxy holders to vote to approve the adoption of the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP. If stockholder approval is not received, the 2002 USIP will not be amended and restated and, other than with respect to grants of stock options and stock appreciation rights, will not qualify as a performance-based plan under Section 162(m).

The following summary describes the material features of the 2002 USIP as amended and restated, but is not intended to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the amended and restated 2002 USIP, a copy of which is attached as Appendix E. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined are used as set forth in the 2002 USIP.

**Purpose**

The 2002 USIP is intended to (i) attract and retain persons eligible to participate in the plan; (ii) motivate employees, by means of appropriate incentives, to achieve long-range performance goals; (iii) provide incentive compensation opportunities that are competitive with those of other similar companies; and (iv) further align employees' interests with those of the Company's other stockholders through compensation that is based on the Company's common stock.

**Administration of 2002 USIP**

The Compensation Committee, as the administrator of the 2002 USIP, determines and approves the grant of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock units, restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance shares to employees. The Compensation Committee will, with regard to each stock option, determine the number of shares subject to the option, the manner and time of the option's exercise and vesting, and the exercise price per share of stock subject to the option. The base appreciation amount of stock appreciation rights, and the exercise price for stock options, may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date the award is granted (or 110%, in the case of an incentive

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stock option granted to any employee who owns stock representing more than 10% of the combined voting power of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company). In the case of all other awards granted under the 2002 USIP, the purchase price, if any, shall be determined by the Compensation Committee. The closing price on the NYSE of the Company's common stock on December 31, 2009 was \$105.35.

### **Shareholder Approval Required for Repricings**

Reducing the exercise price of an option or stock appreciation right, or cancelling an underwater option or stock appreciation right in exchange for an equity award with a lower exercise price, purchase price, or base appreciation amount (as applicable), may not be done without stockholder approval.

### **Shares Authorized**

The 2002 USIP authorizes 30,000,000 shares of common stock for issuance under the 2002 USIP.

### **Eligibility and Participation**

As of December 31, 2009, approximately 7,723 employees were eligible to participate in the 2002 USIP. Under the terms of the plan, any key executive or other employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is eligible to participate.

### **Term of Awards**

The term of all awards shall be determined by the Compensation Committee, provided that the term of any award may not be for more than ten years (or five years in the case of an incentive stock option granted to any participant who owns stock representing more than 10% of the combined voting power of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company).

### **Transferability**

An employee's rights under the 2002 USIP may not be assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Awards are not transferable during the lifetime of the employee, but may provide exceptions for transfers to family members, family trusts, family controlled entities, charitable organizations, and/or pursuant to domestic relations orders or agreements, in all cases without payment for such transfers to the employee.

### **Performance Based Compensation**

The maximum number of shares with respect to which options and stock appreciation rights may be granted to a participant during a calendar year is 400,000 shares. The foregoing limitation shall be adjusted proportionately by the Compensation Committee in connection with any change in the Company's capitalization due to a stock split, stock dividend or similar event affecting the common stock of the Company. Under Section 162(m) no deduction is allowed in any taxable year of the Company for compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to the Company's covered employees (as described below). An exception to this rule applies to compensation that is paid pursuant to a stock incentive plan approved by stockholders and that specifies, among other things, the maximum number of shares with respect to which options and stock appreciation rights may be granted to eligible participants under such plan during a specified period. Compensation paid pursuant to options or stock appreciation rights granted under such a plan and with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant is deemed to be inherently performance-based, since such awards provide value to participants only if the stock price appreciates.

The regulations governing Section 162(m) provide that a covered employee is determined in accordance with the executive compensation disclosure rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). However, the Exchange Act was amended in 2006 and no longer tracks the definition of covered

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employee as defined in Section 162(m). The Exchange Act now requires disclosure of a company's principal executive officer regardless of compensation, the principal financial officer regardless of compensation and the three most highly compensated executive officers other than the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer as determined as of the end of the last completed fiscal year. As a result of this disconnect, the Internal Revenue Service released guidance in June, 2007 providing that for purposes of Section 162(m), a covered employee means the principal executive officer (or anyone acting in such capacity) and the three highest paid officers for the relevant taxable year. For purposes of Section 162(m), it does not include the principal financial officer unless such officer is one of the three highest paid officers. Accordingly, the Company will apply this guidance to its covered employees for the purposes of Section 162(m).

For awards of stock units, restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance shares that are intended to be performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), the maximum number of shares subject to such awards that may be granted to a participant during a calendar year is 1,000,000 shares (regardless of when such shares are deliverable to the participant). In order for such awards to qualify as performance-based compensation, the Compensation Committee must establish a performance goal with respect to such award in writing not later than 90 days after the commencement of the services to which it relates and while the outcome is substantially uncertain. In addition, the performance goal must be stated in terms of an objective formula or standard. Under the current version of the 2002 USIP, the Compensation Committee may use the following performance criteria when granting performance-based awards: annual revenue, budget comparisons, controllable profits, expense management, improvements in capital structure, operating income, net income, net sales, profit margins, profitability of an identifiable business unit or product, return on investments, return on sales, return on stockholders' equity, total return to stockholders and performance of the Company relative to a peer group of companies on any of the foregoing measures. If the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP is approved by the stockholders of the Company, the Compensation Committee may use the following performance criteria when granting performance-based awards: (a) annual revenue, (b) budget comparisons, (c) controllable profits, (d) Company earnings per share, (e) expense management, (f) improvements in capital structure, (g) net income, (h) net or gross sales, (i) operating income (pre- or post-tax), (j) profit margins, (k) operating or gross margin, (l) profitability of an identifiable business unit or product, (m) return on investments, (n) return on sales, (o) return on stockholders' equity, (p) total return to stockholders, (q) assets under management, (r) investment management performance, (s) mutual and other investment fund performance, (t) institutional account performance, (u) high net worth and other separate account performance, (v) cash flow, operating cash flow, or cash flow or operating cash flow per share (before or after dividends), (w) price of the shares or any other publicly traded securities of the Company, (x) reduction in costs, (y) return on capital, including return on total capital or return on invested capital, (z) improvement in or attainment of expense levels or working capital levels, and (aa) performance of the Company relative to a peer group of companies and/or relevant indexes on any of the foregoing measures.

The performance measures may be applicable to the Company and/or any of its individual business units and may differ from participant to participant. In addition, the performance measures will be calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but excluding the effect (whether positive or negative) of any change in accounting standards and any extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring item, as determined by the Compensation Committee, occurring after the establishment of the performance measures applicable to an award intended to be performance-based compensation. Each such adjustment, if any, shall be made solely for the purpose of providing a consistent basis from period to period for the calculation of performance measures in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the participant's rights with respect to an award intended to be performance-based compensation; provided, however, that certain categories or types of such adjustments can be specifically included (rather than excluded) at the time the performance measures are established if so determined by the Compensation Committee.

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### **Changes in Capitalization**

As amended, the 2002 USIP provides that subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, (a) the number and/or class of securities covered by each outstanding award, (b) the price per share covered by each such outstanding award, (c) the number and/or class of securities which have been authorized for issuance under the 2002 USIP but as to which no awards have yet been granted or which have been returned to the 2002 USIP upon cancellation or expiration of an award, and (d) the maximum number of options, stock appreciation rights, stock unit awards, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards and performance share awards which may be granted to any participant in any one-calendar-year period shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of common stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the common stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of common stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company. Such adjustment will be made by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee will also make adjustments described in (a)-(d) above in the event of any distribution of cash or other assets to stockholders other than an ordinary cash dividend.

In determining adjustments to be made, the Compensation Committee may take into account such factors as it deems appropriate, including (i) the restrictions of applicable law, (ii) the potential tax, accounting or other consequences of an adjustment and (iii) the possibility that some participants might receive an adjustment and a distribution or other unintended benefit, and in light of such factors or circumstances may make adjustments that are not uniform or proportionate among outstanding awards, modify vesting dates, defer the delivery of stock certificates or make other equitable adjustments. Any such adjustments to outstanding awards will be effected in a manner that precludes the enlargement of rights and benefits under such awards. Any adjustments, determinations or interpretations made by the Compensation Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive.

### **Amendment and Termination**

The 2002 USIP has no pre-determined termination date; however, the Board of Directors of the Company may at any time terminate or amend the 2002 USIP. However, no such termination may affect awards previously granted, nor may an amendment make any change in any award previously granted which adversely affects the rights of any participant. In addition, to the extent necessary to comply with securities and tax laws, the Company will obtain stockholder approval of such termination or such amendments.

### **Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following discussion summarizes certain tax considerations for participants and certain tax effects to the Company. The statements in the following paragraphs of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of benefits under the 2002 USIP are based on statutory authority and judicial and administrative interpretations, as of the date of this Proxy Statement, which are subject to change at any time (possibly with retroactive effect). The tax law is technical and complex, and the discussion below represents only a general summary.

#### *Incentive Stock Options*

Incentive stock options ( ISOs ) granted under the 2002 USIP are intended to meet the definitional requirements of Section 422(b) of the Code for incentive stock options . An employee who receives an ISO does not recognize any taxable income upon the grant of such ISO. Similarly, the exercise of an ISO generally does not give rise to federal income tax to the employee, provided that (i) the federal alternative minimum tax, which depends on the employee s particular tax situation, does not apply and (ii) the employee is employed by the Company from the date of the grant of the option until three months prior to the exercise thereof, except where such employment terminates by reason of disability (where the three month period is extended to one year) or death (where this requirement does not apply). If any employee exercises an ISO after the requisite periods referred to in clause (ii) above, the ISO will be treated as an NSO (as defined below) and will be subject



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to the rules set forth below under the caption *Non-Qualified Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights*. Further, if after exercising an ISO, an employee disposes of the common stock so acquired more than two years from the date of grant and more than one year from the date of transfer of the common stock pursuant to the exercise of such ISO (the applicable holding period), the employee will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between the amount received for the shares and the exercise price.

If, however, any employee does not hold the shares so acquired for the applicable holding period, thereby making a disqualifying disposition, the employee would recognize ordinary income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time the ISO was exercised over the exercise price and the balance, if any, would generally be treated as capital gain. If the disqualifying disposition is a sale or exchange that would permit a loss to be recognized under the Code (were a loss in fact to be realized), and the sales proceeds are less than the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise, the employee's ordinary income would be limited to the gain (if any) realized on the sale. An employee who exercises an ISO by delivering common stock previously acquired pursuant to the exercise of another ISO is treated as making a disqualifying disposition of such common stock if such shares are delivered before the expiration of their applicable holding period. Upon the exercise of an ISO with previously-acquired shares as to which no disqualifying disposition occurs, despite some uncertainty, it appears that the employee would not recognize gain or loss with respect to such previously-acquired shares.

