

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND
Form N-CSR
October 31, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-04985

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 EAST BROWARD BLVD., SUITE 2100, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3091

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

CRAIG S. TYLE, ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 527-7500

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 8/31/08

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

AUGUST 31, 2008

ANNUAL REPORT

INTERNATIONAL

(GRAPHIC)

TEMPLETON
EMERGING MARKETS FUND

(FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS (R) LOGO)

Franklin - TEMPLETON - Mutual Series

Franklin Templeton Investments

GAIN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE (R)

Franklin Templeton's distinct multi-manager

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

structure combines the specialized expertise of three world-class investment management groups-- Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series.

SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

Each of our portfolio management groups operates autonomously, relying on its own research and staying true to the unique investment disciplines that underlie its success.

FRANKLIN. Founded in 1947, Franklin is a recognized leader in fixed income investing and also brings expertise in growth- and value-style U.S. equity investing.

TEMPLETON. Founded in 1940, Templeton pioneered international investing and, in 1954, launched what has become the industry's oldest global fund. Today, with offices in over 25 countries, Templeton offers investors a truly global perspective.

MUTUAL SERIES. Founded in 1949, Mutual Series is dedicated to a unique style of value investing, searching aggressively for opportunity among what it believes are undervalued stocks, as well as arbitrage situations and distressed securities.

TRUE DIVERSIFICATION

Because our management groups work independently and adhere to different investment approaches, Franklin, Templeton and Mutual Series funds typically have distinct portfolios. That's why our funds can be used to build truly diversified allocation plans covering every major asset class.

RELIABILITY YOU CAN TRUST

At Franklin Templeton Investments, we seek to consistently provide investors with exceptional risk-adjusted returns over the long term, as well as the reliable, accurate and personal service that has helped us become one of the most trusted names in financial services.

MUTUAL FUNDS | RETIREMENT PLANS | 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS | SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

(GRAPHIC)

Not part of the annual report

Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

YOUR FUND'S GOAL AND MAIN 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.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

Based on Total Net Assets as of 8/31/08

(PIE CHART)

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Asia	46.2%
Europe	27.1%
Latin America & Caribbean	22.1%
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets ..	4.6%

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Templeton Emerging Markets Fund covers the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund had cumulative total returns of -6.16% based on market price and -10.94% based on net asset value for the 12 months under review.

ECONOMIC AND MARKET OVERVIEW

Although most emerging markets had positive performances in the first part of the reporting period, worsening market sentiment led to greater volatility in the second half and most markets ended the reporting period in negative

THE DOLLAR VALUE, NUMBER OF SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AND NAMES OF ALL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS ARE LISTED IN THE FUND'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (SOI). THE SOI BEGINS ON PAGE 11.

Annual Report | 5

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Based on Equity Investments as of 8/31/08

	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS -----
Brazil	20.6%
China	15.6%
Russia	9.9%
Turkey	9.2%
Thailand	7.3%
India	6.2%
South Korea	6.1%
Hong Kong	4.1%
Poland	3.0%
Taiwan	2.8%

territory. Emerging markets declined on concerns of slowing global economic growth, higher inflation and the impact of the U.S. subprime crisis on global financial markets.

The Latin American region was the top performer during the period under review, as stronger domestic currencies and higher commodity prices contributed to positive returns. Brazil, benefiting significantly from a stronger real and high

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

agricultural commodity prices, was the region's top performing equity market with a 23.62% gain in U.S. dollar terms.(1)

In Europe, Russian equities reached a record high during May 2008, as strong economic growth and high commodity prices supported the country's energy and materials companies. However, falling commodity prices later in the period, coupled with the Georgia conflict, led investors to lock in gains, which resulted in a 10.51% loss in U.S. dollars for the Russian stock market.(1) Investor confidence in Turkey suffered due to political uncertainty despite higher-than-expected gross domestic product growth, and the Istanbul stock market fell 12.73% in U.S. dollar terms.(1) Elsewhere, Asian stocks declined during the Fund's fiscal year largely due to inflationary concerns and fears of a prolonged U.S. economic downturn and its impact on Asian economies.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Our investment strategy employs a bottom-up, value-oriented, long-term approach. We focus on the market price of a company's securities relative to our evaluation of the company's long-term earnings, asset value and cash flow potential. As we look for investments, we focus on specific companies and undertake in-depth research to construct an action list from which we make our buy decisions. Before we make a purchase, we look at the company's potential for earnings and growth over a five-year horizon. During our analysis, we also consider the company's position in its sector, the economic framework and political environment.

MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

For the 12 months under review, the Fund's exposure to the food and staples retailing, telecommunication services and utilities sectors contributed significantly to absolute performance.(2) We held only one stock in the food and staples

- (1.) Source: (C) 2008 Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in global emerging markets. Country market returns are based on subindexes of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.
- (2.) The telecommunication services sector comprises diversified telecommunication services and wireless telecommunication services in the SOI.

retailing sector, Hong Kong's Dairy Farm International Holdings, which operates supermarkets, hypermarkets (department store and supermarket), as well as convenience, home furnishing, and health and beauty stores in Asia. The stock performed well mainly due to greater private consumption in the region. In the telecommunication services sector, key contributors included Taiwan Mobile,(3) Telefonos de Mexico and South Africa's MTN Group,(3) which benefited from higher living standards and greater demand for telecommunication services in emerging markets. The Fund's only utilities holdings, Gail India(3) and Eletrobras (Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras),(3) appreciated in value.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

From a geographic perspective, investments in Brazil and India helped the Fund's performance. In addition to the stocks discussed previously, noteworthy contributors included Brazil's Petrobras (Petroleo Brasileiro), the country's national oil and gas company, and Vale (Companhia Vale do Rio Doce), one of the world's largest iron ore producers that is also engaged in various other mining activities, and India's Sesa Goa, one of the country's biggest iron ore exporters.

