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IMPORTANT SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

We have enclosed important information about the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust (the "Fund") scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., Pacific time. These materials discuss the 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 the Fund. If you complete, sign and return the proxy card, we'll vote it as you indicated. If you simply sign, date and return the proxy card, but do not specify a vote on the proposal listed thereon, your proxy will be voted **FOR** the election of the nominees to the position of Trustee (the "Proposal").

We urge you to spend a few minutes reviewing the Proposal in the proxy statement. Then, please fill out and sign the proxy card and return it to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope so that we know how you would like to vote. When shareholders return their proxy cards promptly, the Fund may be able to save money by not having to conduct additional mailings. Returning your proxy card does not preclude you from attending the meeting or later changing your vote prior to its being cast.

We welcome your comments. If you have any questions, call Fund Information at (800) DIAL BEN@/(800) 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, separate instructions are enclosed.

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NOTICE OF 2011 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Shareholders' Meeting (the "Meeting") of Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust (the "Fund") will be held at the Fund's offices, One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403, on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., Pacific time.

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

- The election of Sam Ginn, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., and Larry D. Thompson, as Trustees of the Fund, to hold office for the terms specified.

The Board of Trustees has fixed July 20, 2011, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Trustees,

/s/Karen L. Skidmore

Karen L. Skidmore

Vice President and Secretary

San Mateo, California

Dated: August 22, 2011

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2011.

The Fund's Notice of 2011 Annual Shareholders' Meeting, Proxy Statement and form of Proxy are available on the Internet at www.proxyonline.us/docs/ftf2011. The form of Proxy on the Internet site cannot be used to cast your vote.

Please sign and promptly return your proxy card in the self-addressed envelope regardless of the number of shares you own.

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FRANKLIN TEMPLETON LIMITED DURATION INCOME TRUST

PROXY STATEMENT

INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

Who is asking for my vote?

The Board of Trustees (the "Board" or the "Trustees") of Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust (the "Fund"), in connection with the Fund's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting"), have requested your vote.

Who is eligible to vote?

Shareholders of record at the close of business on July 20, 2011, are entitled to be present and to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment of the Meeting. Each common share of beneficial interest, without par value (the "Common Shares") and each Auction Rate Preferred Share, \$25,000 liquidation preference per share (the "Preferred Shares"), of record is entitled to one vote, and each fractional Common Share and Preferred Share is entitled to a proportional fractional vote, on each nominee presented at the Meeting on which such shareholder is entitled to vote. The Notice of Meeting, the proxy card, and the proxy statement were first mailed to shareholders of record on or about August 22, 2011.

On what issue am I being asked to vote?

You are being asked to vote on one Proposal:

- To elect nominees to the position of Trustee for the terms specified. One of the nominees will be voted on solely by holders of Preferred Shares, and the remaining two nominees will be voted on by holders of the outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares voting together as a single class.

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

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The Trustees unanimously recommend that you vote **FOR** the election of each of the Trustee nominees for whom you are entitled to vote.

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, separate 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 for the Proposal, your proxy will be voted as you indicate. If you simply sign, date and return the proxy card, but don't specify a vote on the Proposal, your shares will be voted **FOR** the election of the nominees for the Board.

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 to your broker rather than to the Fund.

THE PROPOSAL: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

***How are nominees
selected?***

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has a Nominating Committee consisting of Harris J. Ashton, Sam Ginn, Edith E. Holiday, J. Michael Luttig, Frank A. Olson, Larry D. Thompson, and John B. Wilson, 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 "Independent Trustees," and Trustees who are interested persons of the Fund are referred to as "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 will, however, 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 and 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 such Qualifying Fund Shareholder and the length of time that such shares have been so owned by the Qualifying Fund Shareholder; (c) a description of all arrangements and understandings between such 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 such 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 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 current members of the Board of Trustees?

The Board is divided into three classes, each class typically having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires. This year, the terms of three Trustees expire. Sam Ginn, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and Larry D. Thompson have been nominated for three-year terms, set to expire at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. These terms continue, however, until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until a Trustee's resignation, retirement, death or removal, whichever is earlier. All of the nominees are currently members of the Board and have been previously elected by shareholders, and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is an Interested Trustee. In addition, all of the current nominees and the Trustees are also directors and/or trustees of other investment companies within the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex.

