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MARKETS FUND

Mark Mobius has been living in emerging market countries since earning his Ph.D. in economics and political science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964. During his extensive travels, he has acquired a thorough knowledge of business practices and customs unique to developing nations.

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SHAREHOLDER LETTER

YOUR FUND'S GOAL AND PRIMARY INVESTMENTS: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND SEEKS LONG-TERM CAPITAL APPRECIATION BY INVESTING, UNDER NORMAL MARKET CONDITIONS, AT LEAST 80% OF ITS NET ASSETS IN EMERGING COUNTRY EQUITY SECURITIES.

Dear Shareholder:

This semiannual report for Templeton Emerging Markets Fund covers the period ended February 28, 2003. During the six months under review, the U.S. seemed to lead a general global growth slowdown; however, many emerging markets posted encouraging growth rates, some more than doubling those recorded in developed markets. China continued to be the most vibrant and fastest-growing Asian economy, reporting gross domestic product (GDP) growth of about 8% in 2002. 1 China experienced strong export growth, industrial production, consumer demand and foreign direct investment in 2002. South Korea expected 2002 GDP growth of about 6.1%, after recording an annualized growth rate of 5.8% in 2002's third quarter. 2 Turkey's economy grew 7.9% annualized in 2002's third quarter, while South African GDP grew 3.1%. 3 These growth rates indicate

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FUND CATEGORY

Global

Growth

Growth & Income

Income

Tax-Free Income

1. Source: National Bureau of Statistics, People's Republic of China, 12/31/02.
2. Source: Bank of Korea, 11/21/02.
3. Sources: The State Institute of Statistics, Republic of Turkey, 12/31/02; Statistics South Africa, 12/31/02.

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 12.

the rapid development of many emerging market economies, which if continued, could benefit such countries' financial markets over the longer term.

In a landmark decision, the European Union (EU) formally agreed upon enlarging the bloc to include 10 additional countries in May 2004. These included Cyprus,

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the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. These countries' economies benefit to some extent from their movement toward EU standards. Many analysts expect companies exposed to the ongoing EU convergence to undergo consolidation and merger and acquisition activity which could, in our opinion, generate greater investor interest. In many eastern European markets, we saw valuations at what we viewed as attractive levels during the six months under review. We believe a stable economic and political environment could generally support the region's investment climate.

The Latin American region seemed to begin recovering from the aftermath of Argentina's and Brazil's negative economic events. The conclusion of Brazilian elections ended months of political uncertainty there. Brazil has been plagued by high interest rates and debt levels, as well as increased capital outflows by investors. Furthermore, Brazil's currency, the real, depreciated about 16% during the reporting period. However, we believe that President-elect Luis Inacio Lula da Silva could restore confidence in the economy. We believe the Brazilian market could improve if investors there regain confidence. In Argentina, focus is still on obtaining debt support from the International Monetary Fund, which may foster the country's efforts toward implementation of key reforms to improve its fiscal position. However, uncertainty surrounding presidential elections in

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION
BASED ON TOTAL NET ASSETS
2/28/03

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Asia 50.1%
Europe 18.8%
Middle East & Africa 15.0%
Latin America 12.5%
Australia & New Zealand 0.1%
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets 3.5%

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Argentina later this year could lead to some volatility. Mexico's economy produced weak GDP growth of 0.9% for 2002, below government expectations and reflecting the country's susceptibility to sluggish U.S. economic conditions. 4

Political changes that occurred in some emerging markets during the period may help lead to more efficient and stronger central governments, which could in turn attract foreign investment. In Turkey, Justice & Development Party (AKP) leader Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as party chairman. Political continuity could result in greater stability going forward. Mexico's President Vicente Fox named Economy Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez as the new foreign minister. Derbez is known for his negotiations with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and is expected to revive talks with the U.S. on immigration reforms. Governor Fernando Canales Clariond, a member of the Partido Accion Nacional (PAN), will take over as the new economy minister. In China, Vice President Hu

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Jintao succeeded President Jiang Zemin as the head of the Communist Party. President Jiang Zemin emphasized the need for continued political reforms, government accountability, efforts on combating corruption and ongoing reform of state-owned enterprises. In South Korea's December 2002 presidential elections, Millennium Democratic party candidate Roh Moo-hyun declared victory over Lee Hoi-chang of the opposition Grand National Party. President Roh took office in February 2003 and is embarking on efforts to reform the chaebol conglomerates that have dominated the Korean business scene and are accused of many corporate governance violations.

Within this environment, the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets Free Index returned -4.90%

4. Source: THE DISMAL SCIENTIST (www.economy.com), GDP - Mexico, 2/14/03.

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in U.S. dollar terms for the six months ended February 28, 2003. 5 During the same period, Templeton Emerging Markets Fund posted cumulative total returns of +1.66% in market-price terms and -0.88% in net asset value terms, as shown in the Performance Summary on page 9. We attribute the Fund's relatively good performance largely to our fundamental investment approach, focusing on companies and not on top-down analyses of economies or sectors.