The Company will not be allowed a federal income tax deduction upon the grant or exercise of an ISO or the disposition, after the applicable holding period, of the common stock acquired upon exercise of an ISO. In the event of a disqualifying disposition, the Company generally will be entitled to a deduction in an amount equal to the ordinary income included by the employee, provided that such amount constitutes an ordinary and necessary business expense to the Company and is reasonable and the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code (discussed above) do not apply.

*Non-Qualified Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights*

Non-qualified stock options (NSO) granted under the 2002 USIP are options that do not qualify as ISOs. An employee who receives an NSO or Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) will not recognize any taxable income upon the grant of such NSO or SAR. However, the employee generally will recognize ordinary income upon exercise of an NSO in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock at the time of exercise over the exercise price. Similarly, upon the receipt of cash or shares pursuant to the exercise of an SAR, the individual generally will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the sum of the cash and the fair market value of the shares received. Under certain circumstances, the timing of income recognition may be deferred for any individual who is an executive officer or director of the Company or a beneficial owner of more than ten percent (10%) of any class of equity securities of the Company. The ordinary income recognized with respect to the receipt of shares or cash upon exercise of an NSO or an SAR (whether or not deferred) by employees and former employees will be subject to both wage withholding and other employment taxes. In addition to the customary methods of satisfying the withholding tax liabilities that arise upon the exercise of an SAR for shares or upon the exercise of an NSO, the Company may satisfy the minimum tax withholding liability in whole or in part by withholding shares of common stock from those that otherwise would be issuable to the individual or by the employee tendering other shares owned by him or her, valued at their fair market value as of the date that the tax withholding obligation arises. A federal income tax deduction generally will be allowed to the Company in an amount equal to the ordinary income included by the individual with respect to the exercise of his or her NSO or SAR, provided that such amount constitutes an ordinary and necessary business expense to the Company and is reasonable and the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code do not apply. If an individual exercises an NSO by delivering shares of common stock, other than shares previously acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO which is treated as a disqualifying disposition as described above, the individual will not recognize gain or loss with respect to the exchange of such shares, even if their then fair market value is different from the individual's tax basis. The individual, however, will be taxed as described above with respect to the exercise of the NSO as if he or she had paid the exercise price in cash, and the Company likewise generally will be entitled to an equivalent tax deduction.

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### *Restricted Stock Awards*

Restricted stock awards granted by the Company fall within the Code's guidelines for awards that are restricted as to transferability or subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and, absent a written election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code filed with the Internal Revenue Service within 30 days after the date of transfer of such shares pursuant to the award (a Section 83(b) election), an individual will recognize ordinary income at the earlier of the time at which (i) the shares become transferable or (ii) the restrictions that impose a substantial risk of forfeiture of such shares lapse, in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value (on such date) of such shares over the price paid for the award, if any.

If a Section 83(b) election is made, the individual will recognize ordinary income, as of the transfer date, in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock as of that date over the amount paid for such award, if any. The ordinary income recognized with respect to the receipt of cash, shares of common stock or other property by employees and former employees under the 2002 USIP will be subject to both wage withholding and other employment taxes. The Company generally will be allowed a deduction for federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the employee, provided that such amount constitutes an ordinary and necessary business expense and is reasonable and the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code do not apply.

Individuals will recognize gain upon the disposition of any shares received equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such shares under the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the shares were held for more than one year.

### *Restricted Stock Units*

Recipients of restricted stock units generally should not recognize income until such units are converted into cash or shares of common stock. Upon conversion, the individual will normally recognize ordinary income equal to the amount of cash and fair market value the shares, if any, received upon such conversion. The ordinary income recognized with respect to the receipt of cash or shares of common stock by employees and former employees will be subject to both wage withholding and other employment taxes. The Company generally will be allowed a deduction for federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the employee, provided that such amount constitutes an ordinary and necessary business expense and is reasonable and the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code do not apply.

Individuals will recognize gain upon the disposition of any shares received upon conversion of the restricted stock units equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such shares under the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the shares were held for more than one year.

### *Dividends and Dividend Equivalents*

To the extent unvested and/or unexercised shares subject to such awards under the 2002 USIP earn dividends or dividend equivalents, whether paid currently or credited to an account established under the 2002 USIP, an individual generally will recognize ordinary income, which income is subject to both wage withholding and other employment taxes if the recipient is an employee. The Company generally will be allowed a deduction for federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the employee, provided that such amount constitutes an ordinary and necessary business expense and is reasonable and the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code do not apply.

### *Section 409A*

Section 409A of the Code, which was added by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, imposes certain requirements on non-qualified deferred compensation arrangements. These include requirements with respect to

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an individual's election to defer compensation and the individual's selection of the timing and form of distribution of the deferred compensation. Section 409A also generally provides that distributions may be made only on specified dates or on or following the occurrence of certain events (e.g., the individual's separation from service or the individual's death). Section 409A imposes restrictions on an individual's ability to change his or her distribution timing or form after the compensation has been deferred. For certain individuals who are officers, Section 409A requires that such individual's distributions in connection with a separation from service commence no earlier than six months after such officer's separation from service.

Awards granted under the 2002 USIP with a deferral feature will generally be subject to the requirements of Section 409A. If an award is subject to and fails to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A, the recipient of that award will recognize ordinary income on the amounts deferred under the award, to the extent vested, which may be prior to when the compensation is actually or constructively received. Also, if an award that is subject to Section 409A fails to comply with Section 409A's provisions, Section 409A imposes an additional 20% federal income tax on compensation recognized as ordinary income, as well as possible interest charges and penalties. Certain states have enacted laws similar to Section 409A which impose additional taxes, interest and penalties on non-qualified deferred compensation arrangements. The Company will also have withholding and reporting requirements with respect to such amounts.

**New Plan Benefits**

Because grants under the 2002 USIP are subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee, it is not possible to determine the benefits that will be received by executive officers and other employees if the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP is approved by the stockholders.

The following table discloses the awards granted to the persons or groups specified below under the 2002 USIP during fiscal year 2009.

Name and Position	Number of Shares
Gregory E. Johnson	30,582
President and Chief Executive Officer	
Kenneth A. Lewis	5,825
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	
Vijay C. Advani	12,561
Executive Vice President - Global Distribution	
Jennifer J. Bolt	6,554
Executive Vice President, Operations and Technology	
William Y. Yun	6,554
Executive Vice President, Alternative Strategies	
Samuel H. Armacost,	
Director and nominee	
Charles Crocker,	
Director and nominee	
Joseph R. Hardiman,	1,447
Director and nominee	
Robert D. Joffe,	724
Director and nominee	
Charles B. Johnson,	

Director and nominee  
Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.,

Director and nominee

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Name and Position	Number of Shares
Thomas H. Kean, Director and nominee	
Chutta Ratnathicam, Director and nominee	
Peter M. Sacerdote, Director and nominee	
Laura Stein, Director and nominee	
Anne M. Tatlock, Director and nominee	1447
All current executive officers as a group	80,250
All current directors who are not executive officers as a group	3,618
(any other person who received 5% of awards under the plan)	0
All employees, including all current officers who are not executive officers, as a group	1,013,137

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD**

The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of common stock having a majority of the votes present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and entitled to vote is required for the approval, for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, of the amended and restated 2002 USIP. If the Company's stockholders do not approve the 2002 USIP, the Company will not be able to grant awards other than stock options and stock appreciation rights that qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) under the 2002 USIP. If the Company's stockholders approve the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP, then reapproval of the performance goals set forth in the 2002 USIP under this rule will not be required for another five years.

The Board of Directors believes that the approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2002 USIP is in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders and recommends that the stockholders vote **FOR** the proposal.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS OF DIRECTORS AT 2011 ANNUAL MEETING**

If a stockholder intends to present any proposal for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement in accordance with Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for consideration at the Company's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, the proposal must be received by the Secretary of the Company by September 27, 2010. Such proposal must also meet the other requirements of the rules of the SEC relating to stockholder proposals.

The Company's Amended and Restated By-laws contain an advance notice of stockholder business and nominations requirement (Section 2.3 of the Amended and Restated By-laws), which generally prescribes the procedures that a stockholder of the Company must follow if the stockholder intends, at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, to nominate a person for election to the Company's Board of Directors or to propose other business to be considered by stockholders. These procedures include, among other things, that the stockholder give timely notice to the Secretary of the Company of the nomination or other proposed business, that the notice contain specified information, and that the stockholder comply with certain other requirements. Generally, in the case of an annual meeting of stockholders, a stockholder's notice in order to be timely must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Company, at its principal executive office, not later than the close of business on the 120th day nor earlier than the close of business on the 150th day prior to the first anniversary of the date on which the Company first (i) mailed its notice of annual meeting, proxy statement and proxy or (ii) sent its notice of annual meeting and notice of internet availability of its proxy materials, whichever is earlier, for the immediately preceding year's annual meeting. As specified in the Amended and Restated By-laws, different notice deadlines apply in the case of a special meeting, or when the date of an annual meeting is more than 30 days before or after the first anniversary of the prior year's meeting. If a stockholder's nomination or proposal is not in compliance with the procedures set forth in the Amended and Restated By-laws, the Company may disregard such nomination or proposal.

Accordingly, if a stockholder of the Company intends, at the Company's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, to nominate a person for election to the Company's Board of Directors or to propose other business, the stockholder must deliver a notice of such nomination or proposal to the Company's Secretary not later than the close of business on September 27, 2010, and not earlier than the close of business on August 28, 2010, and comply with the requirements of the Amended and Restated By-Laws. If a stockholder submits a proposal outside of Rule 14a-8 for the Company's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders and such proposal is not delivered within the time frame specified in the Amended and Restated By-Laws, the Company's proxy may confer discretionary authority on persons being appointed as proxies on behalf of the Company to vote on such proposal.

Notices should be addressed in writing to: Maria Gray, Corporate Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc., One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906.

**CONTACT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Stockholders and others may contact the Board, the non-management directors, the independent directors or any other individual director by sending a written communication appropriately addressed to:

Board of Directors

Franklin Resources, Inc.

c/o Maria Gray, Secretary

One Franklin Parkway

San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

You may specify whether you would prefer to direct your communication to the full Board of Directors, only the non-management directors or any other particular individual director. Stockholders making such

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communications are encouraged to state that they are stockholders and provide the exact name in which their shares are held and the number of shares held.

In addition, the Company has established separate procedures for its employees to submit concerns on an anonymous and confidential basis regarding questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and possible violations of the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct or law, which are available on the Company's Intranet.

Non-employees may submit any complaint regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters directly to the Audit Committee of the Board of the Directors by sending a written communication appropriately addressed to:

Audit Committee

Franklin Resources, Inc.

