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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 527-7500

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 2/29/08

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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FEBRUARY 29, 2008

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Franklin Templeton's distinct multi-manager structure combines the specialized expertise of three world-class investment management groups-- Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series.

SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

Each of our portfolio management groups operates autonomously, relying on its own research and staying true to the unique investment disciplines that underlie its success.

FRANKLIN. Founded in 1947, Franklin is a recognized leader in fixed income investing and also brings expertise in growth- and value-style U.S. equity investing.

TEMPLETON. Founded in 1940, Templeton pioneered international investing and, in 1954, launched what has become the industry's oldest global fund. Today, with offices in over 25 countries, Templeton offers investors a truly global perspective.

MUTUAL SERIES. Founded in 1949, Mutual Series is dedicated to a unique style of value investing, searching aggressively for opportunity among what it believes are undervalued stocks, as well as arbitrage situations and distressed securities.

TRUE DIVERSIFICATION

Because our management groups work independently and adhere to different investment approaches, Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series funds typically have distinct portfolios. That's why our funds can be used to build truly diversified allocation plans covering every major asset class.

RELIABILITY YOU CAN TRUST

At Franklin Templeton Investments, we seek to consistently provide investors with exceptional risk-adjusted returns over the long term, as well as the reliable, accurate and personal service that has helped us become one of the most trusted names in financial services.

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

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Semiannual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund

YOUR FUND'S GOALS AND MAIN INVESTMENTS: Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund seeks high, current income, with a secondary goal of capital appreciation, by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total net assets in income-producing securities of sovereign or sovereign-related entities and private sector companies in emerging market countries.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN*

Based on Total Net Assets as of 2/29/08

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

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Americas | 45.9% |
| Asia | 23.5% |
| Europe | 17.2% |
| Middle East & Africa | 7.8% |
| Supranational** | 4.5% |
| Other Assets, less Liabilities | 1.1% |

* The Geographic Breakdown is a snapshot of the Fund on 2/29/08 and may not reflect ongoing repositioning or reinvestment of cash in the Fund.

** The Fund's supranational investment is denominated in the Mexican peso.

THE DOLLAR VALUE, NUMBER OF SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AND NAMES OF ALL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS ARE LISTED IN THE FUND'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (SOI). THE SOI BEGINS ON PAGE 10.

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WHAT IS A CURRENT ACCOUNT?

A current account is that part of the balance of payments where all of one

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country's international transactions in goods and services are recorded.

WHAT IS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS?

Balance of payments is a record of all of a country's exports and imports of goods and services, borrowing and lending with the rest of the world during a particular time period. It helps a country evaluate its competitive strengths and weaknesses and forecast the strength of its currency.

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to bring you Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund's semiannual report for the period ended February 29, 2008.

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

For the six months under review, Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund posted cumulative total returns of +12.55% based on market price and +8.58% based on net asset value. The Fund outperformed the J.P. Morgan (JPM) Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBIG), which posted a +5.68% cumulative total return in U.S. dollar terms for the same period.¹ You can find the Fund's long-term performance data in the Performance Summary on page 7.

ECONOMIC AND MARKET OVERVIEW

The six-month period was marked by rising delinquencies in U.S. subprime mortgages, broader global credit deleveraging and the resulting fallout on the global economy and financial markets. In an environment of heightened uncertainty, equity and credit markets broadly came under pressure while developed bond markets benefited from flight to quality. Additionally, the U.S. dollar depreciated further while commodity prices continued to rise.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed) aggressively cut interest rates over the past six months to mitigate the credit shock and housing market slump's negative effects. The Fed cut the federal funds target rate 225 basis points (bps) from 5.25% to 3.00% by period-end. U.S. economic growth slowed to an annualized 0.6% in fourth quarter 2007, accompanied by significant declines in consumer confidence as housing prices contracted and the labor market began shedding jobs. While slower domestic demand growth relieved pressure on the widening U.S. current account deficit, the deficit's magnitude remained difficult to finance through capital inflows amid slower growth prospects and lower short-term interest rates, adding to depreciation pressure on the U.S. dollar. The euro hit a record high against the U.S. dollar, reaching \$1.52 per euro, due to relative growth and interest rates.² The European Central Bank (ECB) provided increased liquidity to the European banking system to help alleviate the global credit crunch's impact. Other developed market central

1. Source: J.P. Morgan. The JPM EMBIG tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans and Eurobonds. Local and regional bond market returns are based on subindexes of the JPM EMBIG. The index is unmanaged and includes reinvested interest. One cannot invest directly in an index, nor is an index representative of the Fund's portfolio.

2. Source: Exshare (via Compustat via Factset).

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banks including Canada and the U.K. reduced interest rates in the period while Japan left rates unchanged.

China remained an important contributor to Asia's continued robust growth. Gross domestic product (GDP) grew 11.2% in fourth quarter 2007 year-over-year. Chinese monetary authorities continued to tighten credit conditions through various channels including increasing interest rates 45 bps over the period. However, inflation pressures picked up, primarily reflecting higher global commodity prices, and China's consumer price inflation jumped to 8.7% in February 2008. 3 Asia continued to generate large current account surpluses and accumulate foreign exchange reserves. With increased risk aversion and volatile equity performance, sovereign wealth funds helped provide stability to U.S. and European financial systems through bank recapitalization.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

We invest selectively in bonds around the world to generate income for the Fund, seeking opportunities while monitoring changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates and credit risk.

MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

In a challenging economic environment, U.S. dollar-denominated emerging bond markets generated positive performance during the six-month period. The JPM EMBIG, composed of U.S. dollar-denominated emerging market sovereign debt, returned +5.68% over the period.1 Sovereign interest rate spreads, a valuation measure, rose from 235 bps over the U.S. Treasury market on August 31, 2007, to 306 bps at period-end, largely reflecting the significant drop in U.S. Treasury yields.1 For example, 10-year U.S. Treasury yields fell 101 bps to 3.53% over the period. Regionally, Latin American sovereign debt returned +5.08%, Asia +6.70%, Africa +4.67%, Middle East +12.02% and Eastern Europe +5.48%.1 While financial market contagion impacted emerging market local debt markets during the six-month period, local debt markets displayed a measure of resilience, ending the period with a +2.89% return as measured by the JPM Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) in local currency terms. 4

CURRENCY BREAKDOWN 2/29/08

| | % OF TOTAL NET ASSETS |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| AMERICAS | 81.0% |
| U.S. Dollar | 68.0% |
| Brazilian Real | 12.8% |
| Mexican Peso | 0.2% |
| ASIA PACIFIC | 12.4% |
| Indonesian Rupiah | 11.6% |
| Malaysian Ringgit | 0.8% |
| EUROPE | 4.7% |
| Polish Zloty | 2.9% |
| Euro | 1.8% |
| MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA | 1.9% |
| Egyptian Pound | 1.9% |

3. Source: National Bureau of Statistics.

4. Source: J.P. Morgan. The JPM GBI-EM tracks total returns for liquid, fixed-rate, local currency emerging market government bonds.