During the six-month period, we reduced the Fund's investments in South Africa as some portfolio holdings reached our price targets. South African stock sales included Tiger Brands, Liberty Group and Standard Bank Group. We continued to purchase shares of Anglo American, a U.K.-based mining company with significant operations in South Africa and one of the world's leading producers of gold, diamonds, base metals, coal and industrial minerals.

In Asia, Fund holdings in South Korea, Singapore and India increased during the reporting period. Concerns over non-performing loans led us to reduce our exposure to Thailand's banking sector. Another key sale was Siam Cement, one of Thailand's biggest industrial conglomerates. We also reduced the Fund's exposure to Malaysia mainly due to the sale of Genting as its valuation became rich, in our opinion. The Fund's exposure to China Red Chips (Hong Kong listed companies with significant exposure to China) also decreased mainly due to the sale of China Unicom and a decreased position in Cosco Pacific.

5. Source: Standard & Poor's Micropal. The unmanaged MSCI Emerging Markets Free Index is market capitalization-weighted and measures the total returns of equity securities available to foreign (non-local) investors in emerging markets globally. The index includes reinvested dividends. One cannot invest directly in an index, nor is an index representative of the Fund's portfolio.

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In Latin America, we believe market performance may improve if investors

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reevaluate Brazilian assets now that Brazil's political environment appears to be stabilizing. We took the opportunity during the period to increase our exposure to stocks we deemed to be attractively valued. Key purchases included Petrobras, Brazil's oil and gas company with activities in exploration, production, refining, transportation and distribution of oil and related byproducts. In addition, we initiated some exposure to Chile through investment in COPEC, a company that operates Chile's leading fuel distribution franchise and possesses about 50% market share. COPEC also holds a portfolio of assets that includes forestry, oil and gas, fishing, electricity and services.

In Europe, we increased exposure to Croatia by purchasing the stock of Pliva, central and eastern Europe's largest pharmaceutical company. The Fund also added exposure to Portugal through BPI, the country's fourth-largest private financial group. In Hungary, we purchased shares of Gedeon Richter, the country's largest pharmaceutical producer, while reducing holdings in telecommunications service provider Matav. Elsewhere in Europe, we maintained our holdings in Greece via Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling, Coca-Cola's second-largest bottler in the world. We also undertook selective sales in Russia. Key Russian sales included oil company Tatneft and electric utility UES due to rich valuations, in our opinion.

At period-end, our top three sectors were oil and gas interests, banks and industrial conglomerates. Due to portfolio activity and changes in individual stocks during the reporting period, South Korea's Samsung Electronics, Thailand's Siam Cement and Hong Kong's Citic Pacific were no longer among the Fund's top 10 holdings. South Korea's Hyundai Motor, Austria's OMV and South Africa's Remgro replaced them as of February 28, 2003.

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Based on Equity Investments
2/28/03

| | % OF TOTAL NET ASSETS |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| South Korea | 16.3% |
| South Africa | 14.4% |
| Hong Kong | 7.6% |
| Brazil | 6.4% |
| Turkey | 5.9% |
| Mexico | 5.1% |
| Singapore | 4.7% |
| India | 4.7% |
| China | 4.5% |
| Indonesia | 3.8% |

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As we write this report, the threat of war has become more apparent with the build-up of U.S. and British troops in the Middle East. Although it was still unclear at period-end whether a war with Iraq would eventually result, continued dialogue and United Nations involvement helped delay and perhaps reduce the risk of military conflict over the short term. However, should war transpire, we believe that if there is a quick resolution, that could have positive effects on global stock markets over the longer term. Middle Eastern markets such as Turkey and Israel, in particular, could benefit if the region settles down. U.S oil prices hit a 12-year high toward the end of the reporting period; in the event of war, we believe oil prices are apt to continue rising, potentially setting a profitable trend for oil-producing companies globally. If this occurs, Russian oil companies held by the Fund, such as Lukoil Holdings, could benefit and are already doing so to some degree as the U.S. and other nations try to diversify their oil resources' countries of origin. Since many emerging markets are oil exporters, we could see a number of companies benefiting from firmer oil prices.

Uncertainty in North Korea has also created some short-term volatility in Asian markets, especially South Korea. However, over the longer term we believe it will not stop the region's economic development or its capital markets. As a result, we view this as an opportunity to accumulate value stocks at what we believe are attractive prices. In our opinion, emerging markets in general have some potential for strong performance, as many of these markets are still suffering a country-risk discount while their economic growth has been substantially outpacing that of developed countries. We do not expect this situation to continue indefinitely and thus will seek to position the Fund to benefit over the long term.

TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS

2/28/03

| COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY, COUNTRY | % OF TOTAL NET ASSETS |
|--|--------------------------|
| Anglo American PLC METALS & MINING, SOUTH AFRICA | 3.2% |
| SABMiller PLC BEVERAGES, SOUTH AFRICA | 2.7% |
| Akbank BANKS, TURKEY | 2.6% |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia TBK, B DIVERSIFIED TELECOM- MUNICATION SERVICES, INDONESIA | 2.2% |
| Kimberly Clark de Mexico SA de CV, A HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS, MEXICO | 2.0% |
| Korea Electric Power Corp. | 2.0% |

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ELECTRIC UTILITIES,
SOUTH KOREA

OMV AG 1.9%
OIL & GAS, AUSTRIA

Hyundai Motor Co. Ltd. 1.8%
AUTOMOBILES, SOUTH KOREA

Lukoil Holdings, ADR 1.8%
OIL & GAS, RUSSIA

Remgro Ltd. 1.8%
INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES,
SOUTH AFRICA

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Looking forward, we are optimistic about long-term prospects for emerging markets in general and for Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. Thus far in 2003, we have seen weak market sentiment due to impending war in Iraq, uncertainty in North Korea and a deterioration of corporate earnings in major markets. Despite these concerns, U.S. securities recently traded at relatively high multiples on a historical basis. Investors' widespread pessimism and negative reaction toward poor earnings reports, coupled with mistrust in the U.S. accounting system and corporate governance, altogether substantially undermined confidence. As a result, many investors seemed to find comfort in emerging markets, where stocks traded at attractive valuations, in our view, and many economies are recording stronger growth than developed markets.

It is important to note that investing in foreign securities involves special risks, such as adverse economic, social and political developments in the countries where the Fund invests, as well as market and currency volatility. Emerging markets securities involve heightened risks related to the same factors in addition to those associated with their relatively small size and lesser liquidity. Investing in any emerging market means accepting a certain amount of volatility and, in some cases, the consequences of severe market corrections. For example, the MSCI Hong Kong Index has increased 411% in the past 15 calendar years, but has suffered 7 quarterly declines of more than 15% each during that time. ⁶ While short-term volatility can be disconcerting, declines in excess of 50% are not unusual in emerging markets.

6. Source: Standard & Poor's Micropal. Based on quarterly total return change over 15 years ended 12/31/02. Market return is measured in U.S. dollars and includes reinvested dividends. The MSCI Hong Kong Index is market capitalization-weighted and measures the total returns of equity securities in Hong Kong.

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Thank you for your continued participation in Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Sincerely,

/S/ MARK MOBIUS
 Mark Mobius
 President and Chief Executive Officer -
 Investment Management

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

 This discussion reflects our analysis, opinions and portfolio holdings as of February 28, 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 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 2/28/03

DISTRIBUTIONS WILL VARY BASED ON EARNINGS OF THE FUND'S PORTFOLIO AND ANY PROFITS REALIZED FROM THE SALE OF THE PORTFOLIO'S SECURITIES, AS WELL AS THE LEVEL OF THE FUND'S OPERATING EXPENSES. ALL TOTAL RETURNS INCLUDE REINVESTED DISTRIBUTIONS ACCORDING TO THE TERMS SPECIFIED IN THE FUND'S DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN AND DO NOT REFLECT ANY SALES CHARGES PAID AT INCEPTION OR BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS PAID ON SECONDARY MARKET PURCHASES.

PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

| | CHANGE | 2/28/03 | 8/31/02 |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Net Asset Value (NAV) | -\$0.24 | \$8.52 | \$8.76 |
| Market Price (NYSE) | -\$0.02 | \$7.98 | \$8.00 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/02-2/28/03) | | | |
| Dividend Income | \$0.1499 | | |

PERFORMANCE

| | 6-MONTH | 1-YEAR | 5-YEAR | 10-YEAR |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ----- | | | | |
| Cumulative Total Return 1 | | | | |
| Based on change in NAV | -0.88% | -4.90% | -13.28% | +65.91% |
| Based on change in market price | +1.66% | -14.30% | -27.11% | +31.87% |
| Average Annual Total Return 1 | | | | |
| Based on change in NAV | -0.88% | -4.90% | -2.81% | +5.19% |
| Based on change in market price | +1.66% | -14.30% | -6.13% | +2.81% |

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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.

 Ongoing market volatility can significantly affect short-term performance; more recent returns may differ from those shown. Since markets can go down as well as up, investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions, 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. You may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares.

For more current performance, please call Franklin Templeton Investments at 1-800/342-5236.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

 SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM. On November 28, 2000, the Board of Directors of the Fund authorized management to implement an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of the Fund's common stock in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. This authorization remains in effect.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
 Financial Highlights

| | SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED) | 2002 | 2001 | YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2000 | 1999 |
|--|--|--------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE (for a share outstanding throughout the period) | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$8.76 | \$8.86 | \$11.44 | \$11.60 | \$10.40 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income a | .03 | .15 | .12 | .13 | .13 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) .. | (.12) | (.14) | (2.60) | (.16) | 5 |
| Total from investment operations | (.09) | .01 | (2.48) | (.03) | 5 |
| Less distributions from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (.15) | (.11) | (.10) | (.10) | (|
| Net realized gains | -- | -- | -- | (.03) | (4 |
| Total distributions | (.15) | (.11) | (.10) | (.13) | (4 |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$8.52 | \$8.76 | \$8.86 | \$11.44 | \$11 |
| Market value, end of period b | \$7.980 | \$8.000 | \$8.350 | \$9.313 | \$12. |
| Total return (based on market value per share) c | (.88)% | (2.82)% | (9.17)% | (23.10)% | 99. |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA | | | | | |
| Net assets, end of period (000's) | \$150,453 | \$154,640 | \$156,378 | \$201,965 | \$204, |
| Ratios to average net assets: | | | | | |
| Expenses | 2.03% d | 1.64% | 1.67% | 1.68% | 1. |
| Net investment income | .66% d | 1.67% | 1.28% | 1.09% | 1. |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 23.30% | 65.13% | 63.64% | 81.66% | 45. |