One Franklin Parkway

San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

## **ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PROXY MATERIALS AND DIRECTIONS**

Whether you received the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or paper copies of proxy materials, the Company's proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report, are available for you to review online. To request a paper copy of proxy materials, please call 1-800-579-1639, or you may request a paper copy by email at [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com), or by logging onto [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

For directions to the Annual Meeting site, please visit our website at:

[https://www.franklintempleton.com/retail/pages/generic\\_content/global\\_nav/contact\\_us/pub/offices\\_us.jsf](https://www.franklintempleton.com/retail/pages/generic_content/global_nav/contact_us/pub/offices_us.jsf)

## **HOUSEHOLDING OF PROXY MATERIALS**

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (such as banks and brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (or proxy materials in the case of stockholders who receive paper copies of proxy materials), addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," potentially means extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies.

A number of banks and brokers with account holders who are beneficial holders of the Company's common stock will be householding the Company's Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (or proxy materials in the case of stockholders who receive paper copies of proxy materials). If you have received notice from your bank or broker that it will be householding communications to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (or proxy material, if applicable), please notify your bank or broker, or contact Investor Relations, Franklin Resources, Inc., One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906, Telephone (650) 312-4091. The Company undertakes, upon oral or written request, to deliver promptly a separate copy of the Company's Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (or proxy materials, if applicable) to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the document was delivered. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (or proxy materials, if applicable) at their address and would like to request householding of their communications should contact their bank or broker or Investor Relations at the contact address and telephone number provided above.

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**THE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Company's Annual Report for fiscal year 2009 is available for viewing on the Company's website at Annual Reports under Investor Relations. Please read it carefully. However, the financial statements and the Annual Report do not legally form any part of this proxy soliciting material.

**ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K**

The Company filed with the SEC an annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. Stockholders may obtain a copy, without charge, by visiting the Company's website at *www.franklinresources.com*.

The Company will provide a copy of the fiscal year 2009 annual report on Form 10-K, including the financial statements and financial schedules, upon written request to the Company's Secretary, Maria Gray, at the Company's principal executive offices, Franklin Resources, Inc., One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906. Additionally, we will provide copies of the exhibits to the annual report on Form 10-K upon payment of a reasonable fee (which will be limited to our reasonable expenses in furnishing such exhibits).

By order of the Board of Directors,

Maria Gray

Secretary

January 25, 2010



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**APPENDIX A**

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

This Audit Committee Charter (the **Charter**) has been adopted by the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the **Company**) in connection with its oversight of the **Company's** management and the business affairs of the **Company**.

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Audit Committee (the **Committee**) is to:

- (a) Assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee (i) the **Company's** financial reporting, auditing and internal control activities, including the integrity of the **Company's** financial statements, (ii) the **Company's** compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, and (iv) the performance of the **Company's** internal audit function and independent auditor.
- (b) Prepare the report the Committee is required by United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) rules to include in the **Company's** annual proxy statement.

**2. Membership.**

- (a) **Number.** The Committee shall be comprised of not less than three members of the Board.
- (b) **Qualifications.**
  - (i) Each member of the Committee shall be an independent director in accordance with the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (the **NYSE**) and any other applicable securities exchanges (**Other Exchanges**). Each member of the Committee must also satisfy the additional independence requirements under the applicable rules of the SEC.
  - (ii) Each member of the Committee shall, in the view of the Board, be financially literate or shall become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after appointment to the Committee. In addition, at least one member of the Committee shall be an audit committee financial expert as defined under the applicable rules of the SEC, who shall, in the judgment of the Board, have accounting or related financial management expertise in accordance with the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE and Other Exchanges, as applicable.
  - (iii) No member of the Committee may serve on the audit committee of more than three public companies, including the **Company**, unless the Board has determined that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Committee.
  - (iv) The Committee's composition shall meet such other regulatory requirements relating to audit committees established from time to time by the NYSE, Other Exchanges, the SEC and any other applicable governmental or self-regulatory organization.

- (c) **Appointment and Removal.** The members of the Committee shall be appointed and may be removed by the Board.
- (d) **Term.** Each member of the Committee shall serve until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified, or until his or her earlier removal or resignation or such time as he or she no longer meets the qualifications to serve on the Committee.
- (e) **Chairman.** The Committee shall designate a Chairman of the Committee from among its members from time to time.

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**3. Meetings and Operations.**

- (a) **Meetings.** The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, but not less frequently than quarterly, and hold special meetings as circumstances require. The timing of the meetings shall be determined by the Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with the other Committee members.
- (b) **Meetings with Others.** The Committee shall periodically meet with the internal auditor and the independent auditor in separate executive sessions to provide the opportunity for full and frank discussion without members of senior management present. The Committee shall also periodically meet separately with management.
- (c) **Quorum.** At all Committee meetings, a majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (d) **Actions.** A majority of the members of the Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee, and the action of a majority of the members of the Committee shall be the action of the Committee. The Committee shall keep a record of its actions and proceedings.
- (e) **Reporting to the Board.** The Committee shall regularly report to the Board actions taken by the Committee.

- 4. Authority and Responsibilities.** The Committee's function is essentially one of oversight only and shall not relieve the Company's management of its responsibility for preparing financial statements, which accurately and fairly present the Company's financial results and condition, or the responsibilities of the independent auditor relating to the audit or review of financial statements. The Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

***Independent Auditor Oversight.***

- (a) The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent auditor engaged (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. The independent auditor shall report directly to and may only be terminated by the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall pre-approve the engagement of the independent auditor to provide any audit or permitted non-audit services to the Company. The Committee may establish pre-approval policies and procedures pursuant to which audit and permitted non-audit services may be pre-approved. The Committee may delegate the authority to grant pre-approvals to one or more designated members of the Committee. The decisions of any member (to whom authority is delegated) to pre-approve any such audit or non-audit service shall be presented to the full Committee at its scheduled meetings.
- (c) The Committee shall establish hiring policies for employees and former employees of independent auditors.
- (d) The Committee shall annually review an independent auditor's report including (i) the independent auditor's quality control procedures, (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the independent auditor, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the independent auditor, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues, and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company consistent with the applicable requirements of the Public Company

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- (e) The Committee shall evaluate the independent auditor's qualifications, performance and independence based on a review of the independent auditor's report described above and a review of the auditor's work throughout the year. As part of such evaluation, the Committee shall (i) review and evaluate all senior members of the independent auditor's team, (ii) consider whether the audit engagement team partners should be rotated more frequently than is required by law, so as to assure continuing auditor independence, (iii) consider whether the independent auditor should be rotated, so as to assure continuing auditor independence, and (iv) obtain the opinion of management and the internal auditor of the independent auditor's performance.

***Internal Auditor Oversight.***

- (f) The Committee shall oversee the Company's internal audit function and meet separately with the internal auditor to review any audit related issues. As part of such oversight, the Committee shall:
  - (i) Annually review internal audit plans, responsibilities, staffing and budget of the Company's internal audit function and the adequacy of funding to carry out the proposed work scope.
  - (ii) Review and concur in the appointment, replacement or dismissal of the internal audit director.
  - (iii) Discuss significant internal audit findings in appropriate detail as well as the status of past audit recommendations.

***Financial Reporting Oversight.***

- (g) The Committee shall meet to review and discuss with management and the independent auditor: (i) the audited financial statements, including the Company's specific disclosures under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ( MD&A ), to be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (or the Annual Report to Stockholders if distributed prior to the filing of the Form 10-K); (ii) the Company's interim financial results to be included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, including the specific disclosures under MD&A; and (iii) the matters required to be discussed by Statement of Auditing Standards Nos. 100 and 114, as may be modified or supplemented from time to time; which review shall occur prior to the filing of Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, whichever is applicable.
- (h) The Committee shall review and generally discuss the Company's earnings press releases, including the type and presentation of information to be included therein (paying particular attention to any use of pro forma, or adjusted non-GAAP, information), as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.
- (i) The Committee shall review and discuss with Company's management and the independent auditor prior to the filing of any audit report with the SEC: (i) all accounting policies, practices and judgments which may be viewed as critical; (ii) major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles and policies; (iii) any analyses of management and/or the independent auditor setting forth significant issues regarding accounting principles, financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements; (iv) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed by management and the independent auditor, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor; (v) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements; and (vi) other material written communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter comments or the schedule of unadjusted differences.
- (j) The Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor (i) the quality and adequacy of the Company's internal controls, disclosure controls and procedures, and accounting procedures, including reports of material weaknesses or significant

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operation of internal controls and/or any fraud that involves personnel having a significant role in internal control over financial reporting, as required to be disclosed by the Chief Executive Officer(s) and/or Chief Financial Officer in connection with their certifications for the annual or quarterly reports of the Company and/or presented in the independent auditor's written report, a report of management or internal audit, or otherwise, and (ii) any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.

- (k) The Committee shall provide oversight and discuss policies and procedures with respect to Company enterprise risk assessment and risk management.
- (l) The Committee shall review with the independent auditor any audit problems and/or difficulties and management's response, and resolve any disagreements regarding financial reporting arising between the Company's management and any independent auditor employed by the Company. The review shall also include discussion of the responsibilities, budget and staffing of the internal auditor.

### ***Audit Committee Report.***

(m) The Committee shall prepare the annual report of the Committee, which shall be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.  
***Legal and Regulatory Compliance Oversight.***

- (n) The Committee shall assist the Board in overseeing the Company's legal and regulatory compliance.
- (o) The Committee shall establish procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters, which procedures shall include a process for the confidential, anonymous submission by Company employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters. In addition, the Committee shall review complaints received directly by the Committee under those procedures or received through the Compliance and Ethics Hot-Line established by the Company to permit anonymous reporting of violations of the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct.

### ***Other.***

- (p) In discharging its oversight role, the Committee is authorized to investigate any matter that the Committee deems appropriate, with access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company.
- (q) The Committee shall have the authority to perform any other activities it deems are appropriate, consistent with this Charter.
- (r) The Committee shall have the authority to retain independent advisors, including, but not limited to, independent counsel, auditors or other experts, at the expense of the Company, to assist in carrying out Committee responsibilities, as the Committee may deem appropriate.
- (s) The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent auditor and advisors employed by the Committee and for ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee.

**5. Annual Performance Evaluation.** The Committee shall annually review its own performance in such manner as it deems appropriate.

6. **Annual Review of Committee Charter.** The Committee shall annually review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

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7. **General.** This Charter is intended as a component of the flexible framework within which the Board, assisted by its committees, directs the affairs of the Company. While it should be interpreted in the context of applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements, as well as in the context of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and Amended and Restated By-Laws, it is not intended to establish by its own force any legally binding obligations.

Last revised by the Board on June 16, 2009.

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**APPENDIX B**

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHARTER**

This Compensation Committee Charter (the **Charter**) has been adopted by the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the **Company** or **Franklin**) in connection with its oversight of the Company's management and the business affairs of the Company.

