

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOFFE ROBERT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O CRAVATH, SWAINE &
 MOORE LLP, 825 EIGHTH
 AVENUE**

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 100197475

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
 [BEN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
09/22/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Deferred Director's Fees (FRI) | (1) | 09/22/2005 | | A | 18.482 | 05/26/2018 ⁽²⁾ 05/26/2018 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock, par value \$.10 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

By: BARBARA J. GREEN,
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

09/23/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Not Applicable

(2) Represents a hypothetical investment account calculation of deferred Franklin Resources, Inc.'s director's fees based upon the performance of Issuer's stock (including reinvested dividends) payable in cash on the earlier of Mr. Joffe's ceasing to be a director or May 26, 2018.

(3) Represents the equivalent amount of Franklin Resources, Inc.'s common stock under the director's deferred compensation arrangement as of the transaction date.

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