# TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND Form 40-17F2

March 21, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-17F-2

#### CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTING OF SECURITIES AND SIMILAR

INVESTMENTS IN THE CUSTODY OF

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

PURSUANT TO RULE N-17F-2 [17 CFR 270.17f-2]

1. Investment Co 811-04985	mpany Act F	ile Numbe	r:	Date E	Examination February	-
2. State Identification Number:						
AL	AK	AZ	AR		CA	CO
CT	DE	DC	FL		GA	HI
ID	IL	IN	IA		KS	KY
LA	ME	MD	MA		MI	MN
MS	MO	MT	NE		NV	NH
NJ	NM	NY	NC		ND	ОН
OK	OR	PA	RI		SC	SD
TN	TX	UT	VT		VA	WA
WV	WI	WY	PUERTO RI	CO		

3. Exact name of investment company as specified in registration statement:

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

4. Address of principal executive office: (number, street, city, state, zip  $\operatorname{code}$ )

300 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923

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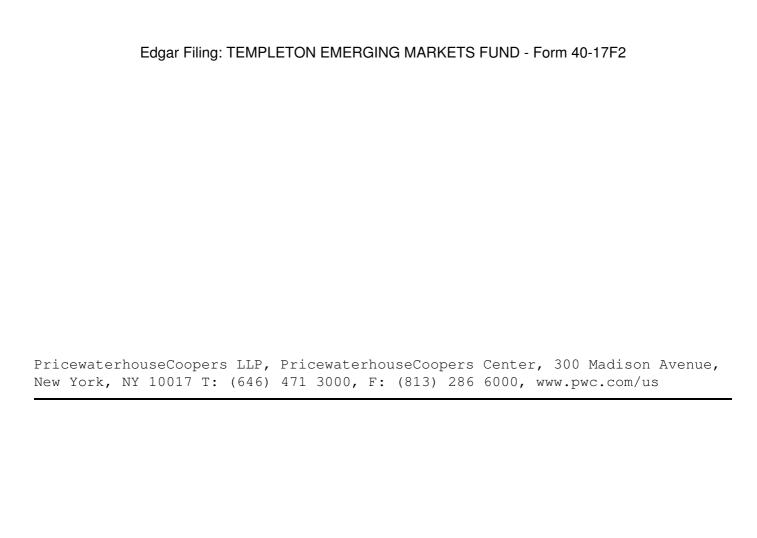
# Report of Independent Accountants

To the Board of Trustees of

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Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust
Templeton Global Investment Trust
Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust
Franklin Strategic Series
Franklin High Income Trust
Franklin U.S Government Money Fund
Franklin Templeton Money Fund Trust
Institutional Fiduciary Trust
Franklin Global Trust
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund
Franklin Universal Trust
Templeton China World Fund
Templeton Emerging Markets Fund
Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund
Templeton Funds
Templeton Global Income Fund
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund
Templeton Income Trust
Franklin Custodian Funds
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Investors Securities Trust
Franklin Templeton Global Trust
Franklin Templeton International Trust
Franklin Value Investors Trust
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Franklin Fund Allocator Series
Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust
Templeton Institutional Funds
Franklin ETF Trust
Franklin Managed Trust
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and the Board of Directors of

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Templeton Growth Fund, Inc.
Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.
Templeton Global Opportunities Trust
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We have examined management's assertion, included in the accompanying Management Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, that each of the Funds listed in Attachment I (hereafter referred to as the "Funds") complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("the Act") as of July 31, 2017. The Funds' management is responsible for its assertion and the Company's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Funds' compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects, and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Funds' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Included among our procedures were the following tests performed as of July 31, 2017, and with respect to agreement of security purchases and sales, for the period from May 31, 2017 (the date of our last examinations), through July 31, 2017 for each of the Funds:

- Without prior notice to management, confirmation of all securities held by Franklin Templeton Investors Services, Inc., transfer agent, as they pertain to the security positions owned by the Funds and held in book entry form.
- Reconciliation of such security positions to the books and records of the Funds
- Agreement of 55 security purchases and 55 security sales, since our last report, from the books and records of the Funds to the records of the transfer agent.