On the other hand, sectors that had a negative impact on the Fund's absolute performance included materials, capital goods, and consumer durables and apparel.(4) Geographically, investments in China and South Korea hurt the Fund's performance. In the materials sector, Chalco (Aluminum Corp. of China), the country's leading alumina and aluminum products manufacturer, was a significant detractor. The stock declined in value due to lower-than-expected earnings, but we believed the company was well positioned to benefit from China's continuing economic growth and longer-term demand in the automobile, machinery and aircraft industries. South Korea's Hyundai Development in the capital goods sector declined in value due to concerns regarding the country's weak housing market. We remained confident in Hyundai Development's prospects based on the company's dominant market position as a leading residential property developer. In the consumer durables and apparel sector, South Korean women's casual apparel supplier Avista hurt the Fund's returns. We continued to hold the stock based on what we considered attractive valuations and positive long-term growth outlook, supported by introduction of new brands and expectations of a recovery in domestic consumption.

It is important to recognize the effect of currency movements on the Fund's performance. In general, if the value of the U.S. dollar goes up compared with a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will go down in value because it will be worth fewer U.S. dollars. This can have a negative

(3.) Sold by period-end.

(4.) The materials sector comprises construction materials, and metals and mining in the SOI. The capital goods sector comprises construction and engineering in the SOI. The consumer durables and apparel sector comprises textiles, apparel and luxury goods in the SOI.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS
8/31/08

COMPANY SECTOR/INDUSTRY, COUNTRY	% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS
Petrobras (Petroleo Brasileiro SA), ADR, pfd. OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, BRAZIL	8.3%
Vale (Companhia Vale do Rio Doce), ADR, pfd., A METALS & MINING, BRAZIL	6.6%
Akbank TAS COMMERCIAL BANKS, TURKEY	4.4%
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, CHINA	4.4%
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd COMMERCIAL BANKS, BRAZIL	3.3%
LUKOIL, ADR OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, RUSSIA	2.9%
Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri AS OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, TURKEY	2.9%
CNOOC Ltd.	

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, CHINA Sesa Goa Ltd.	2.9%
METALS & MINING, INDIA Gazprom, ADR	2.8%
OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS, RUSSIA	2.6%

Annual Report | 7

effect on Fund performance. Conversely, when the U.S. dollar weakens in relation to a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will increase in value, which can contribute to Fund performance. For the 12 months ended August 31, 2008, the U.S. dollar declined in value relative to most currencies. As a result, the Fund's performance was positively affected by the portfolio's investment predominantly in securities with non-U.S. currency exposure. However, one cannot expect the same result in future periods.

During the reporting period, we initiated positions in some textiles, apparel and luxury goods; and real estate management and development companies as some of these stocks experienced corrections during the period, which made valuations more attractive. Purchases included Victory City, a Hong Kong-based fabric and yarn manufacturer and processor; Polnord, a leading Polish property developer; and SK Energy, South Korea's largest oil refiner.

To raise funds for income and capital gain distributions, we sold a number of holdings. During this process, we disposed of stocks that we considered no longer attractively valued within our investment universe. We also sold some positions as stocks reached sale price targets. As a result, the Fund's investments in tobacco, telecommunication services and pharmaceuticals companies fell. Key sales included Remgro, a South African company with tobacco, liquor, mining, financial, packaging, food and other interests; Richter Gedeon, Hungary's largest pharmaceuticals company; and Taiwan Mobile, the country's major wireless telecommunication services provider.

Thank you for your continued participation in Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. We look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Sincerely,

(PHOTO OF MARK MOBIUS)

/s/ Mark Mobius

Mark Mobius
Executive Chairman
Templeton Asset Management Ltd.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION REFLECTS OUR ANALYSIS, OPINIONS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2008, THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE WAY WE IMPLEMENT OUR MAIN INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND THE RESULTING PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON FACTORS SUCH AS 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.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

8 | Annual Report

Performance Summary as of 8/31/08

Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities. Total return reflects reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. Total returns do not reflect any sales charges paid at inception or brokerage commissions paid on secondary market purchases. The performance table does not reflect any taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends, capital gain distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

SYMBOL: EMF -----	CHANGE -----	8/31/08 -----	8/31/07 -----
Net Asset Value (NAV)	-\$4.03	\$19.11	\$23.14
Market Price (NYSE)	-\$2.93	\$17.63	\$20.56
DISTRIBUTIONS (9/1/07-8/31/08)			
Dividend Income	\$0.3369		
Short-Term Capital Gain	\$0.3575		
Long-Term Capital Gain	\$1.4726		
TOTAL	\$2.1670		

PERFORMANCE

	1-YEAR -----	5-YEAR -----	10-YEAR -----
Cumulative Total Return(1)			
Based on change in NAV(2)	-10.94%	+188.09%	+359.30%
Based on change in market price(3)	-6.16%	+144.87%	+406.23%
Average Annual Total Return(1)			
Based on change in NAV(2)	-10.94%	+23.56%	+16.47%
Based on change in market price(3)	-6.16%	+19.61%	+17.60%

PERFORMANCE DATA REPRESENT PAST PERFORMANCE, WHICH DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE RESULTS. INVESTMENT RETURN AND PRINCIPAL VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE, AND YOU MAY HAVE A GAIN OR LOSS WHEN YOU SELL YOUR SHARES. CURRENT PERFORMANCE MAY DIFFER FROM FIGURES SHOWN.

