## FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-08271

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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

MURRAY L. SIMPSON, ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 312-2000

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Date of fiscal year end: 7/31

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Date of reporting period: 7/31/03

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

JULY 31, 2003

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ANNUAL REPORT AND SHAREHOLDER LETTER

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#### FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS

#### GAIN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE

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 leader in tax-free investing and a driving force in fixed income investing around the globe. They also bring 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 research offices in over 25 countries, they offer investors the broadest global reach in the industry.

MUTUAL SERIES. Established in 1949, Mutual Series is dedicated to a unique style of value investing, searching aggressively for opportunity among undervalued stocks, arbitrage situations and distressed companies.

#### TRUE DIVERSIFICATION

Because our management groups work independently and adhere to distinctly different investment approaches, Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series funds typically have a low overlap of securities. That's why our funds can be used to build truly diversified portfolios 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 account services that have 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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#### ANNUAL REPORT

#### FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

YOUR FUND'S GOAL AND PRIMARY INVESTMENTS: Franklin Floating Rate Trust seeks to provide as high a level of current income and preservation of capital as is consistent with investment primarily in senior secured corporate loans and corporate debt securities with floating interest rates.

### PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Franklin Floating Rate Trust posted a +6.36% cumulative total return for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2003, as shown in the Performance Summary on page 7. The share price, as measured by net asset value, rose from \$8.31 per share on July 31, 2002, to \$8.43 at year-end. The Fund made dividend distributions totaling \$0.388467 per share. 1

### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

The U.S. economy entered its third year of lackluster growth during the period under review. Corporate accounting scandals and war with Iraq contributed to suppressed consumer confidence and tempered economic growth. The economy, as measured by gross domestic product (GDP) growth, expanded at a 3.1% annualized pace in the second quarter of 2003, following 1.4% annualized growth rates for each of the previous two quarters.

The Federal Reserve Board, in an attempt to bolster the sluggish economy, continued to cut interest rates during the period under review, reducing the federal funds target rate from 1.75% to 1.00% over the course of the reporting period. Short-term interest rates, as measured by the three-month London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the benchmark underlying many of the Fund's floating rate loans, also fell, dropping from 1.82% at the beginning of the period under review to 1.11% on July 31, 2003. For the same period, long-term rates also dipped, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling from 4.51% to 4.49% after reaching a low of 3.10% in early June.

Seeking to inject fiscal stimulus into the economy, the government approved another round of tax cuts, including dividend tax reductions. Even with monetary

1. Assumes shares were purchased and held for the entire accrual period. Since dividends accrue daily, your actual distributions will vary depending on the date you purchased your shares and any account activity during the month. Income

distributions include all accrued income earned by the Fund during the period.

THE DOLLAR VALUE, NUMBER OF SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AND COMPLETE LEGAL TITLES 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 ARE SYNDICATED BANK LOANS?

Syndicated bank loans are typically insured, floating rate loans to corporate borrowers made by a group, or syndicate, of banks and other lenders. A group of lenders provides capital to companies for varied purposes, such as merger and acquisition activity, leveraged buyouts or refinancings. Borrowing rates are generally pegged to an index, such as LIBOR, the London InterBank Offered Rate.

# TOP 10 HOLDINGS 7/31/03

COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS
Arch Wireless Inc. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS	2.8%
Adelphia Communications CABLE & SATELLITE TELEVISION	1.9%
Alabama Pine & Pulp PULP & PAPER	1.7%
DirecTV Holdings LLC  CABLE & SATELLITE TELEVISION	1.7%
Tenneco Automotive Inc. AUTO PARTS: O.E.M.	1.7%
Charter Communications CCVI & CCVIII CABLE & SATELLITE TELEVISION	1.5%
TRW Automotive Acquisition Corp. AUTO PARTS: O.E.M.	1.4%
Vertis Inc. COMMERCIAL PRINTING & FORMS	1.4%

American Reprographics COMMERCIAL PRINTING & FORMS	1.3%
Southern California Edison Co.	1.3%
ELECTRIC UTILITIES	

#### [END SIDEBAR]

AND fiscal stimulus, by period-end economic recovery was not assured. On a brighter note, U.S. equity markets, which often serve as a leading indicator of economic recovery, rallied through 2003's second quarter and into July, ending the fiscal year higher, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average increasing from 8736.59 on July 31, 2002, to 9233.80 at period-end, for a gain of 8.27%. 2

#### SYNDICATED BANK LOAN MARKET

The first few months of the year under review were challenging in the loan market, due to weakening institutional demand and a decline in new-issue volume. With the economy languishing and the threat of a war looming, Treasury yields declined and the LIBOR rate remained low, affecting our loan yields.

After a difficult late summer and early fall of 2002, the loan market recovered and performed well over the last nine months of the reporting period. Recovering equity and high yield bond markets contributed to improved performance, as did the entrance of new, non-traditional loan investors. Many of the new entrants into the loan market included hedge funds and other institutional vehicles seeking high risk-adjusted returns, which increased demand for loans.

Fundamental factors also contributed to the loan market's improved performance, resulting in lower default rates and fewer distressed and lower-rated loans than we have seen since 2000. In June 2003, the lagging 12-month Standard & Poor's default rate by principal amount declined to its lowest level since December 1999.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

We use credit analysis to select corporate loan and corporate debt securities that meet our criteria. We seek to invest in companies with the ability to generate substantial free cash flow, that are in industries with strong barriers to entry, and that possess significant asset coverage and collateral for our debt. We also prefer companies with dominant market shares, strong management teams and stable growth prospects, according to our analysis.

- 2. Source: Standard & Poor's Micropal. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is price-weighted based on the average market price of 30 blue chip stocks of companies that are generally industry leaders. Total return, calculated by Wilshire Associates Inc., includes reinvested dividends.
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## MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

During the 12 months ended July 31, 2003, the syndicated bank loan market was active, offering the Fund many investment opportunities in the primary and secondary markets. Our investments in TRW Automotive (TRW), Peabody Energy, International Steel Group (ISG) and DirecTV aided Fund performance. All four traded at premiums to our initial purchase price at period-end, while offering attractive yields. Their individual stories follow, below:

We bought the bank debt of TRW, a diversified supplier of automotive systems, modules and components. TRW serves all major vehicle manufacturers and their suppliers worldwide, and the company is widely recognized for its superior safety systems. TRW operates primarily in North America and Europe, but also has facilities in China, South Korea, India, South Africa and other parts of the world. The company holds the top market position in several of its product lines and is among the leaders in several others.

We also purchased Peabody Energy's bank debt. In 2002 Peabody, the world's largest private-sector coal producer, fueled the generation of more than 9% of all U.S. electric consumption. Peabody owns majority interests in 33 coal operations in the U.S. and holds the largest market share in three of the four primary U.S. coal-producing regions. Peabody is the largest producer in the Powder River Basin, the Midwest and the Southwest, and has added more capacity from surface mines rather than underground mines in recent years.

ISG was formed in 2002 by Wilbur Ross, a well-known investor in distressed securities. ISG is the combination of two bankrupt integrated steel companies -- LTV Steel and Acme. Although steel can be a difficult industry, we found ISG attractive because it lacks the substantial pension and medical liabilities that strained its predecessor companies.