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Compensation Committee (the **Committee**) is to:

- (a) Determine the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and oversee the establishment of goals and objectives related to Chief Executive Officer performance compensation.
- (b) Discharge the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's executives, including oversight of the leadership development and performance evaluation of the executive officers of the Company.
- (c) Assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to (i) the compensation (and related benefits) of the executive officers of the Company, and (ii) the administration of the Company's incentive compensation and equity-based plans that are subject to Board approval.
- (d) Prepare the Compensation Committee Report regarding executive compensation matters required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, proxy statement on Schedule 14A or information statement on Schedule 14C, as applicable.
- (e) Assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to succession planning for the management of the Company, including policies and principles for the selection and performance review of the Chief Executive Officer, as well as policies regarding succession in the event of the departure of the Chief Executive Officer.

**2. Membership.**

- (a) **Number.** The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three members of the Board.
- (b) **Qualifications.** Each member of the Committee shall be an independent director in accordance with the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and any other applicable securities exchanges. In addition, each member shall qualify as an outside director for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and as a non-employee director for purposes of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (c) **Appointment and Removal.** The members of the Committee shall be appointed and may be removed by the Board.

(d) **Term.** Each member of the Committee shall serve until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified, or until his or her earlier removal or resignation or such time as he or she is no longer an independent director of the Board.

(e) **Chairman.** The Committee shall designate a Chairman of the Committee from among its members from time to time.

**3. Meetings and Operations.**

(a) **Meetings.** The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, but not less frequently than quarterly, and will hold special meetings as circumstances require. The Committee may meet in executive sessions and invite one or more members of management, independent advisors or other third parties to attend as it deems appropriate. The timing of the meetings shall be determined by the Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with the other Committee members.

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- (b) **Quorum.** At all Committee meetings, a majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (c) **Actions.** The action of a majority of those present at a meeting, at which a quorum is present, shall be the action of the Committee. The Committee shall keep a record of its actions and proceedings.
- (d) **Reporting to the Board.** The Committee shall regularly report to the Board actions taken by the Committee.
- (e) **Delegation.** In discharging its duties, the Committee shall have full authority to form subcommittees and delegate any or all of its duties to such subcommittees as the Committee deems appropriate.
- (f) **Executive Attendance at Meetings.** No executive officer should attend that portion of any meeting of the Committee during which such executive officer's performance or compensation is discussed, unless specifically invited by the Committee.

**4. Authority and Responsibilities.** The Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:  
***CEO Evaluation and Compensation.***

- (a) The Committee shall (i) review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, (ii) evaluate the performance of the Chief Executive Officer in light of those goals and objectives, and (iii) determine and approve the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer as the Committee determines is in the best interests of the Company based on this evaluation and any other factors the Committee deems appropriate.
- (b) In setting the long-term incentive component of the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer as the Committee determines is in the best interests of the Company, the Committee may consider, among other factors, the Company's performance and relative shareholder return, the value of similar incentive awards to Chief Executive Officers at comparable companies, the awards given to the Company's Chief Executive Officer in past years and any other factors the Committee deems appropriate.
- (c) The Committee shall meet annually with the Chief Executive Officer to discuss the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer concerning performance goals and the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company's progress toward meeting those goals.

***Other Compensation Related Responsibilities.***

- (d) The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Board on the overriding compensation philosophy for the Company.
- (e) The Committee shall review and approve the compensation of the executive officers of the Company (other than the Chief Executive Officer).
- (f) The Committee shall review and approve: (i) employment agreements, severance arrangements and change in control agreements or provisions; and (ii) any special or supplemental benefits for, each of the Chief Executive Officer and the executive officers of the Company and its subsidiaries where the amounts exceed certain threshold levels determined by the Committee from time to time.

- (g) The Committee shall review and approve deferred compensation agreements and arrangements between directors and the Company.
- (h) The Committee shall at least annually review and make recommendations to the Board on the compensation (including equity-based compensation) of the Company's directors. In so reviewing and making recommendations on director compensation, the Committee shall consider, among other things, the following policies and principles:
  - (i) that the compensation should fairly pay the directors for the work, time commitment and efforts required by directors of a company of Franklin's size and scope of business activities, including service on Board committees;

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- (ii) that a component of the compensation should be designed to align the directors' interest with the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders; and
- (iii) that directors' independence may be compromised or impaired for Board or committee purposes if director compensation exceeds customary levels.

***Incentive Plans.***

- (i) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board with respect to incentive compensation and equity-based plans that are subject to Board approval. The Committee shall also review and make recommendations with respect to performance or operating goals for participants in the Company's incentive plans.
- (j) The Committee shall grant, administer, approve and ratify awards under incentive compensation and stock incentive plans, including amendments to the awards made under any such plans, and review and monitor awards under such plans. The Committee shall also serve as the plan administrator for such incentive compensation plans, stock incentive plans and stock purchase plans as the Committee, from time to time, is so designated or as required by the Board or the plan documents.

***Executive Compensation Disclosures.***

- (k) Prepare the Compensation Committee Report regarding executive compensation matters required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, proxy statement on Schedule 14A or information statement on Schedule 14C, as applicable.

***Other.***

- (l) The Committee shall have the authority to perform any other activities it deems are appropriate, consistent with this Charter.
- (m) The Committee shall have the sole authority to retain, at the expense of the Company, and terminate any compensation consulting firm to assist in the evaluation of director, Chief Executive Officer or executive compensation, including the authority to approve the consulting firm's fees and other retention terms. The Committee also shall have the authority to retain other independent advisors, including, but not limited to, independent counsel or other experts, at the expense of the Company, to assist in carrying out Committee responsibilities, as the Committee may deem appropriate.

**5. Annual Performance Evaluation.** The Committee shall annually review its own performance in such manner as it deems appropriate.

**6. Annual Review of Committee Charter.** The Committee shall annually review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

**7. General.** This Charter is intended as a component of the flexible framework within which the Board, assisted by its committees, directs the affairs of the Company. While it should be interpreted in the context of applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements, as well as in the context of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and Amended and Restated By-Laws, it is not intended to establish by its own force any legally binding obligations.

Last adopted by the Board on June 16, 2009.



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**APPENDIX C**

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER**

This Corporate Governance Committee Charter (the Charter ) has been adopted by the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the Company ) in connection with its oversight of the Company s management and the business affairs of the Company.

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Corporate Governance Committee (the Committee ) is to:

- (a) Provide counsel to the Board with respect to the organization, function and composition of the Board and its committees.
- (b) Oversee the evaluations of the Board and its committees.
- (c) Develop and recommend to the Board corporate governance policies and procedures applicable to the Company.
- (d) Identify and recommend to the Board potential director candidates for nomination.

**2. Membership.**

- (a) **Number.** The Committee shall be comprised of not less than three members of the Board.
- (b) **Qualifications.** Each member of the Committee shall be an independent director in accordance with the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and any other applicable securities exchanges.
- (c) **Appointment and Removal.** The members of the Committee shall be appointed and may be removed by the Board.
- (d) **Term.** Each member of the Committee shall serve until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified, or until his or her earlier removal or resignation or such time as he or she is no longer an independent director of the Board.
- (e) **Chairman.** The Committee shall designate a Chairman of the Committee from among its members from time to time.

**3. Meetings and Operations.**

- (a) **Meetings.** The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, but not less frequently than quarterly, and hold special meetings as circumstances require. The Committee may meet in executive sessions and invite one or more members of management, independent advisors or other third parties to attend as it deems appropriate. The timing of the meetings shall be determined by the Chairman of



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the Committee, in consultation with the other Committee members.

- (b) **Quorum.** At all Committee meetings, a majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (c) **Actions.** The action of a majority of those present at a meeting, at which a quorum is present, shall be the action of the Committee. The Committee shall keep a record of its actions and proceedings.
- (d) **Reporting to the Board.** The Committee shall regularly report to the Board actions taken by the Committee.
- (e) **Delegation.** In discharging its duties, the Committee shall have full authority to form subcommittees and delegate any or all of its duties to such subcommittees as the Committee deems appropriate.

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**4. Authority and Responsibilities.** The Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

***Director Nominations.***

- (a) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption specific, minimum qualifications that the Committee believes must be met by a potential nominee for director, including any specific qualities or skills that the Committee believes are necessary for one or more of the directors to possess.
- (b) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption director independence standards.
- (c) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption procedures by which stockholders of the Company can recommend candidates for nomination to the Board.
- (d) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption procedures by which director nominees are identified and evaluated by the Committee.
- (e) The Committee shall identify and evaluate candidates qualified to become potential director nominees, including any such candidates recommended by stockholders, in accordance with the minimum qualifications and procedures approved by the Board. The Committee shall recommend to the Board candidates or nominees for election as members of the Board.
- (f) The Committee shall have the sole authority to retain and terminate any search firm to assist in identifying director candidates, including the authority to approve the search firm's fees and other retention terms.
- (g) The Committee shall recommend to the Board directors for appointment to the various committees of the Board. At least annually, the Committee shall review the composition of each committee of the Board, including the qualifications of its members, and make such recommendations to the Board for rotation of the committee members as the Committee deems appropriate.

***Corporate Governance.***

- (h) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines, which shall comply with the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and any other applicable securities exchanges. The Committee shall assess such guidelines, and make recommendations to the Board for changes to such guidelines, from time to time as the Committee deems appropriate.
- (i) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct for the Company's directors, officers and employees, which shall comply with the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, any other applicable securities exchanges and the rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The Committee shall assess such code, and make recommendations to the Board for changes to such code, from time to time as the Committee deems appropriate.
- (j) The Committee shall review the anti-money laundering policies, procedures and operations of the Company on a periodic basis as the Committee deems appropriate.

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- (k) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board for adoption such other policies or procedures regarding the corporate governance of the Company from time to time as the Committee deems appropriate.
  
- (l) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board from time to time as the Committee deems appropriate regarding the structure of the various committees of the Board, including responsibilities, qualifications of the members and delegation authority.

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***Oversight and Evaluations.***

- (m) The Committee shall oversee the Company's orientation for newly elected members of the Board and continuing education process for the Board and assist the Board in its implementation.
- (n) The Committee shall oversee the Board's annual self-evaluation. In addition, the Committee shall obtain comments regarding the Board's performance from all directors and shall report annually to the Board with an assessment of the Board's performance.
- (o) The Committee shall oversee the annual self-evaluation of each committee of the Board. In addition, the Committee shall at least annually review each committee's performance, including its reporting to the full Board, and make such recommendations to the Board as the Committee deems appropriate.

***Other.***

- (p) The Committee shall have the authority to perform any other activities it deems are appropriate, consistent with this Charter.
- (q) The Committee shall have the authority to retain independent advisors, at the expense of the Company, to assist in carrying out Committee responsibilities, as the Committee may deem appropriate.

**5. Annual Performance Evaluation.** The Committee shall annually review its own performance in such manner as it deems appropriate.

**6. Annual Review of Committee Charter.** The Committee shall annually review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

**7. General.** This Charter is intended as a component of the flexible framework within which the Board, assisted by its committees, directs the affairs of the Company. While it should be interpreted in the context of applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements, as well as in the context of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and Amended and Restated By-Laws, it is not intended to establish by its own force any legally binding obligations.

