

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 JOHNSON GREGORY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
 [BEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/15/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC., ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/15/2016		G	V	256	D	Ⓐ 2,162,863
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/15/2016		G	V	3,246	D	Ⓐ 2,159,617
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/16/2016		G	V	260	D	Ⓐ 2,159,357

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value \$.10									
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/21/2016	G	V	6,410	D	Ⓣ	2,152,947	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/23/2016	G	V	385	D	Ⓣ	2,152,562	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/16/2016	G	V	707	A	Ⓣ	2,153,269	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	02/27/2017	S		25,000	D	\$ 43.1792 <u>(2)</u>	2,128,269	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/16/2016	G	V	1,414	A	Ⓣ	69,122	I	As A Trustee For Minor Child <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/16/2016	G	V	707	A	Ⓣ	18,014	I	By Spouse <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10							4,945.6604	I	By 401(k) <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10							2,565,000	I	By Business Limited Partnership <u>(6)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10							8,100	I	By Business Trust <u>(7)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10							396,000	I	By Venture Limited Partnership <u>(8)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON GREGORY E C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray, 02/27/2017
Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$43.13 to \$43.26, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff on the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (3) Shares held by Reporting Person as trustee for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Shares held by Reporting Person's spouse. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

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- (5) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of December 1, 2016.
- (6) Business limited partnership under control of Reporting Person.
- (7) Business trust for the benefit of Reporting Person and Reporting Person's children.
- (8) Limited partnership under control of Reporting Person, and owned in part by irrevocable trusts for the benefit of Reporting Person's children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the children's trusts.

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