See notes to financial statements.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

| | INDUSTRY | SH |
|--|------------------------|----|
| ----- | | |
| COMMON STOCKS 92.2% | | |
| ARGENTINA .6% | | |
| aMolinos Rio de la Plata SA, B | Food Products | 16 |
| aQuilmes Industrial SA, ADR | Beverages | 7 |
| AUSTRALIA .1% | | |
| BHP Billiton PLC | Metals & Mining | 2 |
| AUSTRIA 3.2% | | |
| BBAG Oesterreichische Brau-Beteiligungs AG | Beverages | |
| Erste Bank der Oester Sparkassen AG | Banks | |
| Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG | Containers & Packaging | |
| OMV AG | Oil & Gas | 2 |
| Wienerberger AG | Building Products | 3 |

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------|
| BRAZIL 2.3% | | |
| Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA (Electrobras) | Electric Utilities | 76,31 |
| Cia Vale do Rio Doce, ADR | Metals & Mining | 2 |
| Embraer-Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA .. | Aerospace & Defense | 2 |
| Embraer-Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA, ADR | Aerospace & Defense | 7 |
| Souza Cruz SA (Non-Taxable) | Tobacco | 15 |
| Souza Cruz SA (Taxable) | Tobacco | 1 |
| Ultrapar Participacoes SA, ADR | Gas Utilities | 1 |
| Unibanco Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros SA, GDR .. | Banks | 6 |
| | | |
| CHILE .4% | | |
| Cia de Petroleos de Chile SA (COPEC) | Industrial Conglomerates | 17 |
| | | |
| CHINA 4.5% | | |
| Beijing Datang Power Generation Co. Ltd., H ... | Electric Utilities | 45 |
| aChina Mobile (Hong Kong) Ltd. | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 40 |
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., H | Oil & Gas | 11,20 |
| China Resources Enterprise Ltd. | Distributors | 1,43 |
| China Shipping Development Co. Ltd., H | Marine | 61 |
| Guangdong Electric Power Development Co Ltd., B | Electric Utilities | 9 |
| Guangshen Railway Co. Ltd., H | Road & Rail | 32 |
| People's Food Holdings Ltd. | Food & Drug Retailing | 97 |
| PetroChina Co. Ltd., H | Oil & Gas | 4,90 |
| Qingling Motors Co. Ltd., H | Automobiles | 1,44 |
| Travelsky Technology Ltd., H | Commercial Services & Supplies | 43 |
| | | |
| CROATIA .8% | | |
| Pliva D D, GDR, Reg S | Pharmaceuticals | 9 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (CONT.)

| | INDUSTRY | SH |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----|
| ----- | | |
| COMMON STOCKS (CONT.) | | |
| CZECH REPUBLIC .4% | | |
| aCEZ AS | Electric Utilities | 8 |
| Philip Morris CR AS | Tobacco | |
| aUnipetrol | Chemicals | 5 |

EGYPT .3%

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| | | |
|--|--|------|
| Commercial International Bank Ltd. | Banks | 7 |
| GREECE 1.0% | | |
| Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company SA | Beverages | 5 |
| Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA ... | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 6 |
| HONG KONG 7.6% | | |
| Beijing Enterprises Holdings Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 57 |
| Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd. | Real Estate | 19 |
| Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd. | Construction Materials | 28 |
| China Merchants Holdings International Co. Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 1,64 |
| China Travel International Investment Hong Kong Ltd. | Hotels Restaurants & Leisure | 2,22 |
| Citic Pacific Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 1,13 |
| Cosco Pacific Ltd. | Transportation Infrastructure | 1,23 |
| Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. | Food & Drug Retailing | 31 |
| Giordano International Ltd. | Specialty Retail | 93 |
| Hang Lung Group Ltd. | Real Estate | 79 |
| Henderson Investment Ltd. | Real Estate | 1,46 |
| Henderson Land Development Company Ltd | Real Estate | 9 |
| MTR Corp. Ltd. | Road & Rail | 65 |
| Shanghai Industrial Holdings Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 41 |
| HUNGARY 2.6% | | |
| Egis Rt. | Pharmaceuticals | |
| Gedeon Richter Ltd. | Pharmaceuticals | 2 |
| Matav RT | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 5 |
| MOL Magyar Olaj-Es Gazipari RT | Oil & Gas | 8 |
| INDIA 4.7% | | |
| Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. | Electrical Equipment | 28 |
| Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd. | Oil & Gas | 9 |
| Container Corp. of India Ltd. | Road & Rail | 2 |
| Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. | Pharmaceuticals | 2 |
| Grasim Industries Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 18 |
| Hero Honda Motors Ltd. | Automobiles | 4 |
| Hindalco Industries Inc. | Metals & Mining | 2 |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. | Oil & Gas | 1 |
| Indian Oil Corp. Ltd. | Oil & Gas | 3 |
| ITC Ltd. | Tobacco | 9 |

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INDUSTRY

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COMMON STOCKS (CONT.)