Finally, we invested in the bank debt of DirecTV, the largest provider of digital broadcast satellite television services with approximately 11.6 million U.S. subscribers at period-end. DirecTV exhibited strong financial performance, cash flow growth and net subscriber additions over the past several calendar quarters. The company's large subscriber base also helps it reduce expenses and improve profitability by negotiating for programming on favorable terms and to secure unique and exclusive programming.

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DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS\*
8/1/02-7/31/03

	MONTH	DIVIDEND PER	SHARE
	August	3.3879	cents
	September	3.0826	cents
	October	3.5225	cents
	November	3.4159	cents
	December	3.8568	cents
	January	3.5885	cents
	February	2.6827	cents
_	March	2.9521	cents
	April	3.0223	cents
	May	2.9433	cents
	June	3.0873	cents
	July	3.3048	cents
	TOTAL	38.8467	CENTS

\*Assumes shares were purchased and held for the entire accrual period. Since dividends accrue daily, your actual distributions will vary depending on the date you purchased your shares and any account activity during the month. Income distributions include all accrued income earned by the Fund during the reporting period. [END SIDEBAR]

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We appreciate your investment in Franklin Floating Rate Trust and welcome any comments or suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,

[GRAPHIC OMITTED] Charles B. Johnson PIC

/S/ Charles B. Johnson Chairman

[GRAPHIC OMITTED] Richard D'Addario PIC

/S/ Richard D'Addario Chief Investment Officer - Floating Rate Debt Group

Franklin Floating Rate Trust

THIS DISCUSSION REFLECTS OUR ANALYSIS, OPINIONS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AS OF JULY 31, 2003, THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. OUR STRATEGIES AND THE FUND'S PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION WILL CHANGE DEPENDING ON 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 ADVISOR 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 7/31/03

Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses of each class. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities. The performance table does not reflect any taxes due on Fund dividends, capital gain distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares. Total return reflects the Fund's dividend income, capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses.

PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

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			CHANGE	7/31/03	7/31/02	
-	Net Asset Value (NAV)		+\$0.12	\$8.43	\$8.31	
-	DISTRIBUTIONS (8/1/02-7/31/03)					
-	Dividend Income	\$0.388467				

#### PERFORMANCE 1

	1-YEAR 5-YEAR INCEPTION (10/10/97)
Cumulative Total Return 2	+6.36% +20.24% +26.64%
Average Annual Total Return 3	+5.36% +3.76% +4.15%
Value of \$10,000 Investment 4	\$10,536 \$12,024 \$12,664
Distribution Rate 5	4.62%
30-Day Distribution Rate 6	4.55%

ONGOING MARKET VOLATILITY CAN SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT SHORT-TERM PERFORMANCE; MORE RECENT RETURNS MAY DIFFER FROM THOSE SHOWN. INVESTMENT RETURN AND PRINCIPAL VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE WITH MARKET CONDITIONS, AND YOU MAY HAVE A GAIN OR LOSS WHEN YOU SELL YOUR SHARES. THESE AND OTHER RISKS ARE DESCRIBED MORE FULLY IN THE FUND'S PROSPECTUS.

For more current performance, see "Funds and Performance" at franklintempleton. com or call 1-800/342-5236.

### ENDNOTES

SHARES REPURCHASED WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF INVESTMENT ARE SUBJECT TO 1% EARLY WITHDRAWAL CHARGE.

- 1. The Fund's manager agreed in advance to waive a portion of its management fees. If the manager had not taken this action, the Fund's total return would have been lower. The fee waiver may be discontinued at any time, upon notice to the Fund's Board of Trustees.
- 2. Cumulative total return represents the change in value of an investment over the periods indicated and does not include the early withdrawal charge.
- 3. Average annual total return represents the average annual change in value of an investment over the periods indicated and includes the 1% early withdrawal charge, assuming shares were redeemed within 18 months of purchase.
- 4. In accordance with SEC rules, we provide standardized average annual total return information through the latest calendar quarter.
- 5. The distribution rate is based on the annualization of daily distributions totaling 3.2042 cents per share during the last 30 days of July and the \$8.43 NAV on 7/31/03.
- 6. Yield, calculated as required by the SEC, is based on the earnings of the Fund's portfolio for the 30 days ended 7/31/03.

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THE FUND'S REPURCHASE OFFERS

The Fund will make quarterly repurchase offers for a portion of its shares. With any repurchase offer, shareholders may elect to tender (have the Fund repurchase) all, a portion or none of their shares. With each repurchase offer, shareholders will be notified in writing about the offer, how to request that the Fund repurchase their shares and the deadline for submitting repurchase requests.

Each quarter the Board of Trustees will set the amount of the repurchase offer, as a percentage of outstanding shares. This amount is known as the repurchase offer amount and will generally be between 5% and 25% of the Fund's outstanding shares. If repurchase requests exceed the repurchase offer amount, the Fund will prorate requests. The Fund may, however, first accept any requests to repurchase all of a shareholder's shares if the shareholder owns less than 100 shares. The Board will also determine the date by which the Fund must receive shareholders' repurchase requests, which is known as the repurchase request deadline. The Board will base these decisions on investment management considerations, market conditions, liquidity of the Fund's assets, shareholder servicing and administrative considerations and other factors it deems appropriate. Each repurchase request deadline will occur within the period that begins 21 days before, and ends 21 days after, the end of the quarterly interval. The repurchase price of the shares will be the net asset value as of the close of the NYSE on the date the Board sets as the repurchase pricing date. The maximum number of days between the repurchase request deadline and the repurchase pricing date is 14 days.

SUMMARY OF REPURCHASE OFFERS - 8/1/02 THROUGH 7/31/03

REPURCHASE REQUEST DEADLINE	REPURCHASE OFFER AMOUNT	% OF SHARES TENDERED*	NUMBER OF SHARES TENDERED*
1. 10/2/02	25%	18.364%	39,752,700.668
2. 1/3/03	25%	12.052%	21,572,736.857
3. 4/1/03	25%	9.216%	14,701,188.799
4. 7/1/03	25%	7.691%	11,326,020.293

<sup>\*</sup>In connection with the repurchase offers, due to the limited number of shares tendered, the Fund did not have to consider whether to repurchase an additional amount of shares, not in excess of 2% of the shares outstanding, and did not need to repurchase any shares on a pro rata basis as described in the Prospectus and Repurchase Offer/Request Form.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	ENDED	JULY

	2003	2002	2001
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE (for a share outstanding throughout the year)			
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$8.30	\$9.24	\$9.85
Income from investment operations:			
Net investment income	.330	.568 b	.875
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)		(.927)b	
Total from investment operations		(.359)	.269
Less distributions from net investment income	(.389)	(.581)	(.879)
Net asset value, end of year	\$8.42		\$9.24
Total return a			
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$1,160,979	\$1,779,930	\$2,832,188
Ratios to average net assets:			
Expenses	1.35%	1.32%	1.36%
Expenses excluding waiver and payments by affiliate $\dots$	1.35%	1.32%	1.36%
Net investment income	4.26%	6.58% b	9.07%
Portfolio turnover rate	55.96%	62.21%	84.15%