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WHAT IS DURATION?

Duration is a measure of a bond's price sensitivity to interest rate changes. In general, a portfolio of securities with a lower duration can be expected to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than a portfolio with a higher duration.

LATIN AMERICA

Rising commodity prices had two effects on emerging markets during the period. First, as commodity exporters, their exports and trade balances benefited from higher commodity prices. Second, food and energy accounted for a significantly higher portion of emerging market consumption, which pushed inflation rates higher across emerging markets. In Latin America, higher commodity prices helped Brazil and Peru maintain trade surpluses despite relatively strong domestic economies. The Fund benefited from its local Brazilian bond market position as the Brazilian real appreciated 16.36% against the U.S. dollar. 2 Additionally, the Fund's underweighted position in U.S. dollar-denominated Brazilian debt relative to the JPM EMBIG boosted performance given that the external Brazilian market lagged the broader index. The Fund's small overweighted Peruvian position also helped relative performance. During the period, we held longer duration local Mexican debt exposure where we believed investors were too optimistic in their expectations for the economy to fully decouple from global credit market events or the U.S. economic slowdown. Economic data revealed moderating consumption activity and worker remittances from the U.S. As a result, investor expectations with regard to future interest rates shifted, benefiting local bond yields. Mexican long-term bond yields fell 31 bps while the bond market returned +5.55% in local currency terms as measured by the JPM GBI Broad. 5

EUROPE

Economic activity in Eastern Europe remained strong during the six-month period. Poland's local bond market returned +22.60% in U.S. dollar terms as measured by the JPM GBI Broad. 5 The country's early elections resulted in a fiscally conservative government with a long-term goal of bringing Poland into the eurozone. Additionally, strong growth, rising food prices and high wage costs prompted the Polish central bank to raise interest rates 75 bps, benefiting the currency. As a major exporter of crude oil, Russia benefited from rising oil prices particularly through accumulation of foreign exchange reserves, which ended February at \$491 billion, or more than 10 times the Russian government's foreign outstanding debt. 6 Both Russia and Ukraine continued to generate solid growth performance. Russia's real GDP rose 8.1% in 2007 while Ukraine's grew 7.3%. 7 However, strong economic growth and limited policy action led to a pickup in inflationary pressures. Thus, our

5. Source: J.P. Morgan. The JPM GBI Broad is a combination of the JPM GBI Global and selected other countries launched in 1997 to increase country and return diversification in international fixed income markets. The JPM GBI Global tracks total returns for liquid, fixed-rate, domestic government bonds with maturities

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greater than one year issued by developed countries globally. Local and regional bond market returns are based on subindexes of these indexes.

6. Source: The Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

7. Source: Federal Service of State Statistics; State Statistics Committee of Ukraine.

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Russian and Ukrainian positioning detracted from relative performance. Russia and Ukraine returned +5.91% and +4.21% according to the JPM EMBIG. 1 Iraq was among the best performing emerging bond markets during the period, returning +33.46% as measured by the JPM EMBIG, consequently boosting the Fund's relative performance. 1 Iraqi dollar-denominated bonds benefited from higher oil prices and an oil production increase. Oil exports reached a post-invasion record high during the period.

ASIA

While Asian economic growth remained reasonably strong during the six-month period, we added a defensive local bond market position in South Korea. In South Korea, the central bank has increased interest rates a cumulative 100 basis points over the past two years, and the market has been pricing in a continuation of this tightening cycle. However, in our view, the combination of strong trade links to the U.S. and moderating domestic growth could lead to a South Korean economic slowdown. Therefore, we viewed South Korean interest rates as attractive and added exposure. We believe our South Korean position could also benefit from potential cyclical undercurrents in China following policy tightening amid global recoupling and the risk of asset price corrections. South Korean long-term bond yields fell 34 bps during the period, and the bond market returned +4.26% in local currency terms according to the JPM GBI Broad. 5 Banking sector tensions and flight to quality drove treasury yields lower in developed bond markets during the six months under review while financial market contagion pushed yields higher in some emerging bond markets. For example, Indonesia's long-term yields rose 43 bps in the period. Partially offset by U.S. dollar weakness, the Indonesian bond market outperformed the JPM EMBIG, returning +6.72% in U.S. dollar terms as measured by the HSBC Asian Local Bond Index (ALBI). 8 While underweighted relative to the benchmark index, we held U.S. dollar-denominated debt exposure to the Philippines, which returned +7.29% according to the JPM EMBIG. 1 The Philippines benefited from an improving budget with its 2007 budget performing better than expected. Additionally, continued worker remittances to the Philippines supported the economy's external position, helping to offset its trade deficit.

TOP 10 COUNTRIES 2/29/08

| | % OF TOTAL NET ASSETS |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Brazil | 19.7% |
| Indonesia | 11.6% |
| Argentina | 9.7% |
| Mexico | 5.5% |

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| | |
|---------------|------|
| Russia | 4.9% |
| Iraq | 4.7% |
| Peru | 4.6% |
| Supranational | 4.5% |
| Philippines | 4.1% |
| Ukraine | 3.4% |

8. Source: HSBC. The HSBC ALBI tracks total return performance of a bond portfolio, which consists of local-currency denominated, high quality and liquid bonds in Asia ex-Japan. Local bond market returns are based on subindexes of the HSBC ALBI.

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

Sincerely,

[PHOTO OMITTED] /s/ Michael Hasenstab

Michael Hasenstab, Ph.D.
Portfolio Manager
Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION REFLECTS OUR ANALYSIS, OPINIONS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2008, THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE WAY WE IMPLEMENT OUR MAIN INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND THE RESULTING PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON FACTORS SUCH AS MARKET AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. THESE OPINIONS MAY NOT BE RELIED UPON AS INVESTMENT ADVICE OR AN OFFER FOR A PARTICULAR SECURITY. THE INFORMATION IS NOT A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF EVERY ASPECT OF ANY MARKET, COUNTRY, INDUSTRY, SECURITY OR THE FUND. STATEMENTS OF FACT ARE FROM SOURCES CONSIDERED RELIABLE, BUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THEIR COMPLETENESS OR ACCURACY. ALTHOUGH HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS, THESE INSIGHTS MAY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND OUR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY.