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INDIA (CONT.)

| | | |
|---|--|------|
| Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 64 |
| Zee Telefilms Ltd. | Media | 1 |
| | | |
| INDONESIA 3.8% | | |
| PT Gudang Garam TBK | Tobacco | 1,05 |
| PT Indofoods Sukses Makmur TBK | Food Products | 5,29 |
| PT Indosat (Persero) TBK | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 1,44 |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia TBK, B | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 8,09 |
| | | |
| ISRAEL .3% | | |
| Elbit Systems Ltd. | Aerospace & Defense | 2 |
| | | |
| LUXEMBOURG .7% | | |
| aTenaris SA, ADR | Energy Equipment & Services | 4 |
| | | |
| MALAYSIA .4% | | |
| Petronas Dagangan Bhd. | Oil & Gas | 8 |
| SIME Darby Bhd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 39 |
| | | |
| MEXICO 5.1% | | |
| Cemex SA | Construction Materials | 29 |
| Coca Cola Femsa SA de CV, L, ADR | Beverages | |
| Fomento Economico Mexicano SA de CV Femsa | Beverages | 2 |
| aGrupo Carso SA de CV | Industrial Conglomerates | 35 |
| aGrupo Televisa SA de CV, ADR | Media | 1 |
| Kimberly Clark de Mexico SA de CV, A | Household Products | 1,41 |
| Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV (Telmex), L, ADR . | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 5 |
| | | |
| PHILIPPINES 1.4% | | |
| San Miguel Corp., B | Beverages | 1,76 |
| | | |
| POLAND 1.7% | | |
| Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen SA | Oil & Gas | 59 |
| | | |
| PORTUGAL .1% | | |
| BPI Sociada de Gestora de Participacoes Socias SA | Diversified Financials | 3 |
| | | |
| RUSSIA 2.4% | | |
| aCherepovets Mk Severstal | Metals & Mining | |
| GUM Trade House | Multiline Retail | 2 |
| Lukoil Holdings, ADR | Oil & Gas | 4 |
| Mosenergo, ADR | Electric Utilities | 9 |
| Sberbank RF | Banks | |
| aYuzhnaya Telecommunication Co. | Communications Equipment | 1,24 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (CONT.)

| | INDUSTRY | SH |
|--|--|------|
| ----- | | |
| COMMON STOCKS (CONT.) | | |
| SINGAPORE 4.7% | | |
| Cycle & Carriage Ltd. | Distributors | 9 |
| DBS Group Holdings Ltd. | Banks | 3 |
| Fraser & Neave Ltd. | Beverages | 51 |
| Keppel Corp., Ltd. | Diversified Financials | 93 |
| aMobileOne Ltd. | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 31 |
| Singapore Airlines Ltd. | Airlines | 24 |
| Singapore Telecommunications Ltd. | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 80 |
| | | |
| SOUTH AFRICA 14.4% | | |
| Alexander Forbes Ltd. | Diversified Financials | 8 |
| Anglo American PLC | Metals & Mining | 33 |
| Barloworld Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 34 |
| Bidvest Group Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | |
| aImperial Holdings Ltd. | Air Freight & Couriers | 15 |
| Investec Ltd. | Diversified Financials | |
| Investec PLC. | Diversified Financials | 1 |
| Nampak Ltd. | Containers & Packaging | 14 |
| Old Mutual PLC | Insurance | 1,42 |
| Remgro Ltd. | Industrial Conglomerates | 36 |
| Reunert Ltd. | Electronic Equipment & Instruments | 9 |
| SABMiller PLC | Beverages | 64 |
| Sanlam Ltd. | Insurance | 1,64 |
| Sasol Ltd. | Chemicals | 17 |
| Tiger Brands Ltd. | Food Products | 4 |
| Tongaat-Hulett Group Ltd. | Food Products | 6 |
| | | |
| SOUTH KOREA 16.3% | | |
| Cheil Communications Inc. | Media | |
| aChohung Bank Co. Ltd. | Banks | 23 |
| CJ Corp. | Food Products | 2 |
| Daelim Industrial Co. | Construction & Engineering | 6 |
| Dongkuk Steel Mill Co. Ltd. | Metals & Mining | 12 |
| Hanjin Heavy Industries Co. Ltd. | Machinery | 60 |
| Hankook Tire Co. Ltd. | Auto Components | 24 |
| Hankuk Electric Glass Co. Ltd. | Electronic Equipment & Instruments | |
| aHite Brewery Co., Ltd. | Beverages | |
| Hyundai Development Co. | Construction & Engineering | 15 |
| Hyundai Motor Co. Ltd. | Automobiles | 13 |
| Kangwon Land Inc. | Hotels Restaurants & Leisure | 1 |
| Kookmin Bank | Banks | 2 |
| aKookmin Credit Card Co. Ltd. | Diversified Financials | 1 |
| Korea Electric Power Corp. | Electric Utilities | 19 |
| Korea Gas Corp. | Gas Utilities | 7 |
| KT Corp. | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 2 |

