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IMPORTANT SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

These materials are for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”) scheduled for May 30, 2018, at 12 Noon, Eastern time. The enclosed materials discuss the proposals (the “Proposals” or each, a “Proposal”) to be voted on at the Meeting, and contain the Notice of Meeting, proxy statement and proxy card. A proxy card is, in essence, a ballot. When you vote your proxy, it tells us how you wish to vote on important issues relating to Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund (the “Fund”). If you specify a vote on a Proposal, your proxy will be voted as you indicate. If you specify a vote on one or more Proposals, but not all Proposals, your proxy will be voted as specified on such Proposals and, on the Proposals for which no vote is specified, your proxy will be voted FOR such Proposals. If you simply sign, date and return the proxy card, but do not specify a vote on any Proposal, your proxy will be voted FOR the Proposals.

We urge you to spend a few minutes reviewing the Proposals in the proxy statement. Then, please fill out and sign the proxy card and return it to us so that we know how you would like to vote. When shareholders return their proxies promptly, the Fund may be able to save money by not having to conduct additional mailings.

We welcome your comments. If you have any questions, call Fund Information at (800) DIAL BEN®/342-5236.

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET VOTING

For your convenience, you may be able to vote by telephone or through the Internet, 24 hours a day. If your account is eligible, instructions are enclosed.

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NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”) of Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund (the “Fund”) will be held at the Fund’s offices, 300 S.E. 2^d Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1923 on May 30, 2018, at 12 Noon, Eastern time.

During the Meeting, shareholders of the Fund will vote on the following Proposals:

1. The election of four Trustees of the Fund;
2. To approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policy requiring the Fund to invest at least 65% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities;
3. To approve an amended fundamental investment restriction regarding investments in commodities; and
4. The ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

By Order of the Board of Trustees,

Lori A. Weber

Vice President and Secretary

April 13, 2018

Please sign and promptly return the proxy card or voting instruction form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope regardless of the number of shares you own. If you have any questions, call Fund Information at (800) DIAL BEN®/342-5236.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE
SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2018**

The Fund’s Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Proxy Statement and form of Proxy are available on the Internet at <https://www.proxyonline.com/docs/TEI2018.pdf>. The form of Proxy on the Internet site cannot be used to cast your vote.

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TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND

PROXY STATEMENT

INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

Who is asking for my vote?

The Board of Trustees of Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund (the “Fund”), in connection with the Fund’s Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”), has requested your vote.

Who is eligible to vote?

Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 28, 2018, are entitled to be present and to vote at the Meeting or any adjourned Meeting. Each share of record is entitled to one vote (and a proportionate fractional vote for each fractional share) on each matter presented at the Meeting. The Notice of Meeting, the proxy statement, and the proxy card were first mailed to shareholders of record on or about April 13, 2018.

On what issues am I being asked to vote?

You are being asked to vote on four Proposals:

1. The election of four Trustees of the Fund;
2. To approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policy requiring the Fund to invest at least 65% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities;
3. To approve an amended fundamental investment restriction regarding investments in commodities; and
4. The ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

How do the Fund’s Trustees recommend that I vote?

The Trustees unanimously recommend that you vote:

1. **FOR** the election of four Trustees of the Fund;
2. **FOR** the approval of the elimination of the fundamental investment policy requiring the Fund to invest at least 65% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities;
3. **FOR** the approval of an amended fundamental investment restriction regarding investments in commodities; and
4. **FOR** the ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

How do I ensure that my vote is accurately recorded?

You may attend the Meeting and vote in person or you may complete and return the enclosed proxy card. If you are eligible to vote by telephone or through the Internet, instructions are enclosed.

Proxy cards that are properly signed, dated and received at or prior to the Meeting will be voted as specified. If you specify a vote on all Proposals, your proxy will be voted as you indicate. If you specify a vote on one or more Proposals, but not all, your proxy will be voted as specified on such Proposal(s) and, on the Proposal(s) for which no vote is specified, your proxy will be voted "FOR" the Proposal(s). If you simply sign, date and return the proxy card, but do not specify a vote on any Proposal, your proxy will be voted "FOR" each Proposal.

May I revoke my proxy?

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by forwarding a written revocation or a later-dated proxy to the Fund that is received by the Fund at or prior to the Meeting, or by attending the Meeting and voting in person.

What if my shares are held in a brokerage account?