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, JULY 31, 2003

	PRINCIPAL
BONDS 2.2%  FINANCIAL CONGLOMERATES .7%  Finova Group Inc., 7.50%, 11/15/09	\$17,086,0
HOSPITAL/NURSING MANAGEMENT .3%	

Genesis Health Ventures Inc., 6.114%, 4/02/07	3,326,5
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS 1.2%	
Arch Wireless Inc.,	
Senior secured note, 10.00%, 5/15/07	1,089,9
Senior sub. note, PIK, 12.00%, 5/15/09	12,115,0
TOTAL BONDS (COST \$62,940,563)	
TOTAL BONDS (COST \$02,940,303)	
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS 90.7%	
ADVERTISING/MARKETING SERVICES .2%  Adams Outdoor Advertising Inc., Term Loan B, 4.578 - 6.25%, 2/08/08	2,655,7
c DIMAC Holdings, Term Loan B, 7.00%, 9/30/03	558,3
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE 3.2% ILC Industries Inc., Term Loan, 5.60%, 4/11/10	966,9
Integrated Defense Technology Inc., Term Loan B, 5.10%, 3/04/08	8,515,7
Raytheon Aerospace LLC, Term Loan B, 5.10 - 5.11%, 6/29/07	8,848,9
Titan Corp., Term Loan B, 4.38 - 6.00%, 2/23/06	11,399,9
United Defense Industries Inc., Term Loan B, 3.10%, 8/13/09	816,5
Veridian Corp., Term Loan, 4.35%, 6/05/08	1,945,5
Term Loan B, 4.35%, 7/21/07	276,4
Term Loan C, 4.60%, 7/24/08	2,059,1
Term Loan X, 4.10%, 12/01/06	2,034,3
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES/MILLING .1%	
Hines Nurseries Inc., Term Loan B, 5.125%, 2/28/05	1,534,0
AIRLINES .1%	
Transdigm Inc., Term Loan B, 3.85%, 7/22/10	1,000,0
ALTERNATIVE POWER GENERATION .1%	
Headwaters Inc., Term Loan B, 5.36 - 7.25%, 9/12/07	1,609,3
APPAREL/FOOTWEAR .9%	
Levi Strauss & Co., Term Loan B, 5.353%, 7/31/06	8,790,2
St. John Knits Inc., Term Loan B, 4.875 - 5.063%, 7/31/07	2,251,9
AUTO PARTS: ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER 6.6%	
Dayco Products LLC, Term Loan B, 4.25 - 4.51%, 5/31/07	3,817,3
GenCorp Inc., Term Loan B, 4.938%, 3/28/07	8,452,4 9,000,0
Hilite International Inc., Term Loan B, 5.60 - 5.77%, 3/31/09	9,000,0
Key Plastics Inc.,	
Term Loan B, 8.00%, 4/25/09	2,160,0 2,000.0
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Term Loan C, 12.50%, 4/25/10 .....

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, JULY 31, 2003 (CONTINUED)

b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) AUTO PARTS: ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (CONT.) Metaldyne, Term Loan D, 5.625%, 12/31/09	\$ 4,981,2 1,000,0
AUTO PARTS: ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (CONT.)  Metaldyne, Term Loan D, 5.625%, 12/31/09  Progressive Moulded Products, Term Loan C, 4.625%, 6/30/08	1,000,0 3,068,
Progressive Moulded Products, Term Loan C, 4.625%, 6/30/08	1,000,0 3,068,4
SPX Corp.,  Term Loan B, 3.375%, 9/30/09  Term Loan C, 3.625%, 12/31/07	5,114,0
Tenneco Automotive Inc.,  Term Loan B, 5.30%, 11/04/07	9,888,8
Term Loan C, 5.55%, 5/04/08	9,888,8
Term Loan A, 4.813%, 2/27/09	1,536,5
Term Loan C1, 4.13%, 2/28/11	15,000,0
AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET .4%	
Advanced Store Cos. Inc., Term Loan C, 3.875 - 4.063%, 11/30/07	3,935,
United Components Inc., Term Loan B, 4.37%, 6/20/10	1,000,0
BEVERAGES: ALCOHOLIC .4%	F 000 /
Constellation Brands Inc., Term Loan B, 3.875%, 11/30/08	5,000,0
BROADCASTING 2.6% c Comcorp Broadcasting, Term Loan, 11.50%, 9/30/03	3,185,6
Comcorp Holdings, Term Loan, 13.875%, 9/30/03	4,714,
Cumulus Media Inc., Term Loan C, 3.625%, 3/28/10	2,992,
Emmis Communications Corp., Term Loan A, 3.125%, 2/28/09	2,569,
Emmis Operating Co., Term Loan B, 3.375%, 8/31/09	2,081,
Gray Television Inc., Term Loan C, 3.36 - 3.51%, 12/31/10	1,000,
Quorum Broadcasting, Term Loan B, 5.60%, 9/30/07	7,437,
Radio One Inc., Term Loan A, 2.03%, 6/30/07	2,775,
Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., Term Loan B, 3.313 - 3.375%, 12/31/09	971, 3,516,
c White Knight Broadcasting, Term Loan B, 11.50%, 9/30/03	3,316,
BUILDING PRODUCTS 1.7%  Masonite International Corp., Term Loan C, 3.75 - 4.063%, 8/31/08	2,871,
Tapco International,	7,071

Term Loan B, 4.00 - 4.10%, 7/23/07 .....

7,363,6

6,163,6 2,947,5

CABLE/SATELLITE TELEVISION 10.4%  Bresnan Broadband Holdings LLC, Term Loan, 5.35 - 5.57%, 9/20/10  Century Cable (Adelphia),    Discretionary Term Loan, 6.00%, 12/31/09  Term Loan, 6.00%, 6/30/09  Annual Report   11	1,000,0 3,000,0 1,000,0
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, JULY 31, 2003 (CONTINUED)	
	PRINCIPAL
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) CABLE/SATELLITE TELEVISION (CONT.) Charter Communications CCVI, d Revolver, .25 - 2.62%, 5/12/08 Term Loan A, 2.60%, 5/12/08 Term Loan B, 3.60%, 11/12/08 Charter Communications CCVIII, Term Loan B, 3.62 - 3.85%, 2/02/08 DirecTV Holdings LLC, Term Loan, 4.74 - 4.77%, 3/06/10 Insight Midwest Holdings, Term Loan B, 4.063%, 12/31/09 MCC Iowa (Broadband), Term Loan B1, 3.62%, 9/12/10 Mediacom Illinois, Term Loan B, 3.60%, 12/31/08 Olympus Cable Holdings (Adelphia), Term Loan B, 6.00%, 9/30/10 PanAmSat Corp., Term Loan B, 4.60%, 12/31/08 Pegasus Media & Communications, Term Loan B, 4.625%, 4/30/05 Satelites Mexicanos, Term Loan C, 144A, 5.614%, 6/30/04 UCA-HHC (Adelphia), Term Loan B, 5.25%, 3/31/08 UPC Distribution Holdings BV, Term Loan C2, 6.61%, 3/31/09 Videotron Itee, Term Loan B, 4.03%, 12/01/09	\$ 875,0 1,068,7 14,427,5 2,870,6 20,000,0 8,000,0 3,000,0 4,962,5 2,000,0 6,800,0 12,588,1 8,522,0 20,935,0 11,500,0 7,272,0
CASINOS/GAMING 1.9% Ameristar Casinos Inc., Term Loan B, 3.875%, 12/20/06 Greektown Casinos LLC,     Term Loan B, 4.875 - 5.063%, 11/16/04     Term Loan C, 4.875%, 11/16/04  Isle of Capri, Term Loan B, 3.758 - 3.77%, 4/26/08 Isle of Capri Black Hawk, Term Loan C, 5.00 - 5.32%, 4/15/06  Marina District Finance Co. Inc., Term Loan B, 5.10 - 5.27%, 12/31/07 Penn National Gaming Inc., Term Loan B, 5.00 - 5.28%, 3/03/09  Scientific Games Corp., Term Loan B, 4.60%, 12/10/08	3,352,6 3,184,8 1,488,6 987,5 997,4 3,000,0 3,987,5 4,975,0