Last adopted by the Board on June 16, 2009.

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**APPENDIX D**

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES**

These Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") have been adopted by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the "Company" or "Corporation") in connection with its oversight of the Company's management and business affairs.

**1. Composition of Board of Directors.**

- (a) *Independence of Directors.* A majority of directors must be independent directors in accordance with the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and any other applicable securities exchanges (the "Independence Rules"). In addition, at least three directors must also satisfy the additional independence requirements for audit committee members under the Independence Rules and the applicable rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").
- (b) *Director Qualifications and Selection.* The Corporate Governance Committee of the Board is responsible for establishing a policy setting forth the specific, minimum qualifications that the Corporate Governance Committee believes must be met by a nominee recommended by the Corporate Governance Committee for a position on the Board, and describing any specific qualities or skills that the Corporate Governance Committee believes are necessary for one or more of the directors to possess. Such qualifications shall include the requirements under the Independence Rules as well as consideration of the individual skills, experience and perspectives that will help create an effective Board. The Corporate Governance Committee shall establish a policy setting forth the process for identifying and evaluating nominees for directors, including the consideration of any director candidates recommended by stockholders, and shall recommend to the Board candidates for election as directors. The Board shall nominate such candidates for election as directors by the Company's stockholders or fill vacancies that may arise.
- (c) *Size of Board.* The Board shall periodically evaluate the size of the Board and make any changes it deems appropriate in accordance with the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (the "By-Laws").
- (d) *Majority Voting in Director Elections.* The Company has amended its By-Laws to provide for majority voting in the election of directors. In uncontested elections, directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast, which means that the number of shares voted for a director must exceed the number of shares voted against that director. The Corporate Governance Committee shall establish procedures for any director who is not elected to tender his or her resignation. The Corporate Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board will act on the Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation within 90 days following certification of the election results. In determining whether or not to recommend that the Board of Directors accept any resignation offer, the Corporate Governance Committee shall be entitled to consider all factors believed relevant by such committee's members. Unless applicable to all directors, the director(s) whose resignation is under consideration is expected to recuse himself or herself from the Board vote. Thereafter, the Board will promptly disclose its decision regarding the director's resignation offer (including the reason(s) for rejecting the resignation offer, if applicable) in a Form 8-K furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the Board accepts a director's resignation pursuant to this process, the Corporate Governance Committee shall recommend to the Board whether to fill such vacancy or reduce the size of the Board.
- (e) *Term Limits.* The Board does not believe that it should establish term limits for its members. The Board recognizes the value of continuity of directors who have experience with the Company and who have gained over a period of time a level of understanding about the Company and its operations that enable the director to make a significant contribution to the deliberations of the Board.



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- (f) *Retirement.* Persons are not eligible to be recommended for nomination as a director for a term commencing on or after their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, except for any person who beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Company. Incumbent directors reaching the age of 75 during their term may complete such term.

### **2. Conflicts of Interest and Other Commitments.**

- (a) With respect to any matter under discussion by the Board, directors must disclose to the Board any potential conflicts of interest they may have and, if appropriate, refrain from voting on a matter in which they may have a conflict.
- (b) Each director is responsible for ensuring that other commitments do not conflict or materially interfere with the director's responsibilities to the Company. To ensure that serving as a director of another company or any other change in circumstances such as employment, business or immediate family relationships (as defined under the Independence Rules) would not conflict with his or her duties to the Company, and to evaluate whether disclosure needs to be made in the Company's proxy statement or the director's status under the Independence Rules is changed, the director should consult the Chairman of the Board and the Corporate Secretary in advance of accepting an invitation to serve on another company's board and should report any change in circumstances to the Corporate Secretary. The Chairman of the Board and the Corporate Secretary should report to the Corporate Governance Committee the results of such consultation.

### **3. Director Responsibilities.**

- (a) *Duties.* The directors are responsible for exercising care, loyalty and good faith and acting in a manner they reasonably believe is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and consistent with their fiduciary duties. In fulfilling their responsibilities, directors may ask such questions and conduct such investigations as they deem appropriate, and may reasonably rely on the information provided to them by the Company's senior executives and its outside advisors and auditors. The directors shall be entitled to have the Company purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance on their behalf and receive the benefits of indemnification and exculpation to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the Certificate), and the By-Laws and any indemnification agreements, as applicable.
- (b) *Meetings and Preparation.* Directors are expected to regularly attend Board meetings and meetings of committees on which they serve, to spend the time needed in preparation for such meetings and to meet as frequently as they deem necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities. In addition, directors should stay abreast of the Company's business and markets. To the fullest extent possible, directors should review agendas and other meeting materials in advance of any Board or committee meetings.
- (c) *Meeting Agendas.* The Chairman of the Board and the Corporate Secretary will establish and disseminate the agenda for each Board meeting. Each Board member is free to suggest the inclusion of items on the agenda. Each Board member is free to raise at any Board meeting subjects that are not on the agenda for that meeting.
- (d) *Company Representation.* The Board believes that management speaks for the Company. Individual directors may, from time to time, expressly represent the Company in meetings or otherwise communicate with various third parties on the Company's behalf. When representing the Company, it is generally expected that directors will do this with the knowledge of management and, unless warranted by unusual circumstances or as contemplated by the committee charters, only at the request of management.

- 4. Executive Sessions.** The independent directors as defined in the Independence Rules will meet in regular executive sessions.





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### **5. Board Committees.**

- (a) *Committees.* The Board shall have an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Corporate Governance Committee. All members of these committees will be independent directors, as defined in the Independence Rules. In addition, Audit Committee members shall satisfy the additional independence requirements for audit committee members under the Independence Rules and the applicable rules of the SEC. Each committee member shall also meet any other qualifications for service on the particular committee pursuant to the committee's written charter.
- (b) *Appointment, Removal and Term.* Committee members shall be appointed and may be removed by the Board. Each member of a committee shall serve until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified, or until his or her earlier removal or resignation or such time as he or she no longer meets the qualifications to serve on the committee.
- (c) *Chairman.* Each committee shall designate a Chairman of the committee from among its members from time to time.
- (d) *Charters.* Each committee shall have its own written charter. The charters will set forth the purpose, authority and responsibilities of the committees as well as qualifications for committee membership, procedures for committee member appointment and removal, committee structure and operations, reporting to the Board, and annual performance evaluations of the committee. The charters of each committee will be reviewed periodically with a view toward delegating to the standing committees the full authority of the Board concerning specified matters appropriate to such committee.
- (e) *Meetings.* Each committee shall meet on a regular basis, but not less frequently than quarterly, and hold special meetings as circumstances require. The timing of the meetings shall be determined by the Chairman of the committee, in consultation with the other committee members. The Chairman of each committee, in consultation with the appropriate members of the committee and management, will develop the committee's agenda.
- (f) *Additional Committees.* The Board may, from time to time, establish or maintain additional committees as it deems appropriate and delegate to such committees such authority permitted by applicable laws and the By-Laws as the Board sees fit.

### **6. Director Access to Officers, Employees and Independent Advisors.**

- (a) *Officers and Employees.* Directors shall have full and free access to officers and employees of the Company. Any meetings or contacts that a director wishes to initiate may be arranged directly by the director or through the Chief Executive Officer or the Corporate Secretary.
- (b) *Independent Advisors.* The Board and each Board committee shall have full and free access to the Company's independent advisors and each shall have the power to retain legal, accounting, financial or other advisors as they may deem appropriate at the expense of the Company, without the need to obtain the prior approval of any officer of the Company. The Corporate Secretary of the Company will arrange for payment of the invoices of any such third party advisors.

- 7. **Director Compensation.** The form and amount of director compensation will be determined by the Compensation Committee, in accordance with the policies and principles set forth in the Compensation Committee's charter, and will be recommended to the Board for approval. The Compensation Committee also will conduct an annual review of director compensation.

**8. Director Orientation and Continuing Education.**

- (a) *Orientation.* The Board, through its delegation of oversight to the Corporate Governance Committee, shall establish, or identify and provide access to, appropriate orientation programs, sessions or material for newly elected directors of the Company for their benefit either prior to or within a reasonable

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period of time after their nomination or election as a director. This orientation may include presentations by senior management to familiarize new directors with the Company's strategic plans, its significant financial, accounting and risk management issues, its compliance program, its Code of Ethics and Business Conduct and these Guidelines, its principal officers, and its internal and independent auditors. In addition, the orientation will include visits to Company headquarters and, to the extent appropriate, other of the Company's significant facilities. All other directors are also invited to attend orientation.

- (b) *Education.* The Board, through its delegation of oversight to the Corporate Governance Committee, shall also identify and/or develop continuing education opportunities for the directors. Directors are encouraged to attend continuing education programs sponsored by universities, stock exchanges or other organizations. The Company will reimburse the reasonable costs and expenses associated with such programs.
- 9. Management Succession.** The Board shall oversee the succession planning for the management of the Company, including policies and principles for the selection and performance review of the Chief Executive Officer, as well as policies regarding succession in the event of an emergency or the retirement of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 10. Company's Long-Term Strategic Plans.** The Board will periodically review with management the Company's long-term strategic plans.
- 11. Annual Performance Evaluation.** The Board, through its delegation of oversight to the Corporate Governance Committee, shall annually review its own performance in such manner as it deems appropriate to determine whether the Board and its committees are functioning effectively. The full Board will discuss the evaluation to determine what action, if any, could improve Board and committee performance.
- 12. Review of Corporate Governance Guidelines.** The Corporate Governance Committee, as appropriate, shall periodically review and reassess the adequacy of these Guidelines to determine whether any changes are appropriate and recommend to the Board any such changes for the Board's approval.
- 13. General.** These Guidelines are intended as a component of the flexible framework within which the Board, assisted by its committees, directs the affairs of the Company. While they should be interpreted in the context of applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements, as well as in the context of the Company's Certificate and By-Laws, they are not intended to establish by their own force any legally binding obligations.

Last approved by the Board as of December 18, 2009, with an effective date of January 1, 2010.

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**APPENDIX E**

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**2002 UNIVERSAL STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

(as amended and restated ^ \_\_\_\_\_)

**1. GENERAL**

1.1 *Purpose.* The Franklin Resources, Inc. 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan (the 2002 Stock Plan ) has been established by Franklin Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ) to (i) attract and retain persons eligible to participate in the 2002 Stock Plan; (ii) motivate employees, by means of appropriate incentives, to achieve long-range performance goals; (iii) provide incentive compensation opportunities that are competitive with those of other similar companies; and (iv) further identify employees' interests with those of the Company's other stockholders through compensation that is based on the Company's common stock; and thereby promote the long-term financial interest of the Company and the Subsidiaries.