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Performance Summary as of 2/29/08

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

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distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

| SYMBOL: TEI | CHANGE | 2/29/08 | 8/31/07 |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Net Asset Value (NAV) | +\$0.39 | \$15.15 | \$14.70 |
| Market Price (NYSE) | +\$0.80 | \$14.32 | \$13.52 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/07-2/29/08) | | | |
| Dividend Income | \$0.8395 | | |

PERFORMANCE

| | 6-MONTH | 1-YEAR | 5-YEAR | 10-YEAR |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| Cumulative Total Return 1 | | | | |
| Based on change in NAV 2 | +8.58% | +9.83% | +87.20% | +173.88% |
| Based on change in market price 3 | +12.55% | +8.88% | +76.88% | +192.93% |
| Average Annual Total Return 1 | | | | |
| Based on change in NAV 2 | +8.58% | +9.83% | +13.35% | +10.60% |
| Based on change in market price 3 | +12.55% | +8.88% | +12.08% | +11.34% |

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

ENDNOTES

SPECIAL RISKS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN INVESTING, INCLUDING CURRENCY VOLATILITY, ECONOMIC INSTABILITY AND SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF COUNTRIES WHERE THE FUND INVESTS. EMERGING MARKETS INVOLVE HEIGHTENED RISKS RELATED TO THE SAME FACTORS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE AND LESSER LIQUIDITY. ALSO, AS A NONDIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT COMPANY, THE FUND MAY INVEST IN A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF ISSUERS AND, AS A RESULT, BE SUBJECT TO GREATER RISK OF LOSS WITH RESPECT TO ITS PORTFOLIO SECURITIES.

1. Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated. Six-month return has not been annualized.

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

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Important Notice to Shareholders

SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

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

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| | SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (UNAUDITED) | | YEAR ENDED A 2007 2006 | |
|---|--|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE (for a share outstanding throughout the period) | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period ... | \$ 14.76 | \$ 14.63 | \$ 13.75 | \$ 13.75 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | | |
| Net investment income a | 0.53 | 1.00 | 0.89 | 0.89 |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) | 0.70 | 0.25 | 0.90 | 0.90 |
| Total from investment operations | 1.23 | 1.25 | 1.79 | 1.79 |
| Less distributions from net investment income | (0.84) | (1.12) | (0.91) | (0.91) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 15.15 | \$ 14.76 | \$ 14.63 | \$ 14.63 |
| Market value, end of period b | \$ 14.32 | \$ 13.52 | \$ 13.49 | \$ 13.49 |
| Total return (based on market value per share) c | 12.55% | 8.39% | 8.71% | 8.71% |
| RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS d | | | | |
| Expenses | 1.18% e | 1.17% e | 1.22% e | 1.22% e |
| Net investment income | 7.15% | 6.63% | 6.29% | 6.29% |

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SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

| | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Net assets, end of period (000's) | \$ 717,261 | \$ 698,702 | \$ 692,469 | \$ 650 |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 9.22% | 36.26% | 23.68% | 5 |

a Based on average daily shares outstanding.

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

c Total return is not annualized for periods less than one year.

d Ratios are annualized for periods less than one year.

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

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. | 9

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

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| | | PRINCI |
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS 92.7% | | |
| BONDS 92.7% | | |
| ARGENTINA 9.7% | | |
| b,c Government of Argentina, FRN, 3.092%, 8/03/12 | | 126 |
| BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 1.8% | | |
| b Government of Bosnia & Herzegovina, FRN, 5.647%, 12/11/17 | | 10 |
| BRAZIL 19.6% | | |
| Government of Brazil, | | |
| 8.00%, 1/15/18 | | 40 |
| b FRN, 10.58%, 6/29/09 | | 2 |
| Nota Do Tesouro Nacional, | | |
| 9.762%, 1/01/12 | | |
| 9.762%, 1/01/14 | | |
| 9.762%, 1/01/17 | | |
| e Index Linked, 6.00%, 5/15/15 | | |
| e Index Linked, 6.00%, 5/15/45 | | |
| COLOMBIA 0.9% | | |
| Government of Colombia, 11.75%, 2/25/20 | | 4 |
| EGYPT 0.0% f | | |

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|---|---------|
| g,h Egypt Treasury Bill, 3/03/09 | |
| EL SALVADOR 0.4% | |
| i Government of El Salvador, 144A, 7.65%, 6/15/35 | 2 |
| FIJI 1.1% | |
| Republic of Fiji, 6.875%, 9/13/11 | 8 |
| GERMANY 2.1% | |
| i Bayerische Hypo (Kiev), 144A, 8.625%, 7/15/11 | 14 |
| GHANA 0.8% | |
| j Government of Ghana, Reg S, 8.50%, 10/04/17 | 5 |
| INDIA 1.3% | |
| i ICICI Bank Ltd., | |
| 144A, 6.625%, 10/03/12 | 6 |
| b sub. note, 144A, FRN, 6.375%, 4/30/22 | 3 |
| INDONESIA 11.6% | |
| Government of Indonesia, | |
| 14.25%, 6/15/13 | 169,282 |
| 14.275%, 12/15/13 | 166,215 |
| 11.00%, 10/15/14 | 120,832 |
| 10.75%, 5/15/16 | 26,870 |
| 10.00%, 7/15/17 | 18,800 |
| 11.50%, 9/15/19 | 40,000 |
| 11.00%, 11/15/20 | 132,050 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

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LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

BONDS (CONTINUED)