ENDNOTES

SPECIAL RISKS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN INVESTING, INCLUDING CURRENCY VOLATILITY, ECONOMIC INSTABILITY 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.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

- (1.) Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated.
- (2.) Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on net asset value.
- (3.) Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on the dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan.

Annual Report | 9

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,			
	2008	2007	2006	2005
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE				
(for a share outstanding throughout the year)				
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 23.14	\$ 20.56	\$ 17.98	\$ 13.40
Income from investment operations:				
Net investment income(a)	0.30	0.37	0.33	0.32
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) ...	(2.16)	7.47	4.25	4.51
Total from investment operations	(1.86)	7.84	4.58	4.83
Less distributions from:				
Net investment income	(0.34)	(0.64)	(0.39)	(0.25)
Net realized gains	(1.83)	(4.62)	(1.61)	--
Total distributions	(2.17)	(5.26)	(2.00)	(0.25)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 19.11	\$ 23.14	\$ 20.56	\$ 17.98
Market value, end of year(b)	\$ 17.63	\$ 20.56	\$ 18.94	\$ 18.31
Total return (based on market value per share)	(6.16)%	41.62%	15.01%	30.66%
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS				
Expenses(c)	1.55%	1.55%	1.58%	1.57%
Net investment income	1.28%	1.86%	1.66%	2.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA				
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$345,403	\$418,213	\$366,549	\$318,240
Portfolio turnover rate	9.33%	33.15%	43.03%	36.04%

(a) Based on average daily shares outstanding.

(b) Based on the last sale on the New York Stock Exchange.

(c) Benefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

10 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2008

	INDUSTRY
<hr/>	
COMMON STOCKS 74.8%	
AUSTRIA 1.7%	
OMV AG	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
CHINA 15.6%	
Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd., H	Metals & Mining
(a) Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Ltd.	Automobiles
China Petroleum and Chemical Corp., H	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Chiwan Wharf Holdings Ltd., B	Transportation Infrastructure
CNOOC Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Denway Motors Ltd.	Automobiles
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Win Hanverky Holdings Ltd.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
HONG KONG 4.1%	
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd.	Food & Staples Retailing
(a, b) Tack Fat Group International Ltd.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
Victory City International Holdings Ltd.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
VTech Holdings Ltd.	Communications Equipment
HUNGARY 1.8%	
MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Nyrt	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
INDIA 6.2%	
National Aluminium Co. Ltd.	Metals & Mining
Oil & Natural Gas Corp. Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Sesa Goa Ltd.	Metals & Mining
INDONESIA 2.7%	
PT Astra International Tbk	Automobiles
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	Commercial Banks
MEXICO 1.5%	
Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV, L, ADR	Diversified Telecommunication Services
Telmex Internacional SAB de CV, ADR	Diversified Telecommunication Services
PAKISTAN 1.4%	

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Faysal Bank Ltd.	Commercial Banks
MCB Bank Ltd.	Commercial Banks

POLAND 3.0%	
(a) Grupa Lotos SA	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
(a) Polnord SA	Construction & Engineering
Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen SA	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels

Annual Report | 11

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2008 (CONTINUED)

INDUSTRY

COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)

RUSSIA 9.9%

Gazprom, ADR	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
LUKOIL, ADR	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
LUKOIL, ADR (London Exchange)	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Mining and Metallurgical Co. Norilsk Nickel ...	Metals & Mining
Mobile TeleSystems, ADR	Wireless Telecommunication Services
OAO TMK, GDR	Energy Equipment & Services

SOUTH KOREA 6.1%

Avista Inc.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
Hyundai Development Co.	Construction & Engineering
Kangwon Land Inc.	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure
Neopharm Co. Ltd.	Personal Products
SK Energy Co. Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels

SWEDEN 1.5%

Oriflame Cosmetics SA, SDR	Personal Products
----------------------------------	-------------------

TAIWAN 2.8%

MediaTek Inc.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. ...	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment

THAILAND 7.3%

Amata Corp. Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Real Estate Management & Development
Hemaraj Land and Development Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Real Estate Management & Development
Kasikornbank Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Commercial Banks

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Kiatnakin Bank Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Consumer Finance
Land and Houses Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Real Estate Management & Development
PTT Exploration and Production Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
PTT Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Siam Cement Public Co. Ltd., fgn	Construction Materials
TURKEY 9.2%	
Akbank TAS	Commercial Banks
Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri AS	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri AS	Wireless Telecommunication Services
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
(COST \$198,896,256)	

12 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, AUGUST 31, 2008 (CONTINUED)

INDUSTRY

PREFERRED STOCKS 20.6%	
BRAZIL 20.6%	
Banco Bradesco SA, ADR, pfd.	Commercial Banks
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, ADR, pfd., A	Metals & Mining
Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR, pfd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels
Unibanco - Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros SA, GDR, pfd.	Commercial Banks
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS	
(COST \$22,513,066)	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT TERM	
INVESTMENTS (COST \$ 221,409,322)	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	
(COST \$14,238,531) 4.1%	
MONEY MARKET FUND 4.1%	
UNITED STATES 4.1%	
(c) Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio, 2.15%	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$ 235,647,853)	
99.5%	
OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 0.5%	
NET ASSETS 100.0%	