If your shares are held by your broker, then in order to vote in person at the Meeting, you will need to obtain a "Legal Proxy" from your broker and present it to the Inspector of Election at the Meeting. Also, in order to revoke your proxy, you may need to forward your written revocation or a later-dated proxy card or voting instruction form to your broker rather than to the Fund.

May I attend the Meeting in Person?

Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 28, 2018 are entitled to attend the Meeting. Eligible shareholders who intend to attend the Meeting in person will need to bring proof of share ownership, such as a shareholder statement or a letter from a custodian or broker-dealer confirming ownership, as of March 28, 2018 and a valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport, for admission to the Meeting. Seating is limited. Shareholders without proof of ownership and identification will not be admitted.

THE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

How are nominees selected?

The Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board" or the "Trustees") has a Nominating Committee consisting of Edith E. Holiday (Chairperson), J. Michael Luttig and Larry D. Thompson, none of whom is an "interested person" of the Fund as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund are referred to as the "Independent Trustees," and Trustees who are interested persons of the Fund are referred to as the "Interested Trustees."

The Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting candidates to serve as Trustees and recommending such candidates (a) for selection and nomination as Independent Trustees by the incumbent Independent Trustees and the full Board; and (b) for selection and nomination as Interested Trustees by the full Board. In considering a candidate's qualifications, the Nominating Committee generally considers the potential candidate's educational background, business or professional experience, and reputation. In addition, the Nominating Committee has established as minimum qualifications for Board membership as an Independent Trustee: (1) that such candidate be independent from relationships with the Fund's investment manager and other principal service providers both

within the terms and the spirit of the statutory independence requirements specified under the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder; (2) that such candidate demonstrate an ability and willingness to make the considerable time commitment, including personal attendance at Board meetings, believed necessary to his or her function as an effective Board member; and (3) that such candidate have no continuing relationship as a director, officer or board member of any U.S. registered investment company other than those within the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex or a closed-end business development company primarily investing in non-public entities. The Nominating Committee has not adopted any specific policy on the issue of diversity, but will take this into account, among other factors, in its consideration of new candidates to the Board.

When the Board has or expects to have a vacancy, the Nominating Committee receives and reviews information on individuals qualified to be recommended to the full Board as nominees for election as Trustees, including any recommendations by “Qualifying Fund Shareholders” (as defined below). Such individuals are evaluated based upon the criteria described above. To date, the Nominating Committee has been able to identify, and expects to continue to be able to identify, from its own resources an ample number of qualified candidates. The Nominating Committee, however, will review recommendations from Qualifying Fund Shareholders to fill vacancies on the Board if these recommendations are submitted in writing and addressed to the Nominating Committee at the Fund’s offices and are presented with appropriate background material concerning the candidate that demonstrates his or her ability to serve as a Trustee, including as an Independent Trustee, of the Fund. A Qualifying Fund Shareholder is a shareholder who (i) has continuously owned of record, or beneficially through a financial intermediary, shares of the Fund having a net asset value of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) during the twenty-four month period prior to submitting the recommendation; and (ii) provides a written notice to the Nominating Committee containing the following information: (a) the name and address of the Qualifying Fund Shareholder making the recommendation; (b) the number of shares of the Fund which are owned of record and beneficially by the Qualifying Fund Shareholder and the length of time that the shares have been owned by the Qualifying Fund Shareholder; (c) a description of all arrangements and understandings between the Qualifying Fund Shareholder and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the recommendation is being made; (d) the name, age, date of birth, business address and residence address of the person or persons being recommended; (e) such other information regarding each person recommended by the Qualifying Fund Shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) had the nominee been nominated by the Board; (f) whether the Qualifying Fund Shareholder making the recommendation believes the person recommended would or would not be an “interested person” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act; and (g) the written consent of each person recommended to serve as a Trustee of the Fund if so nominated and elected/appointed.

The Nominating Committee may amend these procedures from time to time, including the procedures relating to the evaluation of nominees and the process for submitting recommendations to the Nominating Committee.

The Board has adopted and approved a formal written charter for the Nominating Committee. A copy of the charter is attached as Exhibit A to this proxy statement.

Who are the nominees and Trustees?

The Board is divided into three classes. Each class has a term of three years. Each year, the term of office of one class expires. This year, the terms of four Trustees expire. Ann Torre Bates, David W. Niemiec, Larry D. Thompson

and Robert E. Wade. These individuals have been nominated for three-year terms, set to expire at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. These terms continue, however, until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All of the nominees are currently members of the Board and deemed to be Independent Trustees. In addition, all of the current nominees and Trustees are also directors or trustees of other investment companies within the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex.