Term Loan B1, 5.13 - 7.00%, 5/21/09 .....

CATALOG/SPECIALTY DISTRIBUTION .2%

Affinity Group Inc.,

285,0

Term Loan B2, 5.10 - 5.164%, 5/21/09	712,5 1,000,0
CHEMICALS: SPECIALTY 1.3% Arteva B.V. (Kosa), Term Loan B, 4.35%, 12/31/06  FMC Corp., Term Loan B, 5.85%, 10/21/07  Ineos Group Ltd., Term Loan C, 4.771%, 6/30/09  Noveon Inc., Term Loan B, 3.938%, 12/31/09  Rockwood Specialties Group Inc., Term Loan B, 4.61%, 7/23/10  Sovereign Specialty Chemicals Inc., Term Loan B, 5.625%, 12/31/07  Westlake Chemical Corp., Term Loan B, 4.88 - 4.97%, 7/31/10	3,674,5 4,975,0 2,328,4 1,000,0 1,000,0 995,0 1,000,0
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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, JULY 31, 2003 (CONTINUED)	
	PRINCIPAL
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) COAL 1.4% Massey Energy Co., Term Loan, 4.61%, 1/01/07	\$10,000,0 5,985,0
COMMERCIAL PRINTING/FORMS 3.2%  American Reprographics, Term Loan B, 5.15%, 4/10/08	15,964,2 5,000,0 16,305,5
CONSUMER SUNDRIES .5%  Central Garden & Pet Co., Term Loan, 3.851 - 4.04%, 5/14/09  NBTY Inc., Term Loan B, 3.60%, 7/22/09	2,000,0 1,000,0 1,485,0 774,5

Constar International Inc., Term Loan B, 6.50%, 11/20/09 ......

4,962,5

3,000,0

Greif Brothers Corp., Term Loan B, 3.36%, 8/15/09  Impress Metal, Term Loan G, 4.352%, 12/31/06  Owens-Brockway Glass Container Inc., Term Loan B, 4.36%, 4/01/08  Stone Container Corp.,  Term Loan B, 3.625%, 7/25/09  Term Loan C, 3.625%, 7/25/09  Tekni-Plex Inc., Term Loan B, 4.625%, 6/21/08	990,0 827,1 6,000,0 5,771,3 977,8 4,850,0
DRUG STORE CHAINS .9% Rite Aid Corp., Term Loan, 4.60 - 4.61%, 5/22/08	10,000,0
ELECTRIC UTILITIES 3.5%  AES Corp., Term Loan B, 5.13 - 5.32%, 4/30/08	6,000,0 13,000,0
Term Loan, 5.839%, 7/11/04	1,000,0 1,000,0 985,0
Mission Energy Holding,  Term Loan A, 8.625%, 6/30/06  Term Loan B, 8.625%, 6/30/06  Pike Electric Inc., Term Loan, 4.375%, 4/17/10  Southern California Edison Co., Term Loan B, 4.375%, 3/01/05  Westar Energy Inc., Term Loan, 4.12%, 6/05/05	259,7 740,2 2,373,0 15,000,0 1,986,3

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	PRINCIPAL
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS .2%	
Rayovac Corp., Term Loan B, 4.85 - 5.04%, 10/01/09	\$ 2,670,0
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS .5%	
Amkor Technology Inc., Term Loan, 5.10%, 1/31/06	2,493,7 2,121,4
Seagate Technology (US) Holdings, Term Loan B, 3.125%, 5/13/07	848,5
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT/INSTRUMENTS .6%	
Neptune Technology Group Inc., Term Loan B, 5.58%, 3/31/10	6,815,7
ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES .6%	

Alliance Laundry Systems LLC, Term Loan, 4.74 - 4.81%, 7/31/09	4,481,8 3,000,0
ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION .8% Brand Services Inc., Term Loan B, 5.10%, 10/16/09  URS Corp., Term Loan B, 4.85%, 8/22/08  Washington Group International (Morrison Knudsen), Synthetic Term Loan, 1.014%, 7/23/04	995,0 3,363,1 4,500,0
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 1.3% Allied Waste North America Inc.,     Term Loan, 4.37%, 1/15/10	2,142,8 10,357,1 1,000,0 1,897,2
FINANCIAL CONGLOMERATES .4%  Ares IV, Term Loan D, 144A, 7.29%, 12/22/12	1,400,0 2,500,0 2,000,0 3,000,0
FOOD DISTRIBUTORS .2% Fleming Cos. Inc., Term Loan, 4.375%, 6/18/08	2,527,9
Pathmark Stores Inc., Term Loan B2, 5.625%, 6/30/07  FOOD: MAJOR DIVERSIFIED 1.3%  Birds Eye Foods Inc., Term Loan B, 3.85%, 8/08/08  Del Monte Corp., Term Loan B, 4.85 - 4.86%, 12/20/10  Dole Food Inc., Term Loan B, 4.938 - 6.75%, 3/28/08  International Multifoods Corp., Term Loan B, 4.07 - 6.00%, 2/28/08  Merisant Corp., Term Loan B, 3.86%, 1/09/10	915,5 7,940,0 926,4 3,408,6 1,320,2 1,000,0