IRAQ 4.7%

| | |
|--|----|
| i Government of Iraq, 144A, 5.80%, 1/15/28 | 45 |
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| | | |
|------------------|--|-----|
| KAZAKHSTAN 0.3% | | |
| i | HSBK Europe BV, 144A, 7.25%, 5/03/17 | 2 |
| MALAYSIA 0.8% | | |
| | Government of Malaysia, | |
| | 3.756%, 4/28/11 | 15 |
| | 3.461%, 7/31/13 | 1 |
| | 3.814%, 2/15/17 | |
| MEXICO 5.5% | | |
| | Government of Mexico, | |
| | 8.00%, 12/17/15 | 1 |
| | 10.00%, 12/05/24 | 1 |
| NETHERLANDS 2.1% | | |
| | Rabobank Nederland, senior note, 8.75%, 1/24/17 | 157 |
| PAKISTAN 1.8% | | |
| i | Government of Pakistan, 144A, 6.875%, 6/01/17 | 15 |
| PANAMA 0.9% | | |
| | Government of Panama, 6.70%, 1/26/36 | 6 |
| PERU 4.6% | | |
| | Government of Peru, | |
| | 9.875%, 2/06/15 | 1 |
| | 7.35%, 7/21/25 | 10 |
| | 8.75%, 11/21/33 | 12 |
| i | Peru Enhanced Pass-Through Finance Ltd., senior secured bond, A-1, 144A, zero cpn., 5/31/18 | 4 |
| PHILIPPINES 4.1% | | |
| | Government of the Philippines, | |
| | 9.00%, 2/15/13 | 21 |
| j | Reg S, 8.75%, 10/07/16 | 3 |
| POLAND 2.9% | | |
| | Government of Poland, | |
| | 6.00%, 5/24/09 | 32 |
| | 6.25%, 10/24/15 | 15 |

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| ----- | | |
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) | | |
| BONDS (CONTINUED) | | |
| RUSSIA 4.9% | | |
| j | Alfa MTN Markets Ltd. for ABH Financial Ltd., Reg S, 8.20%, 6/25/12 | 1 |
| j | Government of Russia, Reg S, | |
| | 11.00%, 7/24/18 | 12 |
| | 12.75%, 6/24/28 | 5 |
| j | LUKOIL International Finance BV, Reg S, | |
| | 6.356%, 6/07/17 | 2 |
| | 6.656%, 6/07/22 | 3 |
| | | |
| SOUTH AFRICA 0.4% | | |
| b,i | Edcon Holdings, 144A, FRN, 10.448%, 6/15/15 | 1 |
| b,j | Edcon Proprietary Ltd., senior secured note, Reg S, FRN, 8.198%, 6/15/14 | 2 |
| | | |
| SOUTH KOREA 2.4% | | |
| Korea Treasury Bond, | | |
| | 5.25%, 9/10/12 | 5,355 |
| | 5.50%, 9/10/17 | 5,305 |
| | 5.25%, 3/10/27 | 5,148 |
| | | |
| l | SUPRANATIONAL 4.5% | |
| | Inter-American Development Bank, senior note, 7.50%, 12/05/24 | 355 |
| | | |
| UKRAINE 3.4% | | |
| i | Government of the Ukraine, 144A, | |
| | 7.65%, 6/11/13 | 11 |
| | b FRN, 6.391%, 8/05/09 | 11 |
| | | |
| VIETNAM 0.1% | | |
| b | Government of Vietnam, FRN, 6.313%, 3/12/16 | |
| | | |
| TOTAL BONDS (COST \$615,825,374) | | |

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|---|--|----|
| m | OPTIONS PURCHASED 0.0% f | |
| | PUTS | |
| | BRAZIL 0.0% f | |
| n | Brazilian Real Put, strike price 1.9 BRL, expiration date 4/17/08 | \$ |
| n | Brazilian Real Put, strike price 2.05 BRL, expiration date 1/20/09 | |
| | TOTAL OPTIONS PURCHASED (COST \$5,130) | |
| | TOTAL LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$615,830,504) | |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

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| | | |
|---|--|----|
| | SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS 6.2% | |
| | FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 1.9% | |
| | EGYPT 1.9% | |
| g | Egypt Treasury Bills, 7/01/08 - 1/13/09 | 76 |
| | MALAYSIA 0.0% f | |
| g | Malaysia Treasury Bill, 5/08/08 | |
| | TOTAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (COST \$13,113,746) | |
| | TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE MONEY MARKET FUND (COST \$628,944,250) | |
| | MONEY MARKET FUND (COST \$30,880,064) 4.3% | |
| | UNITED STATES 4.3% | |
| o | Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio, 3.13% | 30 |
| | TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$659,824,314) 98.9% | |
| | NET UNREALIZED LOSS ON FORWARD EXCHANGE CONTRACTS (0.3)% | |
| | OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 1.4% | |
| | NET ASSETS 100.0% | |

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CURRENCY ABBREVIATIONS

BRL - Brazilian Real
EGP - Egyptian Pound
EUR - Euro
IDR - Indonesian Rupiah
KRW - South Korean Won
MXN - Mexican Peso
MYR - Malaysian Ringgit
PLN - Polish Zloty

SELECTED PORTFOLIO ABBREVIATIONS

FRN - Floating Rate Note
MTN - Medium Term Note

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

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- a The principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.
 - b The coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end.
 - c The principal amount is stated in original face, and scheduled paydowns are reflected in the market price on ex-date.
 - d Principal amount is stated in 1,000 Brazilian Real Units.
 - e Redemption price at maturity is adjusted for inflation. See Note 1(g).
 - f Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.
 - g The security is traded on a discount basis with no stated coupon rate.
 - h See Note 1(c) regarding securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
 - i Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At February 29, 2008, the aggregate value of these securities was \$104,570,575, representing 14.58% of net assets.
 - j Security was purchased pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, which exempts from registration securities offered and sold outside of the United States. Such a security cannot be sold in the United States without either an effective registration statement filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or pursuant to an exemption from registration. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At February 29, 2008, the aggregate value of these securities was \$47,514,479,

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representing 6.62% of net assets.

k Principal amount is stated in 100 Mexican Peso Units.

l A supranational organization is an entity formed by two or more central governments through international treaties.

m See Note 1(e) regarding options.

n Non-income producing for the twelve months ended February 29, 2008.

o See Note 7 regarding investments in the Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES February 29, 2008 (unaudited)

Assets:

Investments in securities:

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Cost - Unaffiliated issuers | \$ | 628,944,2 |
| Cost - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7) | | 30,880,0 |
| | | ----- |
| Total cost of investments | \$ | 659,824,3 |
| | | ===== |
| Value - Unaffiliated issuers | \$ | 679,021,8 |
| Value - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7) | | 30,880,0 |
| | | ----- |
| Total value of investments | | 709,901,8 |
| Foreign currency, at value (cost \$520,297) | | 520,7 |
| Receivables - Interest | | 10,454,0 |
| Unrealized gain on forward exchange contracts (Note 8) | | 706,7 |
| | | ----- |
| Total assets | | 721,583,4 |
| | | ----- |

Liabilities:

Payables:

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Investment securities purchased | | 4,2 |
| Affiliates | | 555,0 |
| Unaffiliated transfer agent fees | | 498,5 |
| Unrealized loss on forward exchange contracts (Note 8) | | 3,098,1 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | | 166,0 |
| | | ----- |
| Total liabilities | | 4,322,0 |
| | | ----- |
| Net assets, at value | \$ | 717,261,3 |
| | | ===== |

Net assets consist of:

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| Paid-in capital | \$ | 661,133,5 |
| Undistributed net investment income | | 8,131,6 |

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|--|--------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 47,944,4 |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) | 51,7 |
| | ----- |
| Net assets, at value | \$ 717,261,3 |
| | ===== |
| Shares outstanding | 47,338,8 |
| | ===== |
| Net asset value per share | \$ 15. |
| | ===== |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the period ended February 29, 2008 (unaudited)

Investment income:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Dividends - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7) | \$ 500,4 |
| Interest (net of foreign taxes of \$569,742) | 28,894,4 |
| | ----- |
| Total investment income | 29,394,9 |
| | ----- |

Expenses:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Management fees (Note 3a) | 2,959,1 |
| Administrative fees (Note 3b) | 529,0 |
| Transfer agent fees | 393,9 |
| Custodian fees (Note 4) | 173,8 |
| Reports to shareholders | 46,8 |
| Registration and filing fees | 22,0 |
| Professional fees | 24,7 |
| Trustees' fees and expenses | 24,9 |
| Other | 12,3 |
| | ----- |
| Total expenses | 4,186,8 |
| Expense reductions (Note 4) | (11,1) |
| | ----- |
| Net expenses | 4,175,7 |
| | ----- |
| Net investment income | 25,219,1 |
| | ----- |

Realized and unrealized gains (losses):

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Net realized gain (loss) from: | |
| Investments | 8,347,9 |
| Foreign currency transactions | 11,5 |
| | ----- |
| Net realized gain (loss) | 8,359,4 |
| | ----- |

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Investments | 26,711,6 |
| Translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies .. | (1,989,6) |
| | ----- |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 24,721,9 |
| | ----- |

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|---|-------------|
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | 33,081,4 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 58,300,5 |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | |
|---|----|
| Increase (decrease) in net assets: | |
| Operations: | |
| Net investment income | \$ |
| Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions | |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies | |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | |
| Distributions to shareholders from net investment income | |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets | |
| Net assets: | |
| Beginning of period | |
| End of period | \$ |
| Undistributed net investment income included in net assets: | |
| End of period | \$ |

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Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund (Fund) is registered under the Investment

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Company Act of 1940, as amended, (1940 Act) as a non-diversified, closed-end investment company.

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

A. SECURITY VALUATION

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

Corporate debt securities and government securities generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund may utilize independent pricing services, quotations from bond dealers, and information with respect to bond and note transactions, to assist in determining a current market value for each security. The Fund's pricing services may use valuation models or matrix pricing which considers information with respect to comparable bond and note transactions, quotations from bond dealers, or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as rating, interest rate and maturity date, option adjusted spread models, prepayment projections, interest rate spreads and yield curves, to determine current value.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of individual securities and other assets for which market prices are not readily available or which may not be reliably priced. Methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis, matrix pricing, discounts from market prices of similar securities, or discounts applied due to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such securities, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into question the availability (including the reliability) of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services. All security valuation procedures are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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

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date. Occasionally, events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

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

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

C. SECURITIES PURCHASED ON A WHEN-ISSUED OR DELAYED DELIVERY BASIS

The Fund may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, with payment and delivery scheduled for a future date. These transactions are subject to market fluctuations and are subject to the risk that the value at delivery may be more or less than the trade date purchase price. Although the Fund will generally purchase these securities with the intention of holding the securities, it may sell the securities before the settlement date. Sufficient assets have been segregated for these securities.

D. FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

When the Fund purchases or sells foreign securities it may enter into foreign exchange contracts to minimize foreign exchange risk from the trade date to the settlement date of the transactions. A foreign exchange contract is an agreement between two parties to exchange different currencies at an agreed upon exchange rate at a future date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on these contracts are included in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund may also enter into forward exchange contracts to hedge against fluctuations in foreign exchange rates or to gain exposure to certain foreign currencies. These contracts are valued daily by the Fund and the unrealized gains or losses on the contracts, as measured by the difference between the contractual forward foreign exchange rates and the forward rates at the reporting date, are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on these contracts are included in the Statement of Operations.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)

The risks of these contracts include movement in the values of the foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar and the possible inability of the

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counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contracts, which may be in excess of the amount reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

E. OPTIONS

The Fund may purchase or write options. Options are contracts entitling the holder to purchase or sell securities, currencies, or other financial instruments at a specified price or for a fixed currency amount. Options purchased are recorded as investments; options written (sold) are recorded as liabilities. Upon closing of an option, other than by exercise, which results in a cash settlement, the difference between the premium (original option value) and the settlement proceeds is realized as a gain or loss. When securities are acquired or delivered upon exercise of an option, the acquisition cost or sale proceeds are adjusted by the amount of the premium. When an option expires, the premium is realized as a gain for options written or as a loss for options purchased. The risks include the possibility there may be an illiquid options market or the inability of the counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contract. Writing options involves, to varying degrees, elements of market risk in excess of the amount recognized in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

F. INCOME TAXES

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

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

G. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS, INVESTMENT INCOME, EXPENSES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on a specific identification basis. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Amortization of premium and accretion of discount on debt securities are included in interest income. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis). Distributable earnings determined on a tax basis may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS, INVESTMENT INCOME, EXPENSES AND DISTRIBUTIONS
(CONTINUED)

accounts to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary differences are not

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reclassified, as they may reverse in subsequent periods.

Inflation-indexed bonds provide an inflation hedge through periodic increases in the security's interest accruals and principal redemption value, by amounts corresponding to the current rate of inflation. Any such adjustments, including adjustments to principal redemption value, are recorded as interest income.

H. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

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

I. GUARANTEES AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

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

2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

At February 29, 2008, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value). During the periods ended August 31, 2007 and February 29, 2008 there were no share transactions; all reinvested distributions were satisfied with previously issued shares purchased in the open market.