1.2 *Participation.* Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2002 Stock Plan, the Committee shall determine and designate, from time to time, from among the Participants, those persons who will be granted one or more Awards under the 2002 Stock Plan. In the discretion of the Committee, a Participant may be granted any Award permitted under the provisions of the 2002 Stock Plan, and more than one Award may be granted to a Participant. Awards may be granted as alternatives to or replacement of awards outstanding under the 2002 Stock Plan, or any other plan or arrangement of the Company or a Subsidiary (including a plan or arrangement of a business or entity, all or a portion of which is acquired by the Company or a Subsidiary).

1.3 *Operation, Administration, and Definitions.* The operation and administration of the 2002 Stock Plan, including the Awards made under the 2002 Stock Plan, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 4 (relating to operation and administration). Capitalized terms in the 2002 Stock Plan shall be defined as set forth in the 2002 Stock Plan (including the definition provisions of Section 8 of the 2002 Stock Plan).

1.4 *Stock Subject to 2002 Stock Plan; Share Counting.* Subject to the provisions of this Section 1.4 and Section 6.1 of the 2002 Stock Plan, the maximum aggregate number of shares which may be delivered pursuant to Awards, including without limitation, Options and SAR's granted under the 2002 Stock Plan, is 30,000,000. The shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.

(a) To the extent any Shares covered by an Award are not delivered to a Participant or beneficiary because the Award is forfeited or canceled, or the Shares are not delivered because the Award is settled in cash, such Shares shall not be deemed to have been delivered for purposes of determining the maximum number of Shares available for delivery pursuant to Awards granted under the 2002 Stock Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, all Shares covered by the portion of a SAR that is exercised (whether or not Shares are actually issued to the Participant upon exercise of the SAR) shall be considered issued pursuant to the 2002 Stock Plan.

(b) If the exercise price of any Option granted under the 2002 Stock Plan is satisfied by tendering Shares to the Company (by either actual delivery or by attestation), only the number of Shares issued net of the Shares tendered shall be deemed delivered for purposes of determining the maximum number of Shares available for delivery pursuant to Awards (other than Options) granted under the 2002 Stock Plan.

(c) Subject to adjustment under Section 6.1, (i) the maximum number of shares that may be granted to any one individual pursuant to Section 2 (relating to Options and SARs) shall be 400,000 Shares during any one-calendar-year period and (ii) the maximum number of Shares that may be granted to any one individual subject to Section 3 (relating to Stock Unit Awards, Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Unit Awards and Performance Share Awards) shall be 1,000,000 Shares during any one-calendar-year period (regardless of when such Shares are deliverable).

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### **2. OPTIONS AND SARS**

#### 2.1 *Options.*

(a) An Option is a grant of rights to purchase Shares at an exercise price established by the Committee<sup>^</sup>, subject to Section 2.3. Options granted under this Section 2 may be either Incentive Stock Options ( ISO ) or Nonstatutory Stock Options ( NSO ), as determined in the discretion of the Committee.

(b) Each Option shall be designated in the written option agreement as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonstatutory Stock Option. However, notwithstanding such designations, to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Shares with respect to which Options designated as Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by any Optionee during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary) exceeds \$100,000, such excess Options shall be automatically treated as Nonstatutory Stock Options. For purposes of this paragraph 2.1(b), Incentive Stock Options shall be taken into account in the order in which they were granted, and the Fair Market Value of the Shares shall be determined as of the original date the Option with respect to such Shares is granted. In the event that the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder are amended after the date the 2002 Stock Plan becomes effective to provide for a different limit on the Fair Market Value of Shares permitted to be subject to Incentive Stock Options, then such different limit will be automatically incorporated herein and will apply to any Options granted after the effective date of such amendment.

(c) The term of each Option shall be the term stated in the Option Agreement; provided, however, that in the case of any Incentive Stock Option, the term shall be no more than ten (10) years from the date of grant thereof or such shorter term as may be provided in the Option Agreement. However, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an Optionee who, at the time the Option is granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the term of the Option shall be five (5) years from the date of grant thereof or such shorter term as may be provided in the Option Agreement.

(d) The date of grant of an Option shall, for all purposes, be the date on which the Committee makes the determination granting such Option, or such other date as is determined by the Committee. Notice of the determination shall be given to each Participant to whom an Option is so granted within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.

2.2 *Stock Appreciation Rights.* A Stock Appreciation Right ( SAR ) is a grant of rights to receive, in cash or Stock (as determined by the Committee), value equal to (or otherwise based on) the excess of: (a) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares at the time of exercise; over (b) a base appreciation amount established by the Committee<sup>^</sup>, subject to Section 2.3.

2.3 *Exercise Price.* The exercise price or base appreciation amount (as applicable) of each Option and SAR shall be established by the Committee or shall be determined by a method established by the Committee at the time the Option or SAR is granted; provided that:

(a) In the case of an ISO,

(i) granted to an employee who, at the time of the grant of such Incentive Stock Option, owns stock representing more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the per Share exercise price shall be no less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant<sup>^</sup>;

(ii) granted to any other employee, the per Share exercise price shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.

(b) In the case of a NSO, the per Share exercise price shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.

(c) In the case of a SAR, the base appreciation amount shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.

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2.4 *Time and Manner of Exercise.* Options and SARs shall be exercisable in accordance with such terms and conditions and during such periods as may be established by the Committee; subject to the following terms regarding Options:

(a) *Termination of Employment.* In the event of termination of an Optionee's Continuous Status as an employee with the Company, such Optionee may, but only within ninety (90) days after the date of such termination (or such other period as is set out by the Committee in the Option Agreement, but in no event later than the expiration date of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement), exercise the Option to the extent that Optionee was entitled to exercise it at the date of such termination. To the extent that Optionee was not entitled to exercise the Option at the date of such termination, or if Optionee does not exercise such Option to the extent so entitled within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate.

(b) *Disability of Optionee.* Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2.4(a) above, in the event of termination of an Optionee's Continuous Status as an employee as a result of disability (as determined by the Committee in accordance with the policies of the Company), Optionee may, but only within six (6) months from the date of such termination (or such other period as is set out by the Committee in the Option Agreement, but in no event later than the expiration date of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement), exercise the Option to the extent otherwise entitled to exercise it at the date of such termination. To the extent that Optionee was not entitled to exercise the Option at the date of termination, or if Optionee does not exercise such Option to the extent so entitled within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate.

(c) *Death of Optionee.* In the event of the death of an Optionee, the Option may be exercised, at any time within twelve (12) months following the date of death (or such other period as is set out by the Committee in the Option Agreement, but in no event later than the expiration date of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement), by the Optionee's estate or by a person who acquired the right to exercise the Option by bequest or inheritance, but only to the extent the Optionee was entitled to exercise the Option at the date of death. To the extent that Optionee was not entitled to exercise the Option at the date of termination, or if Optionee does not exercise such Option to the extent so entitled within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate.

2.5 *Payment of Exercise Price.* Payment of the exercise price of an Option shall be subject to the following:

(a) The full exercise price for Shares purchased upon the exercise of any Option shall be paid at the time of such exercise (except that, in the case of an exercise arrangement approved by the Committee and described in paragraph 2.5(b), payment may be made as soon as practicable after the exercise).

(b) The consideration to be paid for the Shares to be issued upon exercise of an Option, including the method of payment, shall be determined by the Committee (and, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, shall be determined at the time of grant) and may, in the discretion of the Committee, consist entirely of (i) cash, (ii) check, <sup>(iii)</sup> delivery of authorization for the Company to retain from the total number of Shares as to which the Option is exercised that number of Shares having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the exercise price for the total number of Shares as to which the Option is exercised, <sup>(iv)</sup> delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with irrevocable instructions to a broker to promptly deliver to the Company the amount of sale or loan proceeds required to pay the exercise price, <sup>(v)</sup> irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell Shares (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire exercise price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise, <sup>(vi)</sup> any combination of the foregoing methods of payment, <sup>(vii)</sup> or such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted under Applicable Laws.

2.6 *Settlement of Award.* Shares delivered pursuant to the exercise of an Option or SAR shall be subject to such conditions, restrictions and contingencies as the Committee may establish in the applicable Award Agreement at the time of grant. Settlement of SARs may be made in Shares (valued at their Fair Market Value at the time of exercise), in cash, or in a combination thereof, as determined in the discretion of the Committee. The Committee, in its discretion, may impose such conditions, restrictions and contingencies with respect to Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option or an SAR as the Committee determines to be desirable.

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### **3. OTHER STOCK AWARDS**

#### *3.1 Definitions.*

(a) A Stock Unit Award is the grant of a right to receive Shares in the future.

(b) A Performance Share Award is a grant of a right to receive Shares or Stock Units which is contingent on the achievement of performance or other objectives during a specified period.

(c) A Restricted Stock Award is a grant of Shares, and a Restricted Stock Unit Award is the grant of a right to receive Shares in the future, with such Shares or right to future delivery of such Shares subject to a risk of forfeiture or other restrictions that will lapse upon the achievement of one or more goals relating to completion of service by the Participant, or achievement of performance or other objectives, as determined by the Committee.

*3.2 Restrictions on Stock Awards.* Each Stock Unit Award, Restricted Stock Award, Restricted Stock Unit Award and Performance Share Award shall be subject to the following:

(a) Any such Awards shall be subject to such conditions, restrictions and contingencies as the Committee shall determine.

(b) The Committee may designate whether any such Awards being granted to any Participant are intended to be performance-based compensation as that term is used in Section 162(m) of the Code. Any such Awards designated as intended to be performance-based compensation shall be conditioned on the achievement of one or more Performance Measures. The Performance Measures that may be used by the Committee for such Awards shall be based on any one or more of the criteria attached hereto on Attachment I, as selected and further defined by the Committee. The Performance Measures may be applicable to the Company and/or any of its individual business units and may differ from Participant to Participant. For Awards intended to be performance-based compensation, the grant of the Awards and the establishment of the Performance Measures shall be made during the period required under Section 162(m) of the Code and shall be subject to the individual share limit set out in Section 1.4(c) above.

### **4. OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

*4.1 Effective Date.* The 2002 Stock Plan became effective as of October 10, 2002. The 2002 Stock Plan shall be unlimited in duration and, in the event of the 2002 Stock Plan termination, shall remain in effect as long as any Awards under it are outstanding; provided, however, that, to the extent required by the Code, no ISO may be granted under the 2002 Stock Plan after October 9, 2012.

*4.2 Term of Awards.* Subject to the limitations of Section 2.1(c), the term of each Award under the 2002 Stock Plan shall be the term stated in the applicable Award Agreement, provided, however, that the term shall be no more than ten (10) years from the date of grant thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the specified term of any Award shall not include any period for which the Participant has elected to defer the receipt of the Shares or cash issuable pursuant to the Award.

*4.3 General Restrictions.* Delivery of Shares or other amounts under the 2002 Stock Plan shall be subject to the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the 2002 Stock Plan, the Company shall have no liability to deliver any Shares under the 2002 Stock Plan or make any other distribution of benefits under the 2002 Stock Plan unless such delivery or distribution would comply with all applicable laws (including, without limitation, the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933), and the applicable requirements of any securities exchange or similar entity.