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b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) FOOD: MEAT/FISH/DAIRY .5%	
American Seafoods, Term Loan B, 4.35%, 4/15/09	\$ 1,322,3
Suiza Foods Corp., Term Loan B, 3.35%, 12/21/08	2,947,0
Swift & Co., Term Loan B, 4.35%, 9/19/08	992,5
FOOD: SPECIALTY/CANDY .6% Nellson Neutraceuticals Inc., Term Loan, 4.11%, 10/04/09	1,500,0
Nutrasweet, Second Lien Term Loan, 7.313%, 5/24/09	2,913,0
Term Loan B, 4.688%, 5/24/07	640,3
Otis Spunkmeyer Inc., Term Loan B, 5.35%, 2/20/09	1,930,1
Reddy Ice Group Inc., Term Loan, 4.11%, 7/31/09	1,000,0
HOME FURNISHINGS .4%	
Aero Products International, Term Loan, 5.77 - 7.50%, 12/16/08	1,931,4
National Bedding Co., Term Loan B, 4.99 - 5.08%, 8/21/08	939 <b>,</b> 8
Springs Industries Inc., Term Loan B, 5.125%, 9/05/08	2,000,0
HOSPITAL/NURSING MANAGEMENT 1.6%	
Community Health Systems Inc., Term Loan, 3.62%, 1/16/11	1,000,0
Genesis Health Ventures Inc., Term Loan B, 4.60%, 3/30/07	5,010,2 9,250,0
Triad Hospitals Inc., Term Loan B, 4.10%, 9/30/08	980,9
Vanguard Health Systems Inc., Term Loan B, 5.36%, 1/03/10	1,990,0
HOTEL/RESORTS/CRUISELINES .9%	
Extended Stay America Inc., Term Loan B, 4.85%, 7/01/07	8,504,4
Wyndham International Inc., Term Loan B, 5.875%, 6/30/04	2,512,0
INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES .8% Walter Industries Inc., Term Loan B, 5.35 - 5.518%, 4/14/10	8 <b>,</b> 775 <b>,</b> 0
	- <b>,</b>
INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY 1.0%	
Colfax Corp., Term Loan B, 3.125 - 4.875%, 5/30/09	5,000,0
Term Loan C, 7.375%, 5/30/10	1,000,0
Flowserve Corp., Term Loan C, 3.875 - 4.00%, 6/30/09	1,430,4
Gleason Corp., Term Loan B, 4.938 - 5.125%, 2/18/08	4,177,2
INDUSTRIAL SPECIALTIES .4%	. = 24
SC Johnson Commercial Markets, Term Loan B, 4.80%, 11/03/09	4,791,4

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	PRINCIPAL
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES .3% Worldspan, Term Loan, 4.875%, 6/30/07	\$ 1,000,0
Xerox Corp., Term Loan, 3.35%, 9/30/08	2,000,0
MAJOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS 1.7%	
Alec Holdings Inc., Term Loan B, 4.334%, 11/04/07	1,940,2
Term Loan C, 4.579%, 5/14/08	1,746,2
c E.Spire Communications, Term Loan C, 8.00%, 8/01/06	16,877,8
GCI Holdings Inc., Term Loan, 7.578%, 10/30/04	2,000,0
Qwest Corp., Term Loan, 6.50%, 6/30/07	3,000,0
c WCI Capital Corp., Term Loan B, 9.50%, 3/31/07	30,500,0
c Winstar Communications Inc., DIP, 7.00%, 12/30/03	5,035,5 10,000,0
MANAGED HEALTH CARE .3%	
Oxford Health Plans Inc., Term Loan B, 4.07 - 5.75%, 4/25/09	2,992,5 1,000,0
MARINE SHIPPING 1.0%  Great Lakes Transportation LLC, Term Loan, 5.063 - 5.125%, 3/23/08	6,475,6
Horizon Lines LLC, Term Loan, 5.03 - 5.33%, 2/27/09	2,995,7
Ingram Industries Inc., Term Loan B, 4.00 - 4.29%, 7/02/08	1,675,1
United States Shipping LLC, Term Loan, 4.35 - 4.52%, 9/16/08	870,1
MEDIA CONGLOMERATES 1.2%	
Bridge Information Systems Inc.,	455
c Multi Draw Term Loan, 6.75%, 5/29/05	477,5
c Revolver, 6.50%, 7/07/05	8,5 473,6
c Term Loan B, 6.00%, 5/29/05	14,382,3
Canwest Media Inc., Term Loan B, 4.79%, 5/15/08	7,306,1
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Term Loan C, 5.04%, 5/15/09 .....

4,565,2

MEDICAL SPECIALTIES .9%	
Alaris Medical Inc., Term Loan, 3.85 - 3.87%, 6/30/09	1,918,3
Conmed Corp., Term Loan, 3.86 - 4.09%, 12/15/09	1,000,0
Fisher Scientific International Inc., Term Loan B, 3.60%, 3/31/10	1,995,0
Fresenius Medical Care, Term Loan B, 3.603 - 3.779%, 2/21/10	997 <b>,</b> 5
Medex Inc., Term Loan B, 4.85%, 5/21/09	1,000,0
PerkinElmer Inc., Term Loan B, 5.10%, 12/26/08	3,610,0

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	PRINCIPAL
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.)	
MEDICAL/NURSING SERVICES 2.2%	
Alliance Imaging Inc., Term Loan C, 3.438 - 3.75%, 11/30/08	\$ 1,321,6
Ameripath Inc., Term Loan B, 5.60%, 3/27/10	2,992,5
Cross Country Healthcare Inc., Term Loan, 4.364%, 6/05/09	1,000,0
DaVita Inc., Term Loan B, 3.603 - 3.66%, 3/31/09	7,000,0 9,000,0
Team Health Inc., Term Loan B, 4.531%, 10/31/08	4,759,4
MILITARY/GOVERNMENT/TECHNICAL .6%  DRS Technologies Inc., Term Loan, 4.10 - 4.34%, 9/28/08	2,456,3 4,326,4
MISCELLANEOUS COMMERCIAL SERVICES 2.9% Burhmann N.V., Term Loan B, 5.30%, 10/26/07	12,587,2
Century Maintenance Supply Inc., Term Loan B, 5.75%, 5/07/10	8,000,0
Corrections Corp. of America, Term Loan B, 4.60 - 4.78%, 3/31/08	10,820,6
Global Imaging Systems Inc., Term Loan, 4.03 - 4.10%, 6/20/09	1,000,0
Wackenhut Corrections Corp., Term Loan B, 4.10 - 4.12%, 7/10/09	1,000,0
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING 1.3% General Cable Corp., Term Loan B, 6.10 - 6.125%, 5/27/07	191,7
Mueller Group, Term Loan E, 3.85 - 4.03%, 5/31/08	7,910,0
Norcross Safety Products, Term Loan, 5.53%, 3/01/09	997,5
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Rexnord Corp., Term Loan, 5.13 - 5.14%, 11/18/09 .....

Sanmina-Sci Corp., Term Loan B, 5.30%, 12/12/07 .....

Trimas Corp., Term Loan B, 4.50 - 6.25%, 12/06/09 .....