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

SELECTED PORTFOLIO ABBREVIATIONS

ADR - American Depository Receipt

GDR - Global Depository Receipt

SDR - Swedish Depository Receipt

- (a) Non-income producing for the twelve months ended August 31, 2008.
- (b) Security has been deemed illiquid because it may not be able to be sold within seven days. At August 31, 2008, the value of this security was \$0.
- (c) See Note 7 regarding investments in the Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Annual Report | 13

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

August 31, 2008

Assets:

Investments in securities:

Cost - Unaffiliated issuers	\$221,409,322
Cost - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7)	14,238,531

Total cost of investments	\$235,647,853
	=====
Value - Unaffiliated issuers	\$329,580,535
Value - Sweep Money Fund (Note 7)	14,238,531

Total value of investments	343,819,066
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$477,955)	477,955

Receivables:

Investment securities sold	365,658
Dividends	1,388,288
Foreign tax	13,361

Total assets	346,064,328

Liabilities:

Payables:

Investment securities purchased	65,163
Affiliates	417,398
Custodian fees	78,862
Reports to shareholders	37,780
Professional fees	47,285
Deferred tax	5,237
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	9,603

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Total liabilities	661,328

Net assets, at value	\$345,403,000
	=====
Net assets consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$212,251,815
Undistributed net investment income	4,906,482
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	108,136,588
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	20,108,115
	=====
Net assets, at value	\$345,403,000
	=====
Shares outstanding	18,073,033
	=====
Net asset value per share	\$ 19.11
	=====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

14 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the year ended August 31, 2008

Investment income:	
Dividends: (net of foreign taxes of \$1,064,707)	
Unaffiliated issuers	\$ 11,993,915
Sweep Money Fund (Note 7)	89,451
Interest	1,391

Total investment income	12,084,757

Expenses:	
Management fees (Note 3a)	5,331,591
Administrative fees (Note 3b)	640,798
Transfer agent fees	80,100
Custodian fees (Note 4)	371,862
Reports to shareholders	55,140
Registration and filing fees	24,663
Professional fees	74,992
Trustees' fees and expenses	39,578
Other	20,576

Total expenses	6,639,300
Expense reductions (Note 4)	(1,578)

Net expenses	6,637,722

Net investment income	5,447,035

Realized and unrealized gains (losses):	
Net realized gain (loss) from:	

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Investments	30,240,659
Foreign currency transactions	(300,662)

Net realized gain (loss)	29,939,997

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	(69,314,414)
Translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	(40,090)
Change in deferred taxes on unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	321,951

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(69,032,553)

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(39,092,556)

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (33,645,521)
	=====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Annual Report | 15

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,	
	2008	2007
	-----	-----
Increase (decrease) in net assets:		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 5,447,035	\$ 6,749,870
Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions	29,939,997	60,733,635
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and deferred taxes ...	(69,032,553)	73,705,723
	-----	-----
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(33,645,521)	141,189,228
	-----	-----
Distributions to shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(6,088,805)	(11,407,091)
Net realized gains	(33,075,457)	(82,673,975)
	-----	-----
Total distributions to shareholders	(39,164,262)	(94,081,066)
	-----	-----
Capital share transactions: (Note 2)	--	4,555,295
	=====	=====

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(72,809,783)	51,663,457
Net assets:		
Beginning of year	418,212,783	366,549,326
End of year	\$345,403,000	\$418,212,783
Undistributed net investment income (distributions in excess of net investment income) included in net assets:		
End of year	\$ 4,906,482	\$ (3,100,238)
	=====	=====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

16 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (1940 Act) as a diversified, closed-end investment company.

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

A. SECURITY VALUATION

Securities listed on a securities exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last quoted sale price or the official closing price of the day, respectively. Over-the-counter securities and listed securities for which there is no reported sale are valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Securities that trade in multiple markets or on multiple exchanges are valued according to the broadest and most representative market. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value.

Foreign securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded, or the NYSE, whichever is earlier. If no sale is reported at that time, the foreign security will be valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at the close of the NYSE on the day that the value of the foreign security is determined.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of individual securities and other assets for which market prices are not readily available or which may not be reliably priced. Methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis, matrix pricing, discounts from market prices of similar securities, or discounts applied due to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such securities, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into question the availability (including the reliability) of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. The investment manager monitors price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depository Receipts, futures contracts and exchange traded funds). These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services. All security valuation procedures are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

Annual Report | 17

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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, income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date. Occasionally, events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

The Fund does not separately report the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from changes in market prices on securities held. Such changes are included in net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments on the Statement of Operations.

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 at a future date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on these contracts 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, which may be in excess of the amount reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

D. INCOME AND DEFERRED TAXES

No provision has been made for U.S. income taxes because it is the Fund's policy

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute to shareholders substantially all of its taxable income and net realized gains.

The Fund has reviewed the tax positions, taken on federal income tax returns, for each of the three open tax years and as of August 31, 2008, and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements.

18 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. INCOME AND DEFERRED TAXES (CONTINUED)

Foreign securities held by the Fund may be subject to foreign taxation on dividend and interest income received. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Fund invest.

The Fund may be subject to a tax imposed on net realized gains on securities of certain foreign countries. The Fund records an estimated deferred tax liability for net unrealized gains on these securities in an amount that would be payable if the securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

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. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized as soon as the Fund is notified of the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis). Distributable earnings determined on a tax basis may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary differences are not reclassified, as they may reverse in subsequent periods.