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LG Card Co. Ltd. Diversified Financials 1

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (CONT.)

| | INDUSTRY | SH |
|--|--|------|
| ----- | | |
| COMMON STOCKS (CONT.) | | |
| SOUTH KOREA (CONT.) | | |
| LG Chem Ltd. | Chemicals | 1 |
| LG Household & Health Care Ltd | Household Products | 3 |
| LG Petrochemical Co. Ltd. | Chemicals | 6 |
| POSCO | Metals & Mining | 1 |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. | Semiconductor Equipment & Products | 8 |
| Samsung Fine Chemicals | Chemicals | 36 |
| Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd. | Machinery | 1 |
| aSamsung Securities Co. Ltd. | Diversified Financials | 14 |
| SK Corp. | Oil & Gas | 18 |
| | | |
| TAIWAN 3.8% | | |
| Advantech Co. Ltd. | Computers & Peripherals | 80 |
| Asustek Computer Inc. | Computers & Peripherals | 31 |
| Avision Inc. | Computers & Peripherals | 20 |
| Chunghwa Telcom Co. Ltd. | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 33 |
| Delta Electronics Inc. | Electronic Equipment & Instruments | 1 |
| International Bank of Taipei | Banks | 54 |
| Kinpo Electronics, Inc. | Office Electronics | 44 |
| aMega Financial Holdings Co. Ltd. | Banks | 59 |
| Phoenixtec Power Co. Ltd. | Electrical Equipment | 3,07 |
| aSinopac Holdings Co. | Banks | 47 |
| Sunplus Technology Co. Ltd. | Semiconductor Equipment & Products | 35 |
| Taiwan Cellular Corp. | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 31 |
| UNI-President Enterprises Corp. | Food Products | 19 |
| Yuanta Core Pacific Securities Co. | Diversified Financials | 17 |
| | | |
| THAILAND 2.7% | | |
| Advanced Info Service Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ... | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 11 |
| Electricity Generating Public Co. Ltd., fgn. ... | Electric Utilities | 11 |
| Hana Microelectronics Co. Ltd., fgn. | Electronic Equipment & Instruments | 58 |
| PTT Exploration & Production Public Co. Ltd., fgn. | Oil & Gas | 3,03 |
| Shin Corporation Public Co. Ltd., fgn. | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 2 |
| Siam Cement Public Co. Ltd., fgn. | Construction Materials | 24 |
| aTotal Access Communication Public Co. Ltd. | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 24 |
| | | |
| TURKEY 5.9% | | |

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| | | |
|--|------------------------|----------|
| Akbank | Banks | 1,007,75 |
| aArcelik AS, Br. | Household Durables | 173,38 |
| aKOC Holding AS | Diversified Financials | 118,86 |
| Migros Turk T.A.S. | Food & Drug Retailing | 29,60 |
| Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafineleri AS | Oil & Gas | 332,28 |
| | | |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (COST \$143,948,402) | | |

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (CONT.)

| | INDUSTRY | SH |
|--|--------------------|------|
| ----- | | |
| COMMON STOCKS (CONT.) | | |
| PREFERRED STOCKS 4.3% | | |
| BRAZIL 4.1% | | |
| | | |
| Banco Bradesco SA, pfd. | Banks | 13 |
| Cia de Bebidas Das Americas (Ambev), pfd. | Beverages | 2 |
| Cia Vale do Rio Doce, A, ADR, pfd. | Metals & Mining | 4 |
| Companhia Paranaense de Energia-Copel, B, pfd. | Electric Utilities | 20 |
| Duratex SA, pfd. | Building Products | 6,20 |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA, pfd. | Oil & Gas | 17 |
| | | |
| THAILAND .2% | | |
| aSiam Commercial Bank, 5.25%, fgn., cvt. pfd. .. | Banks | 32 |
| | | |
| TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$9,136,542) | | |
| | | |
| SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$4,099,082) 2.7% | | |
| bFranklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio | | 4,09 |
| | | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$157,184,026) 99.2% ... | | |
| OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES .8% | | |
| | | |
| NET ASSETS 100.0% | | |

See notes to financial statements.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

Assets:

Investments in securities:

| | | |
|--|--|---------|
| Cost | | \$157 |
| Value | | 149 |
| Cash | | |
| Foreign currency, at value (cost \$ 91,980) | | |
| Receivables: | | |
| Investment securities sold | | 1 |
| Dividends and interest | | |
| Total assets | | 151 |

Liabilities:

Payables:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------|
| Investment securities purchased | | |
| Affiliates | | |
| Other Liabilities | | |
| Total liabilities | | |

Net assets, at value \$150

Net assets consist of:

| | | |
|--|--|------|
| Undistributed net investment income | | \$ |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | | (7) |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) | | (46) |
| Capital shares | | 204 |

Net assets, at value \$150

Net asset value per share (\$150,453,163 (DIVIDE) 17,656,437 shares outstanding)

See notes to financial statements.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Financial Statements (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