Pursuant to the Fund's Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust, two of the Fund's Trustees are to be elected solely by the holders of the outstanding Preferred Shares, and the remaining Trustees are to be elected by the holders of the outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares voting together as a single class. This year Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. has been nominated to be elected by the holders of the outstanding Preferred Shares, and Sam Ginn and Larry D. Thompson have been nominated to be elected by the holders of the outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares voting together as a single class.

The Interested Trustees of the Fund hold director and/or officer positions with Franklin Resources, Inc. ("Resources") and its affiliates. Resources is a publicly-traded company whose common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BEN). As of June 30, 2011, Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. beneficially owned approximately 36,754,197 and 36,661,467 (approximately 16.7% and 16.6%), respectively, of the common shares of Resources. The shares deemed to be beneficially owned by Charles B. Johnson include certain shares held by two private charitable foundations, of which he disclaims beneficial ownership. 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 its various subsidiaries, in providing investment management, share distribution, transfer agent and administrative services to a family of investment companies.

Charles B. Johnson, Chairman of the Board and Trustee of the Fund, and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., Senior Vice President and Trustee of the Fund, who are brothers, are the father and uncle, respectively, of Gregory E. Johnson, Vice President of the Fund.

Each nominee is currently available and has consented to serve if elected. If any of the nominees should become unavailable, the persons named as proxies in the proxy card will vote in their discretion for another person or persons who may be nominated 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 evidences 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, Frank A. Olson and Sam Ginn have each served as chief executive officers of New York Stock Exchange 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; John B. Wilson has served as chief operating officer of a New York Stock Exchange listed public corporation, as well as chief financial officer of a NASDAQ listed public corporation; J.

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Michael Luttig has fifteen years of judicial experience as a Federal Appeals Court Judge; and Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are high ranking executive officers of Franklin Templeton Investments.

Listed below, for each nominee and Trustee, is his or her name, year of birth and address, as well as position and length of service with the Fund, a brief description of recent professional experience, the number of portfolios in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex that he or she oversees, and other directorships held.

Nominees for Independent Trustee to serve until the 2014 Annual Shareholders' Meeting:

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held
Sam Ginn (1937) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee	Since 2007	107	ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Limited (satellite company) (2006-2010), Chevron Corporation (global energy company) (1989-2009), Hewlett-Packard Company (technology company) (1996-2002), Safeway, Inc. (grocery retailer) (1991-1998) and TransAmerica Corporation (insurance company) (1989-1999).

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Private investor; and **formerly**, Chairman of the Board, Vodafone AirTouch, PLC (wireless company); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, AirTouch Communications (cellular communications) (1993-1998) and Pacific Telesis Group (telephone holding company) (1988-1994).

<p>Larry D. Thompson</p> <p>(1945)</p> <p>One Franklin Parkway</p> <p>San Mateo, CA 94403-1906</p>	<p>Trustee</p> <p>Since 2007</p>	<p>139</p>	<p>Cbeyond, Inc. (business communications provider), The Southern Company (energy company) and The Washington Post Company (education and media organization).</p>
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Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

John A. Sibley Professor of Corporate and Business Law, University of Georgia School of Law (2011); and **formerly**, Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consumer products) (2004-May 2011); Director, Delta Airlines (aviation) (2003-2005) and Provident Financial Corp. (credit card provider) (1997-2001); 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).

Nominee for Interested Trustee to serve until the 2014 Annual Shareholders' Meeting:**

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held
**Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (1940)	Trustee and Senior Vice President	Since 2003	50	None

One Franklin Parkway

Trustee

San Mateo, CA
94403-1906

Principal Occupation During 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 25 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Independent Trustees serving until the 2012 Annual Shareholders' Meeting:

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held
J. Michael Luttig (1954) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee	Since 2009	131	Boeing Capital Corporation (aircraft financing).

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

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

Frank A. Olson (1932) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee	Since 2005	131	Hess Corporation (exploration and refining of oil and gas).
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Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Chairman Emeritus, The Hertz Corporation (car rental) (since 2000) (Chairman of the Board (1980-2000) and Chief Executive Officer (1977-1999)); and **formerly**, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, UAL Corporation (airlines).

Interested Trustee serving until the 2012 Annual Shareholders' Meeting:**

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held
**Charles B. Johnson (1933) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee and Chairman of the Board	Since 2003	131	