The Fund's Board of Trustees previously authorized an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, Fund shares in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. This authorization remains in effect. Through February 29, 2008, the Fund had repurchased a total of 610,500 shares. During the periods ended August 31, 2007 and February 29, 2008, there were no share repurchases.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

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

| SUBSIDIARY | AFFILIATION |
|--|------------------------|
| Franklin Advisers, Inc. (Advisers) | Investment manager |
| Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services) | Administrative manager |

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A. MANAGEMENT FEES

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

| ANNUALIZED FEE RATE | NET ASSETS |
|---------------------|---|
| 0.850% | Up to and including \$1 billion |
| 0.830% | Over \$1 billion, up to and including \$5 billion |
| 0.810% | Over \$5 billion, up to and including \$10 billion |
| 0.790% | Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$15 billion |
| 0.770% | Over \$15 billion, up to and including \$20 billion |
| 0.750% | In excess of \$20 billion |

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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

4. EXPENSE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the period ended February 29, 2008, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

5. INCOME TAXES

For tax purposes, capital losses may be carried over to offset future capital gains, if any. At August 31, 2007, the Fund had tax basis capital losses of \$8,363,136 expiring in 2011.

At February 29, 2008, the cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for income tax purposes were as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Cost of investments | \$ 664,319,714 |
| | ===== |
| Unrealized appreciation | \$ 51,377,361 |
| Unrealized depreciation | (5,795,187) |
| | ----- |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$ 45,582,174 |
| | ===== |

5. INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

Net investment income (loss) differs for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of foreign currency transactions, passive foreign investment companies and bond discounts and premiums.

Net realized gains (losses) differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of wash sales, foreign currency

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transactions, passive foreign investment companies, inflation related adjustment on foreign securities and bond discounts and premiums.

6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the period ended February 29, 2008, aggregated \$71,939,694 and \$60,663,079, respectively.

7. INVESTMENTS IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

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

8. FORWARD EXCHANGE CONTRACTS

At February 29, 2008, the Fund had the following forward exchange contracts outstanding:

| | | CONTRACT AMOUNT | SETTLEMENT DATE | UNREALIZED GAIN | UNREALIZED LOSS |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| CONTRACTS TO SELL | | | | | |
| 441,120 | Euro | \$ 622,107 | 3/25/08 | \$ -- | \$ (47,004) |
| 1,918,025 | Euro | 2,643,422 | 5/02/08 | -- | (261,873) |
| 167,925,352 | Mexican Peso | 15,000,031 | 5/06/08 | -- | (557,137) |
| 61,513,239 | Mexican Peso | 5,471,735 | 5/16/08 | -- | (220,142) |
| 112,062,923 | Mexican Peso | 9,713,350 | 5/20/08 | -- | (650,903) |
| 345,894,250 | Mexican Peso | 31,260,212 | 5/21/08 | -- | (726,290) |
| 34,649,958 | Mexican Peso | 3,050,441 | 6/12/08 | -- | (144,919) |
| 74,700,583 | Mexican Peso | 6,635,215 | 8/27/08 | -- | (186,662) |
| 13,012,157 | Mexican Peso | 1,146,567 | 9/15/08 | -- | (38,940) |
| 39,897,968 | Mexican Peso | 3,548,221 | 10/01/08 | -- | (79,584) |
| 39,728,544 | Mexican Peso | 3,528,290 | 10/02/08 | -- | (83,662) |
| 13,190,005,600 | South Korean Won ... | 14,594,412 | 11/13/08 | 584,123 | -- |
| 2,609,465,000 | South Korean Won ... | 2,894,260 | 11/17/08 | 122,649 | -- |
| 40,428,962 | Mexican Peso | 3,520,460 | 1/27/09 | -- | (101,013) |
| UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON FORWARD EXCHANGE CONTRACTS | | | | 706,772 | (3,098,129) |
| NET UNREALIZED LOSS ON FORWARD EXCHANGE CONTRACTS | | | | | \$ (2,391,357) ===== |

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9. CREDIT RISK

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The Fund has 71.33% of its portfolio invested in below investment grade and comparable quality unrated high yield securities, which tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than higher rated securities. The risk of loss due to default by the issuer may be significantly greater for the holders of high yielding securities because such securities are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to other creditors of the issuer.

10. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

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

11. REGULATORY AND LITIGATION MATTERS

As part of various investigations by a number of federal, state, and foreign regulators and governmental entities, including the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), relating to certain practices in the mutual fund industry, including late trading, market timing and marketing support payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares (marketing support), Franklin Resources, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), entered into settlements with certain of those regulators and governmental entities. Specifically, the Company entered into settlements with the SEC, among others, concerning market timing and marketing support.

On June 6, 2007, the SEC posted for public comment the proposed plan of distribution for the market timing settlement. Once the SEC approves the final plan of distribution, disbursements of settlement monies will be made promptly to individuals who were shareholders of the designated funds during the relevant period, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the settlement and plan.

In addition, the Company, as well as most of the mutual funds within Franklin Templeton Investments and certain current or former officers, Company directors, fund directors, and employees, have been named in private lawsuits (styled as shareholder class actions, or as derivative actions on behalf of either the named funds or Franklin Resources, Inc.). The lawsuits relate to the industry practices referenced above.

The Company and fund management believe that the claims made in each of the private lawsuits referenced above are without merit and intend to defend against them vigorously. The Company cannot predict with certainty the eventual outcome of these lawsuits, nor whether they will have a material negative impact on the Company. If it is determined that the Company bears responsibility for any unlawful or inappropriate conduct that caused losses to the Funds, it is committed to making the Funds or their shareholders whole, as appropriate.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

12. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes -- an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" (FIN 48), on February 29, 2008. FIN 48

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clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 provides guidance on the measurement, recognition, classification and disclosure of tax positions, along with accounting for the related interest and penalties. The Fund has reviewed the tax positions for each of the three open tax years as of August 31, 2007, and has determined that the implementation of FIN 48 did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements.

In September 2006, FASB issued FASB Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement" (SFAS 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Fund believes the adoption of SFAS 157 will have no material impact on its financial statements.