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Investment Income:

(net of foreign taxes of \$267,654)

| | |
|---|--------|
| Dividends | \$ 2 |
| Interest | --- |
| Total investment income | \$ 2 |
| Expenses: | |
| Management fees (Note 3) | --- |
| Administrative fees (Note 3) | --- |
| Transfer agent fees | --- |
| Custodian fees | --- |
| Reports to shareholders | --- |
| Registration and filing fees | --- |
| Professional fees | --- |
| Directors' fees and expenses | --- |
| Other | --- |
| Total expenses | 1 |
| Net investment income | --- |
| Realized and unrealized gains (losses): | |
| Net realized gain (loss) from: | |
| Investments | (3) |
| Foreign currency transactions | --- |
| Net realized gain (loss) | (4) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: | |
| Investments | 1 |
| Translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies | --- |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 2 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | (2) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | \$ (1) |

See notes to financial statements.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Financial Statements (CONTINUED)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2003 (UNAUDITED)
AND THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

| | SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2003 | A |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets: | | |
| Operations: | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 496,153 | \$ |

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| | | |
|---|---------------|----|
| Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions | (4,037,305) | |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies | 2,000,633 | |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | (1,540,519) | |
| Distributions to shareholders from net investment income | (2,646,700) | |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets | (4,187,219) | |
| Net assets: | | |
| Beginning of period | 154,640,382 | |
| End of period | \$150,453,163 | \$ |
| Undistributed net investment income included in net assets: | | |
| End of period | \$ (45,020) | \$ |

See notes to financial statements.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the Fund, formerly Templeton Emerging Markets Fund, Inc.) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a closed-end, diversified investment company. Effective June 14, 2002, the Fund was reorganized from a Maryland corporation into a Delaware statutory trust. The reorganization had no effect on shares of the Fund or its investment portfolio. The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing mainly in emerging country equity securities. The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

A. SECURITY VALUATION

Securities listed or traded on a recognized national exchange or NASDAQ are valued at the latest reported sales price. Over-the-counter securities and listed securities for which no sale is reported are valued within the range of the latest quoted bid and asked prices. 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 Directors.

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

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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. 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 on a specified date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in the Statement of Operations.

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 counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contracts.

D. 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 all of its taxable income.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited) (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

E. 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. Certain income from foreign securities is recorded as soon as information is available to the Fund. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

F. 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 expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. CAPITAL SHARES

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On November 29, 2000, the Board of Directors of the Fund authorized management to implement an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of the Fund's common stock in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management.

At February 28, 2003, there were 30 million shares authorized (\$0.01 par value). During the period ended February 28, 2003 and the year ended August 31, 2002, there were no share repurchase transactions.

3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Certain officers of the Fund are also officers or directors of Templeton Asset Management Ltd. (TAML) and Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services), the Fund's investment manager and administrative manager, respectively.

The Fund pays an investment management fee to TAML of 1.25% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Fund pays an administrative fee monthly to FT Services at an annual rate of 0.15% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets.

4. INCOME TAXES

At February 28, 2003, the cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for income tax purposes were as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Cost of investments | \$158,552,574 |
| | ----- |
| Unrealized appreciation | 14,044,990 |
| Unrealized depreciation | (23,395,946) |
| | ----- |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$ (9,350,956) |
| | ----- |

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited) (CONTINUED)

4. INCOME TAXES (CONT.)

Net investment income and net realized capital gains differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of passive foreign investment companies, wash sales and losses realized subsequent to October 31 on the sale of securities and foreign currencies.

At August 31, 2002, the Fund had deferred capital and currency losses occurring subsequent to October 31, 2001 of \$6,700,971 and \$325,833 respectively. For tax purposes, such losses will be reflected in the year ending August 31, 2003.

At August 31, 2002, the Fund had tax basis capital losses which may be carried over to offset future capital gains. Such losses expire as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Capital loss carryovers expiring in: | |
| 2008 | \$ 1,056,614 |
| 2009 | 2,373,131 |
| 2010 | 30,608,800 |

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 \$34,038,545

5. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of securities (excluding short-term securities) for the period ended February 28, 2003 aggregated \$33,777,357 and \$34,831,359, respectively.

6. 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 Franklin Advisers Inc. (an affiliate of the advisor). 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 \$38,400 of dividend income from investment in the Sweep Money Fund.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, February 28, 2003

An Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Trust was held at the Trust's offices, 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 28, 2003. The purpose of the meeting was to elect three Trustees of the Trust, and to authorize the proxyholders, in their discretion, to vote upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments of the meeting. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Trustees of the Trust: Betty P. Krahmer, Gordon S. Macklin and Fred R. Millsaps.* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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

The election of three (3) Trustees:

| TERM EXPIRING 2006: | FOR | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES | % OF VOTED SHARES | WITHHELD | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Betty P. Krahmer | 14,764,434 | 83.62% | 96.87% | 476,722 | 2.70% |
| Gordon S. Macklin | 14,748,640 | 83.53% | 96.77% | 492,516 | 2.79% |
| Fred R. Millsaps | 14,749,862 | 83.54% | 96.78% | 491,294 | 2.78% |

* HARRIS J. ASHTON, FRANK J. CROTHERS, S. JOSEPH FORTUNATO, EDITH E. HOLIDAY, ANDREW H. HINES, JR. AND CONSTANTINE D. TSERETOPOULOS CURRENTLY SERVE AS INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES. NICHOLAS F. BRADY, HARMON E. BURNS AND CHARLES B. JOHNSON CURRENTLY SERVE AS INTERESTED TRUSTEES. THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE CONTINUED AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

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

Shareholders must affirmatively elect to participate in the Plan; Stock dividends and capital gains distributions will be reinvested automatically; Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 3338, South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1938, will provide additional Plan information upon request.