1,944,4

1,990,0

2,495,3

MOVIES/ENTERTAINMENT 6.3%	
d AMC Entertainment Inc., Revolver, .50 - 1.50%, 4/10/04	3,500,0
Carmike Cinemas Inc., Term Loan, 7.75%, 1/31/07	1,716,9
CH Operating LLC, Term Loan B, 5.625%, 6/21/07	3,810,3
Cinemark USA Inc., Term Loan, 3.78 - 4.13%, 3/31/08	1,995,0
Fitness Holdings Worldwide,	
Term Loan B, 5.875%, 11/02/06	3,418,0
Term Loan C, 6.125%, 11/02/07	8,110,0
Hollywood Entertainment Corp., Term Loan, 4.60%, 3/31/08	2,475,0
Loews Cineplex Entertainment Corp., Term Loan A, 4.688%, 2/28/08	13,525,4
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.,	
Term Loan A, 3.85%, 6/30/07	8,000,0
Term Loan B, 4.10%, 6/30/08	4,000,0
Mets II LLC, Term Loan, 4.35%, 8/23/05	3,000,0
New Jersey Basketball LLC, Term Loan, 4.10%, 12/06/03	3,000,0
Rainbow Media AMC/IFC/WE, Term Loan, 4.56%, 3/31/09	600,0
Rainbow Media Holdings Inc., Term Loan, 4.56%, 3/31/09	2,400,0

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b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.) MOVIES/ENTERTAINMENT (CONT.)	
Regal Cinemas Inc.,  Term Loan C, 3.875%, 12/31/07  Term Loan D, 3.625%, 6/30/09  Vivendi Universal Entertainment, Term Loan, 3.85 - 3.86%, 6/24/08  Washington Football Group, Term Loan A, 3.834%, 10/07/07	\$ 925,0 1,000,0 9,000,0 2,500,0
OIL & GAS PIPELINES .3% WEG Acquisitions LP, Term Loan, 5.60 - 5.61%, 6/17/08	2,000,0 1,000,0
OIL & GAS PRODUCTION .4% Williams Production RMT Co., Term Loan, 4.90%, 5/30/07	5,000,0
OIL REFINING/MARKETING .9% Citgo Petroleum Corp., Term Loan, 8.25%, 2/27/06	5,000,0 3,000,0
Tesoro Petroleum Corp.,  Term Loan, 4.36 - 5.50%, 4/17/07  Term Loan (ABL), 6.53 - 6.606%, 4/15/08	831,2 997,5

OTHER CONSUMER SPECIALTIES .2% Central Parking Corp., Term Loan B, 4.60%, 3/03/09	997,5 1,000,0
OTHER TRANSPORTATION 1.9%  Eurotunnel Finance Ltd., Tier 1 Jr Debt, 7.03%, 7/01/25 (United Kingdom)  Laidlaw International Inc., Term Loan, 7.00%, 6/17/09  Pacer International Inc., Term Loan, 4.375 - 6.25%, 6/06/10  Transcore Holdings Inc., Term Loan B, 4.85 - 6.25%, 10/31/06	6,167,2 9,900,0 949,0 1,904,9
PERSONNEL SERVICES .1% Spectaguard Acquisition LLC, Term Loan, 7.50%, 4/25/10	986 <b>,</b> 1
PHARMACEUTICALS: GENERIC .1% Alpharma Operating Corp., Term Loan B, 4.35 - 4.60%, 10/05/08	1,137,0
PROPERTY-CASUALTY INSURANCE .3% Infinity Property & Casualty Corp., Term Loan, 3.60%, 7/17/10	3,000,0
PUBLISHING: BOOKS/MAGAZINES 2.3%  Advanstar Communications,     Term Loan A, 4.85%, 4/11/07     Term Loan B, 5.60%, 10/11/07  American Media Inc., Term Loan C, 3.85 - 4.125%, 4/01/07  BAI Finance LP, Term Loan C, 5.35%, 11/28/09  CBD Media LLC, Term Loan, 4.37 - 4.38%, 12/31/09  F&W Publications Inc., Term Loan B, 5.05%, 12/31/09  Primedia Inc., Term Loan B, 3.875 - 4.125%, 6/30/09	2,648,5 2,000,0 971,4 2,725,4 1,000,0 1,950,0 1,493,3

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	PRINCIPAL
b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.)	
PUBLISHING: BOOKS/MAGAZINES (CONT.)	
R.H. Donnelley Corp., Term Loan B, 5.10 - 5.28%, 6/30/10	\$ 4,975,0
Readers Digest Association Inc.,	
Term Loan A, 3.83 - 4.10%, 5/20/07	3,643,1
Term Loan B, 4.01 - 4.10%, 5/20/08	447,8
Weekly Reader, Term Loan B, 5.29 - 7.00%, 11/08/06	4,703,6

PUBLISHING: NEWSPAPERS .1% First DT Holdings Ltd. (Hollinger), Term Loan B, 4.625%, 9/30/09	1,488,7
PULP & PAPER 1.9% Alabama Pine & Pulp,	
c PIK Term Loan B, 5.10%, 6/30/05	3,894,6
c PIK Term Loan C, 10.75%, 6/30/05	6,584,8
Revolver, 10.10%, 9/30/03	5,000,0
c Term Loan A, 5.10%, 9/30/03	37,105,1
Term Loan B, 3.86%, 9/12/10	1,000,0
Term Loan C, 4.36%, 9/12/11	1,000,0
RAILROADS .9%	
DM&E Railroad, Term Loan, 8.00%, 6/30/08	2,940,0
Helm Holding Corp., Term Loan B, 4.86 - 5.089%, 10/18/06	2,856,5
RailAmerica Transportation Corp., Term Loan B, 3.813%, 5/21/09	1,960,0
Trinity Industries Inc., Term Loan, 4.375 - 4.563%, 6/07/07	2,970,0
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS .4%	
Macerich Partnership LP, Term Loan B, 4.09%, 7/09/09	374,3
Newkirk Master LP, Term Loan, 8.50%, 1/30/05	4,212,7
RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS .1%	
PlayPower Inc., Term Loan, 5.53%, 2/07/10	975 <b>,</b> 0
RENTAL/LEASING COMPANIES .5%	
United Rentals Inc., Term Loan B, 4.13%, 9/30/07	6,336,5
RESTAURANTS .4%	
Dominos Inc., Term Loan, 4.125%, 6/25/10	2,852,4
Jack in the Box Inc., Term Loan B, 4.35 - 4.52%, 7/24/07	995,0
O'Charleys Inc., Term Loan B, 5.10%, 1/15/09	975 <b>,</b> 0
SEMICONDUCTORS .3%	
Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., Term Loan, 3.938%, 6/19/08	3,000,0
SERVICES TO THE HEALTH INDUSTRY .3%	
NDC Health Corp., Term Loan B, 6.00%, 11/30/08	4,000,0