Interested Trustees of the Fund hold director and/or officer positions with, or are principal stockholders of, Franklin Resources, Inc. (“Resources”) and its affiliates. Resources is a publicly owned holding company, a principal stockholder of which is Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., who beneficially owned approximately 19.2% of its outstanding shares as of December 31, 2017. The shares deemed to be beneficially owned by Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. include certain shares held by a private charitable foundation or by his spouse, of which he disclaims beneficial ownership. Resources, a global investment management organization operating as Franklin Templeton Investments, is primarily engaged, through various subsidiaries, in providing investment management, share distribution, transfer agent and administrative services to a family of investment companies. Resources is a New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) listed holding company (NYSE: BEN). Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Trustee and Vice President of the Fund, is the uncle of Gregory E. Johnson, a Trustee of the Fund. There are no other family relationships among the Trustees or nominees for Trustee.

Each nominee currently is available and has consented to serve if elected. If any of the nominees should become unavailable, the designated proxy holders will vote in their discretion for another person or persons who may be nominated to serve as Trustees.

In addition to personal qualities, such as integrity, in considering candidates for the Fund Board, the Nominating Committee seeks to find persons of good reputation whose experience and background evidence that such person has the ability to comprehend, discuss and critically analyze materials and issues presented, in exercising judgments and reaching informed conclusions relevant to fulfillment of a Fund Trustee’s duties and fiduciary obligations. Information on the business activities of the nominees and other Trustees during the past five years and beyond appears below and it is believed that the specific background of each Trustee evidences such ability and is appropriate to his or her serving on the Fund’s Board. As indicated, Harris J. Ashton has served as a chief executive officer of NYSE listed public corporations; Larry D. Thompson and Edith E. Holiday each have legal backgrounds, including high level legal positions with departments of the U.S. Government; David W. Niemiec has served as chief financial officer of a major corporation; Ann Torre Bates has served as a chief financial officer of a major corporation and as a board member of a number of public companies; J. Michael Luttig has fifteen years of judicial experience as a Federal Appeals Court Judge and eleven years of experience as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of a major public company; Robert E. Wade has had more than thirty years’ experience as a solo practicing attorney; Constantine D. Tseretopoulos has professional and executive experience as founder and Chief of Staff of a hospital; Mary C. Choksi has an extensive background in asset management, including founding an investment management firm; and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and Gregory E. Johnson are both high ranking executive officers of Resources.

Listed below with the business activities of the nominees and Trustees are their names and years of birth, their positions and length of service with the Fund and the number of portfolios in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex that they oversee.

Nominees for Independent Trustee to serve until 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders:

| Name, Year of Birth and Address | Position | Length of Time Served | Number of Portfolios in Franklin Templeton Investments Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee* | Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past Five Years |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Ann Torre Bates (1958) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 2008 | 40 | Ares Capital Corporation (specialty finance company) (2010–present), United Natural Foods, Inc. (distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods) (2013–present), Allied Capital Corporation (financial services) (2003–2010), SLM Corporation (Sallie Mae) (1997–2014) and Navient Corporation (loan management, servicing and asset recovery) (2014–2016). |

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; and **formerly**, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NHP Incorporated (manager of multifamily housing) (1995–1997); and Vice President and Treasurer, US Airways, Inc. (until 1995).

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| David W. Niemiec (1949) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 2005 | 40 | Hess Midstream Partners LP (oil and gas midstream infrastructure) (2017–present). |
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Advisor, Saratoga Partners (private equity fund); and **formerly**, Managing Director, Saratoga Partners (1998–2001) and SBC Warburg Dillon Read (investment banking) (1997–1998); Vice Chairman, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (investment banking) (1991–1997); and Chief Financial Officer, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (1982–1997).

| Name, Year of Birth and Address | Position | Length of Time Served | Number of Portfolios in Franklin Templeton Investments Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee* | Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past Five Years |
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| Larry D. Thompson (1945) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 2005 | 139 | The Southern Company (energy company) (2014–present; previously 2010–2012), Graham Holdings Company (education and media organization) (2011–present) and Cbeyond, Inc. (business communications provider) (2010–2012). |

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; Counsel, Finch McCranie, LLP (law firm) (2015–present); Independent Compliance Monitor and Auditor, Volkswagen AG (manufacturer of automobiles and commercial vehicles) (2017–present); John A. Sibley Professor of Corporate and Business Law, University of Georgia School of Law (2015–present; previously 2011–2012); and **formerly**, Executive Vice President—Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consumer products) (2012–2014); Senior Vice President—Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (2004–2011); Senior Fellow of The Brookings Institution (2003–2004); Visiting Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2004); and Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (2001–2003).