Whenever the Fund declares dividends in either cash or common stock 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 stock 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 the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market.

A participant has the option of submitting additional payments to Mellon Securities Trust Company (the "Plan Agent"), 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 Securities Trust Co." and sent to Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 382009, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8009, Attn: Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. The Plan Agent shall apply such payments (less a \$5.00 service charge and less a pro rata share of trading fees) to purchases of Fund 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.

The participant may withdraw from the Plan without penalty at any time by written notice to the Plan Agent sent to Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 3338, South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1938. Upon withdrawal, the participant will receive, without charge, stock certificates issued in the participant's name for all full shares held by the Plan Agent; or, if the participant wishes, the Plan Agent will sell the participant's shares and send the proceeds, less a service charge of \$5.00 and less trading fees.

Whenever shares are purchased on the New York Stock Exchange 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.

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Shares of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EMF." The Fund's shares are also listed and traded on the Pacific Exchange. 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 New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions section of newspapers.

For current information about distributions and shareholder accounts, call 1-800-416-5585. Registered shareholders can now access their Fund account on-line with INVESTOR SERVICEDIRECTSM. For information go to Mellon Investor Services' web site at <https://www.melloninvestor.com> 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 the 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 Fund, 100 Fountain Parkway, P.O. Box 33030, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-8030.

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GLOBAL GROWTH

Franklin Global Aggressive
Growth Fund
Franklin Global Growth Fund
Franklin Global Health Care Fund
Mutual Discovery Fund
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Templeton Foreign Fund
Templeton Foreign Smaller
Companies Fund
Templeton Global Opportunities Trust
Templeton Global Smaller
Companies Fund
Templeton Growth Fund
Templeton International (Ex EM) Fund
Templeton World Fund

GLOBAL GROWTH & INCOME

Franklin Global Communications Fund
Mutual European Fund
Templeton Global Bond Fund

GLOBAL INCOME

Franklin Templeton Hard
Currency Fund

GROWTH

Franklin Aggressive Growth Fund
Franklin Biotechnology
Discovery Fund
Franklin Blue Chip Fund
Franklin Capital Growth Fund 1
Franklin DynaTech Fund
Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund 2
Franklin Gold and Precious
Metals Fund
Franklin Growth Fund
Franklin Large Cap Growth Fund
Franklin Small-Mid Cap
Growth Fund
Franklin Technology Fund
Franklin U.S. Long-Short Fund 3

GROWTH & INCOME

Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund 4
Franklin Convertible
Securities Fund

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Franklin Large Cap Value Fund
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Franklin Natural Resources Fund
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Securities Fund
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund
Franklin Small Cap Value Fund
Franklin Utilities Fund
Mutual Beacon Fund
Mutual Financial Services Fund
Mutual Qualified Fund
Mutual Shares Fund

FUND ALLOCATOR SERIES

Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Growth
Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Moderate
Target Fund

INCOME

Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Franklin's AGE High Income Fund
Franklin Floating Rate Daily
Access Fund
Franklin Floating Rate Trust 6
Franklin Short-Intermediate
U.S. Government Securities Fund 5
Franklin Strategic Income Fund
Franklin Total Return Fund
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Securities Fund5
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Double Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Tax-Free Income Fund
High Yield Tax-Free
Income Fund
Insured Tax-Free Income Fund 9
Tax-Exempt Money Fund 5,7

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California 10
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida 10
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland

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Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust 11

1. Formerly Franklin Growth and Income Fund. Effective 5/1/02, the fund's name changed; investment goal and strategy remained the same.
2. Formerly Franklin California Growth Fund. Effective 9/1/02, the fund's name changed and its investment criteria was modified to invest a majority of its net assets in California companies, as opposed to at least 80% of net assets.
3. Upon reaching approximately \$350 million in assets, the fund will close to all investors.
4. The fund is only open to existing shareholders as well as select retirement plans.
5. An investment in the fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government or by any other entity or institution.
6. 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.
7. No assurance exists that the fund's \$1.00 per share price will be maintained. It is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.
8. For investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, a small portion of these dividends may be taxable. Distributions of capital gains are generally taxable.
9. Portfolio of insured municipal securities.
10. These funds are available in two or more variations, including long-term portfolios, portfolios of insured securities, a high-yield portfolio (CA) and intermediate-term and money market portfolios (CA and NY).
11. The funds of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust are generally only available as investment options in variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts.

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