We believe that our examination provides, and that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide, a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Funds' compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Funds complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of July 31, 2017 with respect to securities reflected in the investment accounts of the Funds is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors and Trustees of the Funds and the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

/s/PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, LLP

February 23, 2018

# Management Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940

We, as members of management of the Franklin Templeton Funds indicated in Attachment I (the "Funds"), are responsible for complying with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2, "Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies," of the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are also responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls over compliance with those requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Funds' compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Rule 17f-2, as interpreted in Franklin Investors Securities Trust SEC No-Action Letter (publicly available September 24, 1992), and subsection (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as of July 31, 2017, and for the periods indicated in Attachment I.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Funds were in compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Rule 17f-2, as interpreted in Franklin Investors Securities Trust SEC No-Action Letter (publicly available September 24, 1992), and subsection (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as of July 31, 2017, and for the periods indicated in Attachment I, with respect to securities reflected in the investment accounts of the Funds.

By:

#### /s/GASTON GARDEY

#### Gaston Gardey

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Franklin Funds Board

Date February 23, 2018

#### /s/ROBERT G. KUBILIS

#### Robert G. Kubilis

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Templeton, New Jersey and Alternative Strategies Funds Board

Date February 23, 2018

#### /s/MATTHEW T. HINKLE

#### Matthew T. Hinkle

Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration

Date February 23, 2018

#### Attachment I

Fund	<b>Period</b> June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust	2017 2017 - July 31,					
Templeton Global Investment Trust:						
Templeton Emerging Markets Balanced Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
Templeton Frontier Markets Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
Templeton Global Balanced Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
Templeton Dynamic Equity Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust:						
Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
Franklin Strategic Series:						
Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
	June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin Flexible Alpha Bond Fund	2017					
Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017 June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund	June 1, 2017 July 31,					
Franklin Natural Resources Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund	2017 June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund	2017 June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin Strategic Income Fund	2017					
Franklin High Income Trust:						
Franklin High Income Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					
	June 1, 2017 - July 31,					
Franklin U.S. Government Money Fund	2017					
Franklin Templeton Money Fund Trust: Franklin Templeton U.S. Government Money Fund	June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017					

Institutional Fiduciary Trust:				
Money Market Portfolio	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Franklin Global Trust:  Franklin Emerging Market Debt	June 1,	2017 -	- July	31,
Opportunities Fund  Franklin International Growth Fund	2017 June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Franklin Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Franklin Universal Trust	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Templeton China World Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Templeton Emerging Markets Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
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Templeton Foreign Fund	June 1, 2017 June 1,		_	
Templeton World Fund	2017		1	·
Templeton Global Income Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Templeton Growth Fund, Inc.	June 1, 2017	2017 -	- July	31,
Templeton Income Trust:				
Templeton Emerging Markets Bond Fund	June 1, 2017			
Templeton Global Bond Fund	June 1, 2017			
Templeton Global Total Return Fund	June 1, 2017	ZU1/ -	- Јиту	Σ⊥,

	Templeton International Bond Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
Franklin	Custodian Funds:						
	Franklin DynaTech Fund	2017		2017			
	Franklin Growth Fund	2017		2017			
	Franklin Income Fund Franklin U.S. Government	2017		2017			
	Securities Fund	2017		2017		_	·
	Franklin Utilities Fund	2017		2017		_	
	Franklin Focused Growth Fund	2017	·			_	ŕ
Franklin	Strategic Mortgage Portfolio	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
Franklin	Investors Securities Trust:						
	Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund	2017		2017			
	Franklin Balanced Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
	Franklin Convertible Securities Fund		1,	2017	_	July	31,
	Franklin Equity Income Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
	Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund		1,	2017	_	July	31,
	Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
	Franklin Real Return Fund	2017		2017			
	Franklin Total Return Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
Franklin	Templeton Global Trust:	June	1	2017	_	.T11 ] 37	31
	Templeton Global Currency Fund	2017	± <b>/</b>	2017		oury	J + 7
Franklin	Templeton International Trust:					_	
	Franklin India Growth Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,
Franklin	Value Investors Trust:						
	Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund	2017		2017			
	Franklin MicroCap Value Fund	June 2017	1,	2017	_	July	31,

Franklin MidCap Value Fund

June 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017