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

G. GUARANTEES AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified by the Fund against certain liabilities arising out of the

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. Currently, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Annual Report | 19

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

At August 31, 2008, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value). During the year ended August 31, 2008 there were no shares issued; all reinvested distributions were satisfied with previously issued shares purchased in the open market. During the year ended August 31, 2007, 243,729 shares were issued for \$4,555,295 from reinvested distributions.

The Fund's Board of Trustees previously authorized an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, Fund shares in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. This authorization remains in effect. During the years ended August 31, 2008 and August 31, 2007, there were no shares repurchased.

3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Franklin Resources, Inc. is the holding company for various subsidiaries that together are referred to as Franklin Templeton Investments. Certain officers and trustees of the Fund are also officers and/or directors of the following subsidiaries:

SUBSIDIARY	AFFILIATION
Templeton Asset Management Ltd. (TAML)	Investment manager
Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services)	Administrative manager

A. MANAGEMENT FEES

The Fund pay an investment management fee to TAML based on the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows:

ANNUALIZED FEE RATE	NET ASSETS
1.250%	Up to and including \$1 billion
1.200%	Over \$1 billion, up to and including \$5 billion
1.150%	Over \$5 billion, up to and including \$10 billion
1.100%	Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$15 billion
1.050%	Over \$15 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
1.000%	In excess of \$20 billion

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Fund pays an administrative fee to FT Services of 0.15% per year of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

20 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

4. EXPENSE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the year ended August 31, 2008, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

5. INCOME TAXES

For tax purposes, realized currency losses, occurring subsequent to October 31, may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first day of the following fiscal year. At August 31, 2008, the Fund deferred realized currency losses of \$297,000.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended August 31, 2008 and 2007, was as follows:

	2008	2007
	-----	-----
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$12,549,914	\$20,614,355
Long term capital gain ..	26,614,348	73,466,711
	-----	-----
	\$39,164,262	\$94,081,066
	=====	=====

At August 31, 2008, the cost of investments, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), undistributed ordinary income and undistributed long term capital gains for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$235,829,155
	=====
Unrealized appreciation	\$128,614,849
Unrealized depreciation	(20,624,938)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ..	\$107,989,911
	=====
Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 4,916,890
Undistributed long term capital gains	20,576,007

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Distributable earnings \$ 25,492,897
=====

Net investment income differs for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatment of foreign currency transactions and passive foreign investment company shares.

Net realized gains (losses) differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatment of wash sales, foreign currency transactions and passive foreign investment company shares.

Annual Report | 21

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the year ended August 31, 2008, aggregated \$41,635,967 and \$89,937,247, respectively.

7. INVESTMENTS IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTIONAL FIDUCIARY TRUST MONEY MARKET PORTFOLIO

The Fund may invest in the Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio (Sweep Money Fund), an open-end investment company managed by Franklin Advisers, Inc. (an affiliate of the investment manager). Management fees paid by the Fund are reduced on assets invested in the Sweep Money Fund, in an amount not to exceed the management and administrative fees paid by the Sweep Money Fund.

8. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Investing in foreign securities may include certain risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities, such as fluctuating currency values and changing local and regional economic, political and social conditions, which may result in greater market volatility. In addition, certain foreign securities may not be as liquid as U.S. securities.

9. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement" (SFAS 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Fund believes the adoption of SFAS 157 will have no material impact on its financial statements.

In March 2008, FASB issued FASB Statement No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" (SFAS 161), which expands disclosures about derivative investments and hedging activities. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Fund is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of applying the various provisions of SFAS 161.

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund (the "Fund") at August 31, 2008, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at August 31, 2008 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, California
October 21, 2008

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

TAX DESIGNATION (UNAUDITED)

Under Section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$21,524,783 as a long term capital gain dividend for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

Under Section 871(k)(2)(C) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$24,833 as a short term capital gain dividend for purposes of the tax imposed under Section 871(a)(1)(A) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

Under Section 854(b)(2) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$9,136,739 as qualified dividends for purposes of the maximum rate under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008. Distributions, including qualified dividend income, paid during calendar year 2008 will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV in January 2009. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their individual income tax returns.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Under Section 871(k)(1)(C) of the Code, the Fund designates the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$49,297 as interest related dividends for purposes of the tax imposed under Section 871(a)(1)(A) of the Code for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

At August 31, 2008, more than 50% of the Fund's total assets were invested in securities of foreign issuers. In most instances, foreign taxes were withheld from income paid to the Fund on these investments. The Fund elects to treat foreign taxes paid as allowed under Section 853 of the Code. This election will allow shareholders of record as of the December 2008 distribution date, to treat their proportionate share of foreign taxes paid by the Fund as having been paid directly by them. The shareholder shall consider these amounts as foreign taxes paid in the tax year in which they receive the Fund distribution.

In addition, in January 2009, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of taxes withheld and foreign source income distributed during the calendar year 2008.

24 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the Fund's offices, 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on February 22, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to elect four Trustees of the Fund. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Trustees of the Fund: Harris J. Ashton, Ann Torre Bates, Frank J. Crothers and Edith E. Holiday.* No other business was transacted at the meeting.