In March 2008, FASB issued FASB Statement No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" (SFAS 161), which expands disclosures about derivative investments and hedging activities. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Fund is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of applying the various provisions of SFAS 161.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the Fund's offices, 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 22, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to elect four Trustees of the Fund. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Trustees of the Fund: Harris J. Ashton, Ann Torre Bates, Edith E. Holiday and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos.* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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

The election of four Trustees:

| TERM EXPIRING 2011 | FOR | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES | % OF PRESENT AND VOTING | WITHHELD | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES | % OF PRESENT AND VOTING |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Harris J. Ashton | 41,563,985 | 87.80% | 98.22% | 751,400 | 1.59% | 1.78% |
| Edith E. Holiday | 41,593,086 | 87.86% | 98.29% | 722,299 | 1.53% | 1.71% |
| Constantine D. Tseretopoulos | 41,621,630 | 87.92% | 98.36% | 693,755 | 1.47% | 1.64% |
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| TERM EXPIRING 2009 | | | | | | |
| Ann Torre Bates | 41,631,079 | 87.94% | 98.38% | 684,306 | 1.45% | 1.62% |

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* Frank J. Crothers, Charles B. Johnson, Gregory E. Johnson, David W. Niemiec, Frank A. Olson, Larry D. Thompson and Robert E. Wade are Trustees of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office continued after the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

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

If shares of the Fund are held in the shareholder's name, the shareholder will automatically be a participant in the Plan unless he elects to withdraw. If the shares are registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (i.e., in "street name"), the broker-dealer or nominee will elect to participate in the Plan on the shareholder's behalf unless the shareholder instructs them otherwise, or unless the reinvestment service is not provided by the broker-dealer or nominee.

Participants should contact BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, PA, 15252-8035, to receive the Plan brochure.

To receive dividends or distributions in cash, the shareholder must notify BNY Mellon Shareowner Services (the "Plan Administrator") at the address above or the institution in whose name the shares are held. The Plan Administrator must receive written notice within ten business days before the record date for the distribution.

Whenever the Fund declares dividends in either cash or shares of the Fund, if the market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the valuation date, the participant will receive the dividends entirely in shares at a price equal to the net asset value, but not less than 95% of the then current market price of the Fund's shares. If the market price is lower than net asset value or if dividends and/or capital gains distributions are payable only in cash, the participant will receive shares purchased on NYSE Euronext (formerly the New York Stock Exchange) or otherwise on the open market.

A participant has the option of submitting additional cash payments to the Plan Administrator, in any amounts of at least \$100, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per month, for the purchase of Fund shares for his or her account. These payments shall be made by check or money order payable to "Mellon Bank, N.A." and sent to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 382009, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8009, Attention: Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund. The Plan Administrator shall apply such payments (less a \$5.00 service charge and less a pro rata share of trading fees) to purchases of the Fund's shares on the open market.

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

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

Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN (CONTINUED)

A participant may withdraw from the Plan without penalty at any time by written notice to the Plan Administrator sent to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P. O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, PA, 15252-8035. Upon withdrawal, the participant will receive, without charge, share certificates issued in the participant's name for all full shares held by the Plan Administrator; or, if the participant wishes, the Plan Administrator will sell the shares and send the proceeds to the participant, less a service charge of \$15.00 and less trading fees of \$0.12 per share.

DIRECT DEPOSIT SERVICE FOR REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

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

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DIRECT REGISTRATION

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

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Shares of Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund are traded on NYSE Euronext under the symbol "TEI." Information about the net asset value and the market price is published each Monday in the Wall Street Journal, weekly in Barron's and each Saturday in The New York Times and other newspapers. Daily market prices for the Fund's shares are published in the "NYSE Euronext Composite

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Transactions" section of newspapers.

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

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

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

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Fund has established Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. Shareholders may view the Fund's complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954/527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at sec.gov and reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund files a complete statement of investments with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's website at sec.gov. The filed form may also be viewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800/SEC-0330.

CERTIFICATIONS

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

In addition, the Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration and

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Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer are required by the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to provide certain certifications with respect to the Fund's Form N-CSR and Form N-CSRS (which include the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders) that are filed semiannually with the Commission. The Fund has filed such certifications with its Form N-CSR for the year ended August 31, 2007. Additionally, the Fund expects to file, on or about April 30, 2008, such certifications with its Form N-CSRS for the six months ended February 29, 2008.

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Literature Request

LITERATURE REQUEST. TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE AND PROSPECTUS, PLEASE CALL US AT 1-800/DIAL BEN(R) (1-800/342-5236) OR VISIT FRANKLINTEMPLETON.COM. INVESTORS SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER A FUND'S INVESTMENT GOALS, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES BEFORE INVESTING. THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINS THIS AND OTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE PROSPECTUS BEFORE INVESTING. TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE, WE MAY MONITOR, RECORD AND ACCESS TELEPHONE CALLS TO OR FROM OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENTS. THESE CALLS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF A REGULAR BEEPING TONE.

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON FUNDS

INTERNATIONAL

Franklin India Growth Fund
Mutual European Fund
Templeton BRIC Fund
Templeton China World Fund
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund
Templeton Foreign Fund
Templeton Foreign Smaller Companies Fund 1

GLOBAL

Mutual Discovery Fund
Templeton Global Long-Short Fund
Templeton Global Opportunities Trust
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund 1
Templeton Growth Fund
Templeton World Fund

GROWTH

Franklin Capital Growth Fund
Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund
Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund 2
Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund 3
Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund

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VALUE

Franklin All Cap Value Fund
Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund
Franklin Equity Income Fund
Franklin Large Cap Value Fund
Franklin MicroCap Value Fund 1
Franklin MidCap Value Fund
Franklin Small Cap Value Fund
Mutual Beacon Fund
Mutual Qualified Fund
Mutual Recovery Fund 4
Mutual Shares Fund

BLEND

Franklin Balanced Fund
Franklin Convertible Securities Fund
Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund
Franklin Growth Fund
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund

SECTOR

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

ASSET ALLOCATION

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

INCOME

Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund
Franklin High Income Fund
Franklin Income Fund
Franklin Limited Maturity U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund
Franklin Real Return Fund
Franklin Strategic Income Fund
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Templeton Hard Currency Fund

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Franklin Total Return Fund
Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Templeton Global Bond Fund
Templeton Income Fund
Templeton International Bond Fund

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NATIONAL FUNDS

Double Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Tax-Free Income Fund
High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund
Insured Tax-Free Income Fund 7

LIMITED-TERM FUNDS

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

INTERMEDIATE-TERM FUNDS

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

STATE-SPECIFIC

Alabama
Arizona
California 8
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts 7
Michigan 7
Minnesota 7
Missouri
New Jersey
New York 8
North Carolina
Ohio 7
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Virginia

INSURANCE FUNDS

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust 9

1. The fund is closed to new investors. Existing shareholders and select retirement plans can continue adding to their accounts.

2. Effective 11/1/07, Franklin Aggressive Growth Fund changed its name to Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund. The fund's investment goal and strategy remained the same.

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3. Effective 3/31/08, Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund II changed its name to Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund. The fund's investment goal and strategy remained the same.