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b SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (CONT.)  SPECIALTY STORES .5% CSK Auto Inc., Term Loan B, 3.87%, 2/15/06 Doane Pet Care Co., Term Loan B, 6.03%, 12/31/05 Term Loan B, 6.03%, 12/31/06 Pantry Inc., Term Loan, 6.00%, 4/11/07 PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., Term Loan C, 4.24 - 6.00%, 10/02/08  SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5% INC. Term Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07 STEEL 1.6% International Steel Group, Term Loan B, 4.62%, 5/05/05 Term Loan B, 4.62%, 5/05/05 SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .3% Commonwealth Brands Inc., Term Loan, 5.188%, 8/22/07 SPECIALTY SPECIAL SERVICE SPECIAL SPEC		PRINCIPAL
SPECIALTY STORES .5%  CSK Auto Inc., Term Loan B, 3.87%, 2/15/06		
CSK Auto Inc., Term Loan B, 3.87%, 2/15/06		
Doane Pet Care Co., Term Loan B, 6.03%, 12/31/05		\$ 1,000,0
Term Loan B, 6.03%, 12/31/06		Y ±,000,
Term Loan C, 6.07%, 12/31/06	, ,	172,5
Pantry Inc., Term Loan, 6.00%, 4/11/07 PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., Term Loan C, 4.24 - 6.00%, 10/02/08  SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5%  C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 Pacific Crossing Hold., Term Loan B, 5.47%, 5/31/08 Pacific Crossing Ltd., Term Loan B, 5.25%, 7/28/06 Pacific Crossing Ltd., Term Loan B, 5.25%, 7/28/06 Pacific Crossing Ltd., Term Loan B, 5.25%, 7/28/06 Pacific Crossing Ltd., Term Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07 Perm Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07 Perm Loan B, 4.62%, 5/05/07 Perm Loan B, 4.21 - 4.31%, 9/20/07 Perm Loan B, 6.50 - 7.50%, 6/20/07 Perm Loan B, 6.50 - 7.50%, 6/20/07 Perm Loan B, 4.21 - 4.31%, 9/20/07 Perm Loan B, 6.50%, 11/27/09 Perm Loan B, 4.21 - 4.31%, 9/20/07 Perm Loan B, 6.50%, 11/27/09 Perm		88,3
SPECIALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS .5%  C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06		1,980,2
G Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06 2,47° McLeod USA Inc., Term Loan B, 5.47%, 5/31/08 6,39° Pacific Crossing Ltd., Term Loan B, 5.25%, 7/28/06 21,31° RCN Corp., Term Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07 1,176 21,31° RCN Corp., Term Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07 1,176 21,31° RCN Corp., Term Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07 1,176 21,31° RCN Corp., Term Loan B, 4.37%, 5/05/05 4,22° Term Loan B, 4.62%, 5/05/05 4,22° Term Loan B, 4.62%, 5/05/07 9,276 LTV Corp., Term Loan, 5.725%, 10/31/04 9,376 27 2,866 27 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., Term Loan C, 4.24 - 6.00%, 10/02/08	2,968,9
C Global Crossing Holdings Ltd., Term Loan B, 8.00%, 8/15/06	SDECTALTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS 5%	
McLeod USA Inc., Term Loan B, 5.47%, 5/31/08		2,477,2
C Pacific Crossing Ltd., Term Loan B, 5.25%, 7/28/06		6,394,6
RCN Corp., Term Loan B, 7.00%, 6/03/07		21,312,5
International Steel Group,     Term Loan A, 4.37%, 5/05/05     Term Loan B, 4.62%, 5/05/07     LTV Corp., Term Loan, 5.725%, 10/31/04  TOBACCO .2%     Commonwealth Brands Inc., Term Loan, 5.188%, 8/22/07  TOULS/HARDWARE .1%     Werner Holding Co., Term Loan, 3.86%, 6/06/09  TRUCKING .1%     Flexi-Van Leasing Inc., Term Loan B, 4.21 - 4.31%, 9/20/07  WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS .3%     Amscan Holdings Inc., Term Loan, 6.50 - 7.50%, 6/20/07     National Waterworks Inc., Term Loan B, 6.50%, 11/27/09  WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS 2.3% c Cricket Communications Inc., Term Loan B, 6.375%, 6/30/07     Nextel Communications Inc., Term Loan D, 4.313%, 3/31/09     Nextel Operations Inc., Leveraged Lease II, 4.54%, 2/08/07     Nextel Operations Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08  Nextel Partners Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08  5,000		1,176,1
TOBACCO .2% Commonwealth Brands Inc., Term Loan, 5.188%, 8/22/07	International Steel Group, Term Loan A, 4.37%, 5/05/05	4,224,0 9,276,0
TOBACCO .2% Commonwealth Brands Inc., Term Loan, 5.188%, 8/22/07		9,376,3
Commonwealth Brands Inc., Term Loan, 5.188%, 8/22/07		
Werner Holding Co., Term Loan, 3.86%, 6/06/09		2,860,8
Werner Holding Co., Term Loan, 3.86%, 6/06/09		
### Flexi-Van Leasing Inc., Term Loan B, 4.21 - 4.31%, 9/20/07		1,000,0
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS .3%  Amscan Holdings Inc., Term Loan, 6.50 - 7.50%, 6/20/07		
Amscan Holdings Inc., Term Loan, 6.50 - 7.50%, 6/20/07	Flexi-Van Leasing Inc., Term Loan B, 4.21 - 4.31%, 9/20/07	992,5
National Waterworks Inc., Term Loan B, 6.50%, 11/27/09		
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS 2.3%  c Cricket Communications Inc., Term Loan, 6.375%, 6/30/07		995,0
c Cricket Communications Inc., Term Loan, 6.375%, 6/30/07       10,000         Nextel Communications Inc., Term Loan D, 4.313%, 3/31/09       4,975         Nextel Operations Inc., Leveraged Lease II, 4.54%, 2/08/07       9,805         Nextel Partners Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08       5,000	National Waterworks Inc., Term Loan B, 6.50%, 11/27/09	1,960,0
c Cricket Communications Inc., Term Loan, 6.375%, 6/30/07       10,000         Nextel Communications Inc., Term Loan D, 4.313%, 3/31/09       4,975         Nextel Operations Inc., Leveraged Lease II, 4.54%, 2/08/07       9,805         Nextel Partners Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08       5,000	NATURAL CONTRIBUTOR A 20	
Nextel Communications Inc., Term Loan D, 4.313%, 3/31/09       4,975         Nextel Operations Inc., Leveraged Lease II, 4.54%, 2/08/07       9,805         Nextel Partners Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08       5,000		10 000 (
Nextel Operations Inc., Leveraged Lease II, 4.54%, 2/08/07       9,805         Nextel Partners Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08       5,000		4,975,0
Nextel Partners Inc., Term Loan C, 5.39 - 5.46%, 7/29/08		9,805,
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TOTAL SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (COST \$1,162,370,471) .....

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#### FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, JULY 31, 2003 (CONTINUED)

	SHARI
COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS 1.6%	
AUTO PARTS: ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER	
f Exide Technologies, wts., 3/18/06	74
COMMERCIAL PRINTING/FORMS	
f Vertis Holdings Inc., wts., 6/30/11	39
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS 1.6%	
g Arch Wireless Inc	1,908
f Teligent Inc	
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS (COST \$30,487,104)	
TOTAL COMMON STUCKS AND WARRANTS (COST \$30,407,104)	
CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$1,232,448) .1%	
MEDICAL/NURSING SERVICES .1%  f Conosis Health Ventures Inc. 6 00% out off	1
f Genesis Health Ventures Inc., 6.00%, cvt. pfd	1
TOTAL LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$1,257,030,586)	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$74,472,252) 6.4%	
h Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio	74,47
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$1,331,502,838) 101.0%	
NET ASSETS 100.0%	

## CURRENCY ABBREVIATION: | GBP - British Pounds

aThe principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

bSee Note 1(d) regarding senior floating rate interests.

cThe fund discontinues accruing income on defaulted securities. See Note 9.

dSee Note 1(j) regarding unfunded loan commitments.

eSee Note 10 regarding restricted securities.

fNon-income producing

gSee Note 11 regarding Holdings of 5% Voting Securities.

hSee Note 8 regarding investments in the Franklin Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio.

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Net asset value and maximum offering price (\$1,160,979,368 / 137,805,859 shares outstanding)a .