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| Robert E. Wade (1946) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 2006 | 40 | El Oro Ltd (investments) (2003–present). |
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Attorney at law engaged in private practice as a sole practitioner (1972–2008) and member of various boards.

Independent Trustees serving until 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders:

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| Harris J. Ashton (1932) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 1993 | 139 | Bar-S Foods (meat packing company) (1981–2010). |
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; and **formerly**, Director, RBC Holdings, Inc. (bank holding company) (until 2002); and President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, General Host Corporation (nursery and craft centers) (until 1998).

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| Edith E. Holiday (1952) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Lead Independent Trustee | Trustee since 1996 | 139 | Hess Corporation (exploration of oil and gas) (1993–present), Canadian National Railway (railroad) (2001–present), White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company) (2004–present), Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. (consumer finance) |
| | | and Lead Independent Trustee | | |

since 2007

(2016–present), RTI International Metals, Inc. (manufacture and distribution of titanium) (1999–2015) and H.J. Heinz Company (processed foods and allied products) (1994–2013).

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director or Trustee of various companies and trusts; and **formerly**, Assistant to the President of the United States and Secretary of the Cabinet (1990–1993); General Counsel to the United States Treasury Department (1989–1990); and Counselor to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Public Liaison—United States Treasury Department (1988–1989).

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| J. Michael Luttig (1954) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 2009 | 139 | Boeing Capital Corporation (aircraft financing) (2006–2013). |
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and member of the Executive Council, The Boeing Company (aerospace company) (2006–present); and **formerly**, Federal Appeals Court Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1991–2006).

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| Constantine D. Tseretopoulos (1954) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 1999 | 26 | None |
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Physician, Chief of Staff, owner and operator of the Lyford Cay Hospital (1987–present); director of various nonprofit organizations; and **formerly**, Cardiology Fellow, University of Maryland (1985–1987); and Internal Medicine Resident, Greater Baltimore Medical Center (1982–1985).

Independent Trustee serving until 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders:

| Name, Year of Birth and Address | Position | Length of Time Served | Overseen by Trustee* | Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past Five Years | Number of |
|--|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | Portfolios in Franklin Templeton Investments Fund Complex |
| Mary C. Choksi (1950) 300 S.E. 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923 | Trustee | Since 2016 | 139 | Avis Budget Group Inc. (car rental) (2007–present), Omnicom Group Inc. (advertising and marketing communications services) (2011–present) and White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company) (2017–present). | |

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; and **formerly**, Founder and Senior Advisor, Strategic Investment Group (investment management group) (2015–2017); Founding Partner and Senior Managing Director, Strategic Investment Group (1987–2015); Founding Partner and Managing Director, Emerging Markets Management LLC (investment management firm) (1987–2011); and Loan Officer/Senior Loan Officer/Senior Pension Investment Officer, World Bank Group (international financial institution) (1977–1987).

Interested Trustees serving until 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders:

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| **Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (1940) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906 | Chairman of the Board, Trustee and Vice President | Chairman of the Board and Trustee since 2013 and Vice President since 1996 | 139 | None |
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Vice Chairman, Member—Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 41 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

**Number of
Portfolios in
Franklin
Templeton
Investments
Fund Complex**

| Name, Year of Birth and Address | Position | Length of Time Served | Overseen by Trustee* | Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past Five Years |
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| **Gregory E. Johnson (1961) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906 | Trustee | Since 2007 | 153 | None |

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Chairman of the Board, Member—Office of the Chairman, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 43 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; Vice Chairman, Investment Company Institute; and **formerly**, President, Franklin Resources, Inc. (1994–2015).

* We base the number of portfolios on each separate series of the U.S. registered investment companies within the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. These portfolios have a common investment manager or affiliated investment manager, and also may share a common underwriter.

** Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and Gregory E. Johnson are “interested persons” of the Fund as defined by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act limits the percentage of interested persons that can comprise a fund’s board of trustees. Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is considered an interested person of the Fund due to his position as an officer, director and major shareholder of Resources, which is the parent company of the Fund’s investment manager, and his position with the Fund. Gregory E. Johnson is considered an interested person of the Fund due to his position as an officer, director and shareholder of Resources. Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is the uncle of Gregory E. Johnson. The remaining Trustees of the Fund are Independent Trustees.

The following tables provide the dollar range of the equity securities of the Fund and of all U.S. registered funds in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex beneficially owned by the Trustees as of March 28, 2018:

| Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund ⁽¹⁾ | Aggregate Securities Fra Investm |
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| \$1—\$10,000 | 0 |

| | Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund ⁽¹⁾ | Aggregate Securities Fra Investn |
|-------|--|----------------------------------|
| ..... | None | 0 |
| ..... | None | 0 |
| ..... | \$1—\$10,000 | 0 |
| ..... | \$10,001—\$50,000 | 0 |
| ..... | None | 0 |
| ..... | \$10,001—\$50,000 | 0 |
| ..... | None | 0 |
| ..... | \$10,001—\$50,000 | 0 |
| ..... | None | 0 |
| ..... | None | 0 |

(1) Dollar range based on NYSE closing price on March 28, 2018.

How often do the Trustees meet and what are they paid?

The role of the Trustees is to provide general oversight of the Fund's business and to ensure that the Fund is operated for the benefit of all of the Fund's shareholders. The Trustees anticipate meeting at least five times during the current fiscal year to review the operations of the Fund and the Fund's investment performance, and will meet more frequently as necessary. The Trustees also oversee the services furnished to the Fund by Franklin Advisers, Inc., the Fund's investment manager (the "Investment Manager"), and various other service providers.

The Fund's Independent Trustees constitute the sole independent Board members of 14 investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. As of January 1, 2018, each Independent Trustee is paid a \$245,000 annual retainer fee, together with a \$7,000 per meeting fee for attendance at each regularly scheduled Board meeting, a portion of which fees are allocated to the Fund. To the extent held, compensation also may be paid for attendance at specially called Board meetings. The Fund's Lead Independent Trustee is paid an annual supplemental retainer of \$50,000 for service to such investment companies, a portion of which is allocated to the Fund. Board members who serve on the Audit Committee of the Fund and such other investment companies receive a \$10,000 annual retainer fee, together with a \$3,000 per Audit Committee meeting attended, a portion of which is allocated to the Fund. David W. Niemiec, who serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Fund and such other investment companies, receives an additional fee of \$25,000 per year, a portion of which is allocated to the Fund.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, there were five meetings of the Board, six meetings of the Audit Committee, and three meetings of the Nominating Committee. Each Trustee then in office attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board and the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which the Trustee served. The Fund does not currently have a formal policy regarding Trustees' attendance at the annual shareholders' meeting. No Trustees attended the Fund's last annual meeting held on March 1, 2017.

Independent Trustees are also reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with attending Board meetings. The Interested Trustees and certain officers of the Fund who are shareholders of Resources are not compensated by the Fund for their services, but may receive indirect remuneration due to their participation in management fees and other fees received by the Investment Manager and its affiliates from the funds in Franklin Templeton Investments. The Investment Manager or its affiliates pay the salaries and expenses of the officers and the Interested Trustees. No pension or retirement benefits are accrued as part of Fund expenses.

The table below indicates the total fees paid to the Independent Trustees by the Fund individually and by all of the funds in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. These Trustees also serve as directors or trustees of other funds in Franklin Templeton Investments, many of which hold meetings at different dates and times. The Trustees and the Fund's management believe that having the same individuals serving on the boards

of multiple funds in Franklin Templeton Investments enhances the ability of each fund to obtain, at a relatively modest cost to each separate fund, the services of high caliber, experienced and knowledgeable Independent Trustees who can bring their experience and talents to, and effectively oversee the management of, several funds.

| | Aggregate Compensation from the Fund⁽¹⁾ | Total Compensation from Franklin Templeton Investments Fund Comple |
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| | \$ 6,371 | \$ 493,000 |
| | 6,467 | 521,000 |
| | 6,988 | 513,000 |
| | 6,530 | 538,000 |
| | 6,456 | 525,000 |
| | 6,580 | 518,000 |
| | 6,353 | 508,000 |
| ..... | 6,459 | 205,000 |