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

The election of four Trustees:

	FOR	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	% OF PRESENT AND VOTING	WITHHELD	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	% OF PRESENT AND VOTING
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TERM EXPIRING 2011						
Harris J. Ashton	14,750,181	81.61%	97.21%	422,713	2.34%	2.79%
Frank J. Crothers	14,747,492	81.60%	97.20%	425,402	2.35%	2.80%
Edith E. Holiday	14,753,039	81.63%	97.23%	419,855	2.32%	2.77%
TERM EXPIRING 2009						
Ann Torre Bates	14,745,721	81.59%	97.18%	427,173	2.36%	2.82%

* Charles B. Johnson, Gregory E. Johnson, David W. Niemiec, Frank A. Olson, Larry D. Thompson, Constantine D. Tseretopoulos and Robert E. Wade are Trustees of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office continued after the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Annual Report | 25

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. If you decide to use their service, share dividends and capital gains distributions will be reinvested automatically in shares of the Fund for your account. BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035, will provide additional Plan information upon request.

Whenever the Fund declares dividends in either cash or shares 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 shares 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 cash payments to the Plan Administrator, 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 "BNY Mellon" and sent to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 382009, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8009, Attention: Templeton Emerging Markets Fund. The Plan Administrator will 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.

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. The Plan Administrator's fee for a sale of shares through the Plan is \$15.00 per transaction plus a \$0.12 per share trading fee.

A participant may withdraw from the Plan without penalty at any time by written notice to the Plan Administrator sent to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035. Upon withdrawal, the participant will receive, without charge, share certificates issued in the participant's name for all full shares held by the Plan Administrator; or, if the participant wishes, the Plan Administrator will sell the shares and send the proceeds to the participant, less a service charge of \$15.00 and less trading fees of \$0.12 per share.

DIRECT DEPOSIT SERVICE FOR REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

Cash distributions can now be electronically credited to a checking or saving account at any financial institution that participates in the Automated Clearing House ("ACH") system. The Direct Deposit service is provided for registered shareholders at no charge. To enroll in the service, access your account online by going to <http://vault.bnymellon.com/isd> or dial 1-800-416-5585 (toll free) and follow the instructions. Direct Deposit will begin with the next scheduled

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

distribution payment date following enrollment in the service.

26 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

TRANSFER AGENT

BNY Mellon Shareowner Services
P.O. Box 358035
Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035
1-800-416-5585
www.bnymellon.com

DIRECT REGISTRATION

If you are a registered shareholder of the Fund, purchases of shares of the Fund can be electronically credited to your Fund account at BNY Mellon Shareowner Services through Direct Registration. This service provides shareholders with a convenient way to keep track of shares through book entry transactions, to electronically move book-entry shares between broker-dealers, transfer agents and DRS eligible issuers, and eliminates the possibility of lost certificates. For additional information, please contact BNY Mellon Shareowner Services at 1-800-416-5585.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Shares of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EMF." 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 dividends and shareholder accounts, call 1-800-416-5585. Registered shareholders can access their Fund account on-line with Investor ServiceDirect(R). For information go to BNY Mellon Shareowner Services' web site at <https://vault.bnymellon.com/isd> 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 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.

Annual Report | 27

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

The name, year of birth and address of the officers and board members, as well as their affiliations, positions held with the Fund, principal occupations during the past five years and number of U.S. registered portfolios overseen in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex are shown below. Generally, each board member serves a three-year term that continues until that person's successor is elected and qualified.

INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS -----	POSITION -----	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED -----	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
HARRIS J. ASHTON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1992	143

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director of various companies; and FORMERLY, Director, RBC Holdings, Inc. (bank holding company) Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, General Host Corporation (nursery and craft centers)

ANN TORRE BATES (1958) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since January 2008	28
--	---------	-----------------------	----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Independent strategic and financial consultant; and FORMERLY, Executive Vice President and Chief (manager of multifamily housing) (1995-1997); and Vice President and Treasurer, US Airways, Inc.

FRANK J. CROTHERS (1944) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	21
--	---------	------------	----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman, Island Corporate Holdings Ltd.; Director and Vice Chairman, Caribbean Utilities Company Company Ltd.; director of various other business and nonprofit organizations; and FORMERLY, Chairman, Ltd. (1977-2003).

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
EDITH E. HOLIDAY (1952) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1996	143

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

DAVID W. NIEMIEC (1949) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2005	21
---	---------	------------	----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Advisor, Saratoga Partners (private equity fund); and FORMERLY, Managing Director, Saratoga Partners, Dillon Read (investment banking) (1997-1998); Vice Chairman, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (investment Financial Officer, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (1982-1997)).

FRANK A. OLSON (1932) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2003	143
---	---------	------------	-----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

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

LARRY D. THOMPSON (1945) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2005	143
--	---------	------------	-----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consumer products); Director, Delta Airlines (aviation) (2003-2005) and Provident Financial Corp. (credit card provider); Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution (2003-2004); Visiting Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2001-2003); U.S. Department of Justice (2001-2003).

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
CONSTANTINE D. TSERETOPOULOS (1954) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 1999	21

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Physician, Lyford Cay Hospital (1987-present); director of various nonprofit organizations; and Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland (1985-1987) and Internal Medicine Resident, Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

ROBERT E. WADE (1946) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Trustee	Since 2006	35
---	---------	------------	----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Practicing attorney.

INTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
**CHARLES B. JOHNSON (1933) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee, Chairman of the Board and Vice President	Trustee and Chairman of the Board since 1995 and Vice President since 1992	143

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Chairman of the Board, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

**GREGORY E. JOHNSON (1961) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee	Since 2007	94
---	---------	------------	----

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin Resources, Inc.; President, Templeton World Asset Management Ltd.; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 33 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS -----	POSITION -----	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED -----	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER* -----
JAMES M. DAVIS (1952) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President - AML Compliance	Chief Compliance Officer since 2004 and Vice President - AML Compliance since 2006	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Director, Global Compliance, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of some of the other subsidiaries of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Director of Compliance (1994-2001).

Laura F. Ferguson (1962) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	Since February 2008	Not Applicable
--	--	------------------------	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Director and member of Audit and Valuation Committees, Runkel Funds, Inc. (2003-2004); investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments (1997-2003); and Vice President, Franklin Templeton Investments (1997-2003).

JIMMY D. GAMBILL (1947) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Vice President	Since February 2008	Not Applicable
---	----------------	------------------------	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; Senior Vice President, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; and officer of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

DAVID P. GOSS (1947) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2000	Not Applicable
--	----------------	------------	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; officer and director of one of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

RUPERT H. JOHNSON, JR. (1940) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 1996	Not Applicable
---	----------------	------------	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice Chairman, Member - Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director,

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; and officer and director, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 44 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Annual Report | 31

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
JOHN R. KAY (1940) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Vice President	Since 1994	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice President, Templeton Worldwide, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; and officer and director, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 32 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and President and Controller, Keystone Group, Inc.

MARK MOBIUS (1936) 17th Floor, The Chater House 8 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong	President and Chief Executive Officer - Investment Management	President since 1987 and Chief Executive Officer - Investment Management since 2002	Not Applicable
--	--	--	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Portfolio Manager of various Templeton advisory affiliates; Executive Chairman, Templeton Asset Management, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 10 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, President, International Investment Trust Company (Taiwan R.O.C. Fund) (1986-1987); and Director, Vickers da Costa, Hong Kong (1983-1986).

ROBERT C. ROSSELOT (1960) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Secretary	Since 2004	Not Applicable
---	-----------	------------	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Templeton Investments; Secretary, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; Vice President, Secretary and Trust Officer, Fiduciary Services, LLC; and officer of 14 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

GREGORY R. SEWARD (1956) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Treasurer	Since 2004	Not Applicable
--	-----------	------------	----------------

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 18 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; FORMERLY, Vice President, JPMorgan Chase (2000-2004) and American General Financial Group (1991-2000).

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

CRAIG S. TYLE (1960) Vice President Since 2005 Not Applicable
 One Franklin Parkway
 San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer of some of the other investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Managing Director of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, General Counsel, Investment Company Institute (ICI) (1997-2004).

32 | Annual Report

NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY BOARD MEMBER*
GALEN VETTER (1951) 500 East Broward Blvd. Suite 2100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394-3091	Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration	Since February 2008	Not Applicable

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of some of the other subsidiaries of 46 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and FORMERLY, Managing Director (1999-2004); and Partner, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP (1979-1987 and 1999-2004).

* We base the number of portfolios on each separate series of the registered investment companies comprising the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. These portfolios have a common investment manager or affiliated investment managers.

** Charles B. Johnson is considered to be an interested person of the Fund under the federal securities laws due to his position as officer and director and major shareholder of Franklin Resources, Inc. (Resources), which is the parent company of the Fund's investment manager. Gregory E. Johnson is considered to be an interested person of the Fund under the federal securities laws due to his position as officer and director of Resources.

Note 1: Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. are brothers and the father and uncle, respectively, of Gregory E. Johnson.

Note 2: Officer information is current as of the date of this report. It is possible that after this date, information about officers may change.

THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REQUIRE THE FUND TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THE FUND'S AUDIT COMMITTEE INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUCH ACT AND RULES. THE FUND'S BOARD HAS DETERMINED

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE SUCH FINANCIAL EXPERT ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND HAS DESIGNATED EACH OF ANN TORRE BATES AND DAVID W. NIEMIEC AS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT MS. BATES AND MR. NIEMIEC QUALIFY AS SUCH AN EXPERT IN VIEW OF THEIR EXTENSIVE BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. MS. BATES HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE JANUARY 2008. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A DIRECTOR OF SLM CORPORATION AND ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND WAS FORMERLY THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF NHP INCORPORATED AND VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF US AIRWAYS, INC. MR. NIEMIEC HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FUND AUDIT COMMITTEE SINCE 2005, CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN ADVISOR TO SARATOGA PARTNERS AND WAS FORMERLY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR FROM 1998 TO 2001. MR. NIEMIEC IS A DIRECTOR OF EMERITUS CORPORATION AND OSI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AND VARIOUS PRIVATE COMPANIES, AND WAS FORMERLY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SBC WARBURG DILLON READ FROM 1997 TO 1998, AND WAS VICE CHAIRMAN FROM 1991 TO 1997 AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FROM 1982 TO 1997 OF DILLON, READ & CO. INC. AS A RESULT OF SUCH BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT MS. BATES AND MR. NIEMIEC HAVE EACH ACQUIRED AN UNDERSTANDING OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THE GENERAL APPLICATION OF SUCH PRINCIPLES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES, ACCRUALS AND RESERVES, AND ANALYZING AND EVALUATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT PRESENT A BREADTH AND LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY OF ACCOUNTING ISSUES GENERALLY COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE FUND, AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF AUDIT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS. MS. BATES AND MR. NIEMIEC ARE INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED UNDER THE APPLICABLE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULES AND RELEASES OR THE LISTING STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO THE FUND.