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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS for the year ended July 31, 2003
Investment income: Dividends
Total investment income
Expenses:  Management fees (Note 5)  Administrative fees (Note 5)  Transfer agent fees (Note 5)  Custodian fees  Reports to shareholders  Professional fees  Trustees' fees and expenses  Amortization of organization costs  Other
Total expenses
Net investment income
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):  Net realized gain (loss) from:  Investments  Foreign currency transactions  Net realized gain (loss)  Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:  Investments
Translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations
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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for the years ended July 31, 2003 and 2002

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<pre>Increase (decrease) in net assets:    Operations:</pre>	
Net investment income	
Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions  Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and translation of assets and	(152
liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	167
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(618
Beginning of year	1,779
End of year	\$1,160
Undistributed net investment income included in net assets:	<u></u>
End of year	> (S

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#### FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Franklin Floating Rate Trust (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a non-diversified, closed-end, continuously offered investment company. The Fund seeks current income and preservation of capital. The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

## A. SECURITY VALUATION

The Fund invests primarily in senior secured corporate loans and senior secured debt that meet credit standards established by Franklin Advisers Inc. The Fund values its securities based on quotations provided by banks, broker/dealers or pricing services experienced in such matters. Restricted securities and securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined by management in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees.

### 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 and income items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date.

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.

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.

### D. SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS

Senior secured corporate loans pay interest at rates which are periodically reset by reference to a base lending rate plus a spread. These base lending rates are generally the prime rate offered by a designated U.S. bank or the London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR).

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### FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)
- E. INCOME TAXES

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

### F. 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. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are amortized over the lives of the respective securities. Facility fees are recognized as income over the expected term of the loan. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

## G. ORGANIZATION COSTS

Organization costs are amortized on a straight line basis over five years.

#### 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 against certain liability 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. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

### J. UNFUNDED LOAN COMMITMENTS

The Fund may enter into certain credit agreements, all or a portion of which may be unfunded. The Fund is obligated to fund these loan commitments at the borrowers' discretion. These commitments are disclosed in the accompanying Statement of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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#### FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

At July 31, 2003, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (\$.01 par value). Transactions in the Fund's shares were as follows:

		YEAR 003	ENDED JULY 31,	2002	
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT	
Shares sold	5,568,709	\$ 45,936,820	28,062,186	\$ 250,305,	
of distributions	5,106,050 (87,416,170)	41,769,067 (714,811,535)	11,096,664 (131,170,493)	97,874, (1,154,860,	
Net increase (decrease)	(76,741,411)	\$(627,105,648)	(92,011,643)	\$ (806,679,	

#### 3. TENDER OF SHARES

On a quarterly basis, the Fund may make tender offers, the amount of which is determined by the Board of Trustees, for the repurchase of at least 5% but not more than 25% of the shares outstanding. The repurchase price is the net asset value on the tender offer expiration date.

#### 4. REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

The Fund participates in a \$200 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility to fund shareholder redemptions or meet unfunded loan commitments. The facility agreement ends on December 19, 2003. Interest is charged at the Federal Funds Rate plus .50%. Facility fees paid are amortized on a straight line basis over the term of the commitment. Annual commitment fees of .09% are charged on the unused portion of the facility and allocated among the participating funds based on net assets.

During the year ended July 31, 2003, the Fund did not utilize the facility.

#### 5. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Certain officers and trustees of the Fund are also officers and/or directors of the following entities:

ENTITY	AFFILIATION

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Franklin Advisers Inc. (Advisers)

Franklin Templeton Services LLC (FT Services)

Franklin/Templeton Distributors Inc. (Distributors)

Franklin/Templeton Investor Services LLC (Investor Services)

Transfer agent

The Fund pays an investment management fee to Advisers of .80% per year of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 5. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (CONTINUED)

The Fund pays an administrative fee to FT Services based on the average net assets of the Fund as follows:

ANNUALIZED FEE RATE	AVERAGE DAILY NET ASSETS
.150%	First \$200 million
.135%	Over \$200 million, up to and including \$700 million
.100%	Over \$700 million, up to and including \$1.2 billion
.075%	In excess of \$1.2 billion

Distributors received contingent deferred sales charges for the year of \$168,735.

The Fund pays a transfer agent fee to Investor Services of .40% per year of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

#### 6. INCOME TAXES

At July 31, 2003, the Fund had tax basis capital losses of \$201,858,439 which may be carried over to offset future capital gains. Such losses expire as follows:

Capital loss carryover expiring in:

	\$201,858,439
2011	199,627,510
2009	\$ 2,230,929

At July 31, 2003, the Fund has deferred capital losses occurring subsequent to October 31, 2002 of \$79,715,245. For tax purposes, such losses will be reflected in the year ending July 31, 2004.

Net investment income differs for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of defaulted securities, foreign currency transactions, and bond premiums.

Net realized gains (losses) differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatment of wash sales, defaulted securities, foreign currency transactions, and bond premiums.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended July 31, 2003 and 2002, was as follows:

					2003	2002
Distributions	paid	from	ordinary	income	 \$65,886,321	\$153,197,524

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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 6. INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

At July 31, 2003, the cost of investments, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), undistributed ordinary income and undistributed long-term capital gains for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$1,342,189,828
Cost of investments	·
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ (169,652,671)

	ordinary income	\$ 5,465,699 
Distributable	earnings	\$ 5,465,699

### 7. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of securities (excluding short-term securities) for the year ended July 31, 2003 aggregated \$675,438,404 and \$1,121,148,296, respectively.

#### 8. INVESTMENTS IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

The Fund may invest in the Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio (the 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 fees paid by the Sweep Money Fund. The Fund earned \$2,328,874 of dividend income from investment in the Sweep Money Fund for the year ended July 31, 2003.

## 9. CREDIT RISK AND DEFAULTED SECURITIES

The Fund has 92.91% 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 Fund held defaulted and/or other securities for which the income has been deemed uncollectible. The Fund discontinues accruing income on these securities and provides an estimate for losses on interest receivable. At July 31, 2003, the value of these securities was \$35,449,665 representing 3.05% of the Fund's net assets. For information as to specific securities, see the accompanying Statement of Investments.

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FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 10. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

At July 31, 2003, investments in securities included issues that are restricted or illiquid. Restricted securities are often purchased in private placement transactions, are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, may have contractual restrictions on resale, and are valued under methods approved by the Board of Trustees as reflecting fair value. A security may also be considered illiquid if it lacks a readily available market or if its valuation has not changed for a certain period of time. At July 31, 2003, the Fund held investments in restricted and illiquid securities that were valued under approved methods by the Trustees, as follows:

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	ISSUER	ACQUISITION DATE	C
\$1,400,000	Ares IV, Term Loan D, 144A, 7.29%, 12/22/12	11/14/00	\$1,4
2,500,000	Centurion II, Tranche D, 144A, 7.349%, 11/12/12	11/07/00	2,5
2,000,000	Clydesdale CLO, Tranche D, 144A, 7.829%, 3/22/13	5/23/01	1,8
3,000,000	First Dominion Funding II, sub. floating rate deb., Series A-D,		
	144A, 6.97%, 4/25/14	5/03/99	2,9
	TOTAL RESTRICTED SECURITIES (.39% OF NET ASSETS)		

11. HOLDING OF