(b) Shares issued under the 2002 Stock Plan may be certificated or, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the applicable rules of any stock exchange, non-certificated.

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**^4.4 Tax Withholding.** All distributions under the 2002 Stock Plan are subject to withholding of all applicable taxes, and the Committee may condition the delivery of any ^Shares or other benefits under the 2002 Stock Plan on satisfaction of the applicable withholding obligations. The Committee, in its discretion, and subject to such requirements as the Committee may impose prior to the occurrence of such withholding, may permit such withholding obligations to be satisfied through cash payment by the Participant, through the surrender of Shares which the Participant already owns, or through the surrender of Shares to which the Participant is otherwise entitled under the 2002 Stock Plan, provided; however, that in either case only the number of Shares sufficient to satisfy the Company's minimum required tax withholding obligations may be surrendered to the Company.

**^4.5 Use of Shares.** Subject to the overall limitation on the number of Shares that may be delivered under the 2002 Stock Plan, the Committee may use available Shares as the form of payment for compensation, grants or rights earned or due under any other compensation plans or arrangements of the Company or a Subsidiary, including the plans and arrangements of the Company or a Subsidiary assumed in business combinations.

**^4.6 Dividends and Dividend Equivalents.** An Award (including without limitation an Option or SAR Award) may provide the Participant with the right to receive dividend payments or dividend equivalent payments with respect to Stock subject to the Award (both before and after the Stock subject to the Award is earned, vested, or acquired), which payments may be either made currently or credited to an account for the Participant, and may be settled in cash or Stock as determined by the Committee. Any such settlements, and any such crediting of dividends or dividend equivalents or reinvestment in Shares, may be subject to such conditions, restrictions and contingencies as the Committee shall establish, including the reinvestment of such credited amounts in Stock equivalents.

**^4.7 Payments.** Awards may be settled through cash payments, the delivery of Shares, the granting of replacement Awards, or combination thereof as the Committee shall determine. Any Award settlement, including payment deferrals, may be subject to such conditions, restrictions and contingencies as the Committee shall determine. The Committee may permit or require the deferral of any Award payment, subject to such rules and procedures as it may establish, which may include provisions for the payment or crediting of interest, or dividend equivalents, including converting such credits into deferred Stock equivalents. Each Subsidiary shall be liable for payment of cash due under the 2002 Stock Plan with respect to any Participant to the extent that such benefits are attributable to the services rendered for that Subsidiary by the Participant. Any disputes relating to liability of a Subsidiary for cash payments shall be resolved by the Committee.

**^4.8 Non-alienation of Awards.** Unless specifically provided by the Committee in the Award Agreement, Awards under the 2002 Stock Plan may not be sold, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, anticipated, or otherwise disposed of, and are nontransferable except as designated by the Participant by will or by the laws of descent and distribution; provided, however, that an Award Agreement shall not provide that an Award is transferable during the lifetime of the Participant, except to the extent that such Award Agreement permits transfers made to family members, to family trusts, to family controlled entities, to charitable organizations, and/or pursuant to domestic relations orders or agreements, in all cases without payment for such transfers to the Participant. Any attempt to sell, assign, convey, hypothecate, encumber, anticipate, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any Award under the 2002 Stock Plan in violation of this Section 4.8 shall be void, and no Shares or cash subject to any Award shall, prior to receipt thereof by a Participant, be in any manner subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements, or torts of such Participant.

**^4.9 Form and Time of Elections.** Unless otherwise specified herein, each election required or permitted to be made by any Participant or other person entitled to benefits under the 2002 Stock Plan, and any permitted modification, or revocation thereof, shall be in writing filed with the Committee at such times, in such form, and subject to such restrictions and limitations, not inconsistent with the terms of the 2002 Stock Plan, as the Committee shall require.

**^4.10 Agreement With Company.** An Award under the 2002 Stock Plan shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the 2002 Stock Plan, as the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, prescribe.



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The terms and conditions of any Award to any Participant shall be reflected in such form of written document as is determined by the Committee. A copy of such document shall be provided to the Participant, and the Committee may, but need not require that the Participant shall sign a copy of such document. Such document is referred to in the 2002 Stock Plan as an Award Agreement regardless of whether any Participant signature is required.

<sup>4.11</sup> *Action by Company or Subsidiary.* Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary shall be by resolution of: (i) in the case of a corporation, its board of directors, or by action of one or more members of the board (including a committee of the board) who are duly authorized to act for the board, or (except to the extent prohibited by applicable law or applicable rules of any stock exchange) by a duly authorized officer of the Company, (ii) in the case of a limited liability company, its member(s), and (iii) in the case of a partnership, its general partner.

<sup>4.12</sup> *Gender and Number.* Where the context admits, words in any gender shall include any other gender, words in the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

<sup>4.13</sup> *Limitation of Implied Rights.*

(a) Neither a Participant nor any other person shall, by reason of participation in the 2002 Stock Plan, acquire any right in or title to any assets, funds or property of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary whatsoever, including, without limitation, any specific funds, assets, or other property which the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, in their sole discretion, may set aside in anticipation of a liability under the 2002 Stock Plan. A Participant shall have only a contractual right to the Stock or amounts, if any, payable under the 2002 Stock Plan, unsecured by any assets of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, and nothing contained in the 2002 Stock Plan shall constitute a guarantee that the assets of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary shall be sufficient to pay any benefits to any person.

(b) The 2002 Stock Plan does not constitute a contract of employment, and selection as a Participant will not give any Participant the right to be retained in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary, nor any right or claim to any benefit under the 2002 Stock Plan, unless such right or claim has specifically accrued under the terms of the 2002 Stock Plan. Except as otherwise provided in the 2002 Stock Plan, no Award under the 2002 Stock Plan shall confer upon the holder thereof any rights as a stockholder of the Company prior to the date on which the individual fulfills all conditions for receipt of such rights.

## **5. COMMITTEE**

<sup>5.1</sup> *Committee.* The authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the 2002 Stock Plan shall be vested in a committee (the Committee ) in accordance with this Section 5. The Committee shall be selected by the Board, and shall be comprised, unless otherwise determined by the Board, solely of not less than two members of the Board who shall be outside directors within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.162-27(e)(3) under Section 162(m) of the Code. With respect to Awards granted under the 2002 Stock Plan that are not intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall be composed of two or more members of the Board who are not employees of the Company. If the Committee does not exist, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the Board may take any action under the 2002 Stock Plan that would otherwise be the responsibility of the Committee.

<sup>5.2</sup> *Powers of Committee.* The Committee's administration of the 2002 Stock Plan shall be subject to the following:

(a) Subject to the provisions of the 2002 Stock Plan, the Committee will have the authority and discretion to select from among the Participants those persons who shall receive Awards, to determine the time or times of receipt, to determine the types of Awards and the number of shares covered by the Awards, to establish the terms, conditions, performance criteria (<sup>provided that</sup>, for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code, performance measures shall be based on one or more of the criteria set out on Attachment I hereto), restrictions, and other provisions of such Awards, and (subject to Section 7) to cancel or suspend Awards.

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(b) To the extent that the Committee determines that the restrictions imposed by the 2002 Stock Plan preclude the achievement of the material purposes of the Awards in jurisdictions outside the United States, the Committee will have the authority and discretion to modify those restrictions as the Committee determines to be necessary or appropriate to conform to applicable requirements or practices of jurisdictions outside of the United States.

(c) The Committee may grant Awards to Participants who are subject to the tax laws of nations other than the United States, which Awards may have terms and conditions as determined by the Committee as necessary to comply with applicable foreign laws. The Committee may take any action which it deems advisable to obtain approval of such Awards by the appropriate foreign government entity; provided however that no such Awards may be granted under this 2002 Stock Plan and no action may be taken which would result in a violation of the Exchange Act, the Code or any other applicable law.

(d) The Committee will have the authority and discretion to interpret the 2002 Stock Plan, to establish, amend, and rescind any rules and regulations relating to the 2002 Stock Plan, to determine the terms and provisions of any Award Agreement made pursuant to the 2002 Stock Plan, and to make all other determinations that may be necessary or advisable for the administration of the 2002 Stock Plan.

(e) Any interpretation of the 2002 Stock Plan by the Committee and any decision made by it under the 2002 Stock Plan is final and binding on all persons.

(f) In controlling and managing the operation and administration of the 2002 Stock Plan, the Committee shall take action in a manner that conforms to the articles and by-laws of the Company, and applicable state corporate law.

(g) Notwithstanding anything in the 2002 Stock Plan to the contrary, (i) the reduction of the exercise price of any Option awarded under the 2002 Stock Plan and the base appreciation amount of any SAR awarded under the 2002 Stock Plan shall be subject to stockholder approval and (ii) canceling an Option or SAR at a time when its exercise price or base appreciation amount (as applicable) exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares, in exchange for another Option, SAR, Restricted Stock Award, or other Award shall be subject to stockholder approval, unless the cancellation and exchange occurs in connection with a Transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, canceling an Option or SAR in exchange for another Option, SAR, Restricted Stock Award, or other Award with an exercise price, purchase price or base appreciation amount (as applicable) that is equal to or greater than the exercise price or base appreciation amount (as applicable) of the original Option or SAR shall not be subject to stockholder approval.

*5.3 Delegation by Committee.* Except to the extent prohibited by Applicable Law or the applicable rules of a stock exchange, the Committee may allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its members and may delegate all or any part of its ministerial duties to any person or persons selected by it. Any such allocation or delegation may be revoked by the Committee at any time.

*5.4 Information to be Furnished to Committee.* The Company and its <sup>^</sup>Subsidiaries shall furnish the Committee with such data and information as the Committee determines may be required for it to discharge its duties. The records of the Company and its <sup>^</sup>Subsidiaries as to a Participant's employment, termination of employment, leave of absence, reemployment and compensation shall be conclusive on all persons unless determined to be incorrect. Participants <sup>^</sup>must furnish the Committee such evidence, data or information as the Committee considers desirable to carry out the terms of the 2002 Stock Plan in order to be entitled to benefits under the 2002 Stock Plan.