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

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

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

7. The fund invests primarily in insured municipal securities.

8. These funds are available in two or more variations, including long-term portfolios, portfolios of insured securities, a high-yield portfolio (CA) and limited-term, intermediate-term and money market portfolios (CA and NY).

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

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FUND INFORMATION

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

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this risk should not invest in shares of the Fund.

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

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

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

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

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

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES. N/A

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Members of the Audit Committee are: Frank J. Crothers, David W. Niemiec, Ann Torre Bates and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. N/A

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

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

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

To assist it in analyzing proxies, the manager subscribes to RiskMetrics Group (RiskMetrics), an unaffiliated third party corporate governance research service

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that provides in-depth analyses of shareholder meeting agendas, vote recommendations, recordkeeping and vote disclosure services. In addition, the manager subscribes to Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis), an unaffiliated third party analytical research firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations on the shareholder meetings of publicly held U.S. companies. Although RiskMetrics' and/or Glass Lewis' analyses are thoroughly reviewed and considered in making a final voting decision, the manager does not consider recommendations from RiskMetrics, Glass Lewis or any other third party to be determinative of the manager's ultimate decision. The manager votes proxies solely in the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. As a matter of policy, the officers, directors/trustees and employees of the Fund, the manager and the Proxy Group will not be influenced by outside sources whose interests conflict with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. Efforts are made to resolve all conflicts in the interests of the manager's clients. Material conflicts of interest are identified by the Proxy Group based upon analyses of client, broker and vendor lists, information periodically gathered from directors and officers, and information derived from other sources, including public filings. In situations where a material conflict of interest is identified, the Proxy Group may defer to the voting recommendation of RiskMetrics, Glass Lewis or those of another independent third party provider of proxy services; or send the proxy directly to the Fund with a recommendation regarding the vote for approval. If the conflict is not resolved by the Fund, the Proxy Group may refer the matter, along with the recommended course of action by the manager to an interdepartmental Proxy Review Committee (which may include portfolio managers and/or research analysts employed by the manager), for evaluation and voting instructions. The Proxy Review Committee may defer to the voting recommendation of RiskMetrics, Glass Lewis or those of another independent third party provider of proxy services; or send the proxy directly to the Fund. Where the Proxy Group or the Proxy Review Committee refers a matter to the Fund, it may rely upon the instructions of a representative of the Fund, such as the board of trustees or a committee of the board.

Where a material conflict of interest has been identified, but the items on which the manager's vote recommendations differ from Glass Lewis, RiskMetrics, or another independent third party provider of proxy services relate specifically to (1) shareholder proposals regarding social or environmental issues or political contributions, (2) "Other Business" without describing the matters that might be considered, or (3) items the manager wishes to vote in opposition to the recommendations of an issuer's management, the Proxy Group may defer to the vote recommendations of the manager rather than sending the proxy directly to the Fund for approval.

To avoid certain potential conflicts of interest, the manager will employ echo voting, if possible, in the following instances: (1) when the Fund invests in an underlying fund in reliance on Sections 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, or pursuant to an SEC exemptive order; (2) when the Fund invests uninvested cash in affiliated money market funds pursuant to an SEC exemptive order ("cash sweep arrangement"); or (3) when required pursuant to the Fund's governing documents or applicable law. Echo voting means that the Investment Manager will vote the shares in the same proportion as the vote of all of the other holders of the fund's shares.

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

MANAGER'S PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES The manager has adopted general

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proxy voting guidelines, which are summarized below. These guidelines are not an exhaustive list of all the issues that may arise and the manager cannot anticipate all future situations. In all cases, each proxy will be considered based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

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

RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES. In light of several high profile accounting scandals, the manager will closely scrutinize the role and performance of auditors. On a case-by-case basis, the manager will examine proposals relating to non-audit relationships and non-audit fees. The manager will also consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals to rotate auditors, and will vote against the ratification of auditors when there is clear and compelling evidence of accounting irregularities or negligence.

MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION. A company's equity-based compensation plan should be in alignment with its shareholders' long-term interests. The manager believes that executive compensation should be directly linked to the performance of the company. The manager evaluates plans on a case-by-case basis by considering several factors to determine whether the plan is fair and reasonable, including the RiskMetrics quantitative model utilized to assess such plans and/or the Glass Lewis evaluation of the plans. The manager will generally oppose plans that have the potential to be excessively dilutive, and will almost always oppose plans that are structured to allow the repricing of underwater options, or plans that have an automatic share replenishment "evergreen" feature. The manager will generally support employee stock option plans in which the purchase price is at least 85% of fair market value, and when potential dilution is 10% or less.

Severance compensation arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, although the manager will generally oppose "golden parachutes" that are considered to be excessive. The manager will normally support proposals that require a percentage of directors' compensation to be in the form of common stock, as it aligns their interests with those of shareholders. The manager will review on a case-by-case basis any shareholder proposals to adopt policies on expensing stock option plans.

ANTI-TAKEOVER MECHANISMS AND RELATED ISSUES. The manager generally opposes anti-takeover measures since they tend to reduce shareholder rights. On occasion, the manager may vote with management when the research analyst has concluded that the proposal is not onerous and would not harm the Fund or its shareholders' interests. The manager generally supports proposals that require shareholder rights' plans ("poison pills") to be subject to a shareholder vote and will closely evaluate such plans on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not they warrant support. The manager will generally vote against any proposal to issue stock that has unequal or subordinate voting rights. The manager generally opposes any supermajority voting requirements as well as the payment of "greenmail." The manager generally supports "fair price" provisions and confidential voting.

CHANGES TO CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The manager will review, on a case-by-case basis, proposals by companies to increase authorized shares and the purpose for the

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increase and proposals seeking preemptive rights. The manager will generally not vote in favor of dual-class capital structures to increase the number of authorized shares where that class of stock would have superior voting rights. The manager will generally vote in favor of the issuance of preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock issuance are deemed reasonable.

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

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

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

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

Shareholders may view the complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954/527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the SEC website at WWW.SEC.GOV. The proxy voting records are updated each year by August 31 to reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

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

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS. N/A

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

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

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(A) **EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.** The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and

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forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(B) CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS. There have been no significant changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) Code of Ethics

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Galen G. Vetter, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Galen G. Vetter, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER

Galen G. Vetter
Chief Executive Officer -
Finance and Administration
Date: April 28, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER

Galen G. Vetter
Chief Executive Officer -
Finance and Administration

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