## **6. ADJUSTMENTS UPON CHANGES IN CAPITALIZATION OR CORPORATE TRANSACTION**

*6.1 Changes in Capitalization.* Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, (a) the number and/or class of securities covered by each outstanding Award, (b) the price per share covered by each such outstanding Award, (c) the number and/or class of securities which have been authorized for issuance under the 2002 Stock Plan but as to which no Awards have yet been granted or which have been returned to the 2002

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Stock Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Award, and (d) the maximum number of Options, SARs, Stock Unit Awards, Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units Awards and Performance Share Awards which may be granted to any Participant in any one-calendar-year period shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company<sup>Δ</sup>, provided, however, that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been effected without receipt of consideration. Such adjustment shall be made by the Committee. The Committee <sup>^shall</sup> also make<sup>^</sup> adjustments described in (a)-(d) of this Section 6.1 in the event of any distribution of cash or other assets to stockholders other than an ordinary cash dividend. In determining adjustments to be made under this Section 6.1, the Committee may take into account such factors as it deems appropriate, including (i) the restrictions of applicable law, (ii) the potential tax, accounting or other consequences of an adjustment and (iii) the possibility that some Participants might receive an adjustment and a distribution or other unintended benefit, and in light of such factors or circumstances may make adjustments that are not uniform or proportionate among outstanding Awards, modify vesting dates, defer the delivery of stock certificates or make other equitable adjustments. Any such adjustments to outstanding Awards will be effected in a manner that precludes the enlargement of rights and benefits under such Awards. Adjustments, if any, and any determinations or interpretations, including any determination of whether a distribution is other than an ordinary cash dividend, made by the Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of Shares of any class, or securities convertible into Shares of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of shares of Common Stock subject to an Award.

6.2 *Transactions*. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company or of a merger or corporate combination (a Transaction ) in which the successor corporation does not agree to assume the Award or substitute an equivalent Award, the Committee shall make a determination (subject to Section 7) as to the equitable treatment of outstanding Awards under the 2002 Stock Plan and shall notify Participants of such treatment no later than ten (10) days prior to such proposed Transaction. To the extent it has not been previously exercised, an Award that is not assumed will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed Transaction.

## 7. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

The Board may, at any time, amend or terminate the 2002 Stock Plan, provided that (i) no amendment or termination may, in the absence of written consent to the change by the affected Participant (or, if the Participant is not then living, the affected beneficiary), adversely affect the rights of any Participant or beneficiary under any Award granted under the 2002 Stock Plan prior to the date such amendment is adopted by the Board; provided that modifications or adjustments pursuant to ^Sections 6.1 or 6.2 or that may cause an Incentive Stock Option to become a Nonstatutory Stock Option shall in no event be deemed to have an adverse effect on any Award^, and (ii) no such amendment shall be made without the approval of the Company's stockholders to the extent such approval is required by Applicable Laws, or if such amendment would lessen the stockholder approval requirements of Section 5.2(g) or this Section 7.

## 8. DEFINED TERMS

In addition to the other definitions contained herein, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) *Applicable Law* means the corporate, securities and tax laws (including, without limitation, the Delaware corporate law, the Exchange Act, the Securities Act of 1933 and the Code) applicable to the establishment and administration of <sup>^</sup>employee stock incentive plans and the grant of awards thereunder.

(b) *Award*. The term Award shall mean any award or benefit granted under the 2002 Stock Plan, including, without limitation, the grant of Options, SARs, Stock Unit Awards, Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Unit Awards and Performance Share Awards.

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(c) *Board*. The term *Board* shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

(d) *Code*. The term *Code* means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A reference to any provision of the Code shall include reference to any successor provision of the Code.

(e) *Common Stock* shall mean the common stock, par value, \$.10 per share, of the Company.

(f) *Continuous Status as an Employee* means the absence of any interruption or termination of the employment relationship by the Company or any Subsidiary. Continuous Status as an employee shall not be considered interrupted in the case of: (i) sick leave, military leave or any other leave of absence approved by the Board, provided that such leave is for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, unless reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract or statute, or unless provided otherwise pursuant to Company policy adopted from time to time; or (ii) in the case of transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Subsidiaries or its successor.

(g) *Exchange Act* means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(h) *Fair Market Value*. For purposes of determining the *Fair Market Value* of a share of Stock granted pursuant to the 2002 Stock Plan as of any date, the following rules shall apply:

(i) If the principal market for the Stock is the New York Stock Exchange ( *NYSE* ), then the *Fair Market Value* as of that date shall be the closing price of the stock on the NYSE composite tape on that date as reported in the Wall Street Journal for such date;

(ii) If the principal market for the Stock is the another national securities exchange or the NASDAQ stock market, then the *Fair Market Value* as of that date shall be the mean between the lowest and highest reported composite sale prices of the Stock on that date on such exchange for such date;

(iii) If sale prices are not available or if the principal market for the Stock is not the NYSE or another national securities exchange and the Stock is not quoted on the NASDAQ stock market, then the *Fair Market Value* as of that date shall be the average between the highest bid and lowest asked prices for the Stock on such day as reported on the NASDAQ OTC Bulletin Board Service or by the National Quotation Bureau, Incorporated or a comparable service.

(iv) If the day is not a business day or a day in which the Stock is traded, and as a result, paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) next above are inapplicable, the *Fair Market Value* of the Stock shall be determined as of the last preceding day in which the Stock is traded. If paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) next above are otherwise inapplicable, then the *Fair Market Value* of the Stock shall be determined in good faith by the Committee.

(i) *Incentive Stock Option* means an Option intended to qualify as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.

(j) *Nonstatutory Stock Option* means an Option not intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option.

(k) *Optionee* means a Participant who receives an Option.

(l) *Parent* means a parent corporation, whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

(m) *Participants*. The term *Participant* shall mean any executive, employee or director of the Company, or its Subsidiary. An Award may be granted to an employee, in connection with hiring, retention or otherwise, prior to the date the employee first performs services for the Company or its Subsidiaries, provided that such Awards shall not become vested prior to the date the employee first performs such services. The term *Participant* also includes any non-employee director of the Company, or its Subsidiary.

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(n) Performance Measures means the business criteria applicable to the grant of Awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.

(o) Share means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 6 of the 2002 Stock Plan.

(p) *Stock*. The term *Stock* shall mean shares of Common Stock of the Company.

(q) *Subsidiary* or *Subsidiaries*. The term *Subsidiary* or *Subsidiaries* mean any company during any period in which it is a subsidiary corporation (as that term is defined in Code section 424(f)) with respect to the Company.

## **9. PLAN HISTORY**

The 2002 Stock Plan became effective as of October 10, 2002. The 2002 Stock Plan was originally approved by the stockholders of the Company on January 30, 2003. The Board approved an amendment and restatement of the 2002 Stock Plan on December 16, 2004 to (a) include additional Performance Measures and (b) amend Section 6.1 to increase the scope of adjustments that may be made as a result of changes in capitalization of the Company, which amendment and restatement is subject to the approval of the stockholders of the Company. The Board approved a further amendment and restatement of the 2002 Stock Plan on December 18, 2009 to (a) revise the Performance Measures such that they conform to the Performance Goals under the Franklin Resources, Inc. 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan and (b) make certain administrative updates, which amendment and restatement is subject to the approval of the stockholders of the Company and shall only be effective upon the date stockholders approve the amendment and restatement.

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ATTACHMENT I

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Committee shall grant performance-based compensation Awards tied to one or more of the following business criteria:

^(a) annual revenue.

^(b) budget comparisons.

^(c) controllable profits.

(d) Company earnings per share.

^(e) expense management.

^(f) improvements in capital structure.

(g) net income.

(h) net or gross sales.

^(i) operating income (pre- or post-tax).

^(j) profit margins.

(k) operating or gross margin.

^(l) profitability of an identifiable business unit or product.

^(m) return on investments.

^(n) return on sales.

^(o) return on stockholders' equity.

^(p) total return to stockholders.

(q) assets under management.

(r) investment management performance.

(s) mutual and other investment fund performance.

(t) institutional account performance.

(u) high net worth and other separate account performance.

(v) cash flow, operating cash flow, or cash flow or operating cash flow per share (before or after dividends).

(w) price of the shares or any other publicly traded securities of the Company.

(x) reduction in costs.

(y) return on capital, including return on total capital or return on invested capital,

(z) improvement in or attainment of expense levels or working capital levels, and

^(aa) performance of the Company relative to a peer group of companies and/or relevant indexes on any of the foregoing measures,

The Performance Measures may be applicable to the Company and/or any of its individual business units and may differ from Participant to Participant. In addition, the Performance Measures shall be calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but excluding the effect (whether positive or negative) of any change in accounting standards and any extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring item, as determined by the

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Committee, occurring after the establishment of the Performance Measures applicable to an Award intended to be performance-based compensation. Each such adjustment, if any, shall be made solely for the purpose of providing a consistent basis from period to period for the calculation of Performance Measures in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the Participant's rights with respect to an Award intended to be performance-based compensation; provided, however, that certain categories or types of such adjustments can be specifically included (rather than excluded) at the time the Performance Measures are established if so determined by the Committee.

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Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and then follow the instructions to vote.

**OR**

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**OR**

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

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If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

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**FRANKLIN RESOURCES,  
INC.**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

**Vote on Directors**

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1. To elect 12 directors to the Board of Directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until that person's successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal.

<b>Nominees:</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>		<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
1a. Samuel H. Armacost	..	..	..				
1b. Charles Crocker	..	..	..	1i. Chutta Ratnathicam	..	..	..
1c. Joseph R. Hardiman	..	..	..	1j. Peter M. Sacerdote	..	..	..
1d. Robert D. Joffe	..	..	..	1k. Laura Stein	..	..	..
1e. Charles B. Johnson	..	..	..	1l. Anne M. Tatlock	..	..	..
1f. Gregory E. Johnson	..	..	..	<b>Vote on Other Proposals</b>			
1g. Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.	..	..	..	2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.	..	..	..
1h. Thomas H. Kean	..	..	..	3. To submit for stockholder approval for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan revising the performance measures applicable to performance-based awards.	..	..	..
For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.			..	4. To transact such other business that may properly be raised at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting.			
Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting.	..	..					
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>					

**NOTE:** Please sign exactly as your name appears on the proxy. If signing for estates, trusts or corporations, title or capacity should be stated. If shares are held jointly, each holder should sign.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**

The Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**THIS PROXY CARD/VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

With this proxy, the stockholder signing on the reverse side appoints Charles B. Johnson, Gregory E. Johnson and Maria Gray (the proxy holders), or any one of them, as the stockholder's proxies with full power of substitution. The stockholder appoints the proxy holders collectively and as individuals, to vote all the stockholder's shares of Franklin Resources, Inc. (Franklin or the Company) common stock at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and at any and all adjournments or postponements of the meeting, on the matters set forth on the reverse side of this card. This proxy card also provides voting instructions for shares held in the Franklin Templeton Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan as described in the proxy statement. The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time, in the H.L. Jamieson Auditorium, One Franklin Parkway, Building 920, San Mateo, California.

**The Board of Directors has solicited this proxy and it will be voted as specified on this proxy card on the proposals proposed by Franklin listed on the reverse side. If you do not mark any votes or abstentions, this proxy will be voted FOR all nominees to the Board of Directors, FOR ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 and FOR the approval of an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. If any other matters come before the meeting to be voted on, the proxy holders named in this proxy will vote, act and consent on those matters in their discretion.**

**Address Changes/Comments:**

(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

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Please complete, sign and date this proxy on the reverse side and return it promptly in the accompanying envelope.