Annual Report | 33

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

At a meeting held May 20, 2008, the Board of Trustees (Board), including a majority of non-interested or independent Trustees, approved renewal of the investment management agreement for the Fund. In reaching this decision, the Board took into account information furnished throughout the year at regular Board meetings, as well as information prepared specifically in connection with the annual renewal review process. Information furnished and discussed throughout the year included investment performance reports on the Fund, information on its share price discount to net asset value, and other related financial information, as well as periodic reports on legal, compliance, pricing, brokerage commissions and execution and other services provided by the Investment Manager (Manager) and its affiliates. Information furnished specifically in connection with the renewal process included a report prepared by Lipper, Inc. (Lipper), an independent organization, as well as a Fund profitability analysis report prepared by management. The Lipper reports compared the Fund's investment performance and expenses with those of other funds deemed comparable to the Fund as selected by Lipper. The Fund profitability analysis report discussed the profitability to Franklin Templeton Investments from its overall U.S. fund operations, as well as on an individual fund-by-fund basis. Included with such profitability analysis report was information on a fund-by-fund basis listing portfolio managers and other accounts they manage, as well as information on management fees charged by the Manager and its affiliates including management's explanation of differences where relevant, and a three-year expense analysis with an explanation for any increase in expense ratios. Additional material accompanying such report was a memorandum prepared by management describing project initiatives and capital investments relating to the services provided to the Fund by the Franklin

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Templeton Investments organization, as well as a memorandum relating to economies of scale.

In considering such materials, the independent Trustees received assistance and advice from and met separately with independent counsel. In approving continuance of the investment management agreement for the Fund, the Board, including a majority of independent Trustees, determined that the existing management fee structure was fair and reasonable and that continuance of the investment management agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. While attention was given to all information furnished, the following discusses some primary factors relevant to the Board's decision.

NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICE. The Board was satisfied with the nature and quality of the overall services provided by the Manager and its affiliates to the Fund and its shareholders. In addition to investment performance and expenses discussed later, the Board's opinion was based, in part, upon periodic reports furnished them showing that the investment policies and restrictions for the Fund were consistently complied with as well as other reports periodically furnished the Board covering matters such as the compliance of portfolio managers and other management personnel with the code of ethics adopted throughout the Franklin Templeton fund complex, the adherence to fair value pricing procedures established by the

34 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

Board, and the accuracy of net asset value calculations. Favorable consideration was given to management's continuous efforts and expenditures in establishing back-up systems and recovery procedures to function in the event of a natural disaster, it being noted that such systems and procedures had functioned smoothly during the Florida hurricanes and blackouts experienced in recent years. Among other factors taken into account by the Board were the Manager's best execution trading policies, including a favorable report by an independent portfolio trading analytical firm. Consideration was also given to the experience of the Fund's portfolio management team, the number of accounts managed and general method of compensation. In this latter respect, the Board noted that a primary factor in management's determination of the level of a portfolio manager's bonus compensation was the relative investment performance of the funds he or she managed and that a portion of such bonus was required to be invested in a predesignated list of funds within such person's fund management area so as to be aligned with the interests of Fund shareholders.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. The Board placed significant emphasis on the investment performance of the Fund in view of its importance to shareholders. While consideration was given to performance reports and discussions with portfolio managers at Board meetings during the year, particular attention in assessing performance was given to the Lipper reports furnished for the agreement renewal. The Lipper report for the Fund showed its investment performance for the one-year period ended February 29, 2008, as well as the previous 10 years ended that date in comparison to an eight-fund Lipper performance universe consisting of the Fund and all other closed-end nonleveraged emerging markets funds as selected by Lipper. Such report considers total return on a fund net asset value basis without regard to market discounts or premiums to accurately reflect investment performance. The Lipper report showed the Fund's total return for the

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

one-year period to be in the highest quintile of the performance universe, and on an annualized basis for each of the previous three- and five-year periods to be in the lowest quintile and in the middle quintile for the previous 10-year annualized period among the funds comprising such universe. The Board found the Fund's performance to be satisfactory in view of the Fund's value oriented approach to stock selection and the Fund's actual level of performance which, as shown in the Lipper report, was over 44% for the one-year period and over 29%, 35% and 15%, respectively, for the previous three-, five- and 10-year periods on an annualized basis.

COMPARATIVE EXPENSES. Consideration was given to a comparative analysis of the management fees and total expense ratios of the Fund compared with a Lipper selected expense group consisting of the Fund and the three other closed-end emerging markets funds. Prior to making such comparison, the Board relied upon a survey showing that the scope of management advisory services covered under the Fund's contractual investment management agreement was similar to those provided by fund managers to other fund groups. In reviewing comparative costs, emphasis was given to the Fund's investment contractual management fee in comparison

Annual Report | 35

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

with the investment contractual management fee that would have been charged by the other funds within the Lipper expense group assuming they were similar in size to the Fund, as well as the actual total expenses of the Fund in comparison with those of such other funds. The Lipper contractual investment management fee analysis considers administrative fees to be part of management fees, and the results of such expense comparison showed the Fund's investment contractual management fee rate to be the highest of such expense group, but within 13 basis points of the group median, and its total actual expense rate to be the highest of such group, but within 7 basis points of the group median. The Board found the Fund's contractual investment management fee and expenses in comparison to those of the expense group to be acceptable in view of the factors relating to the Fund's operation, such as the background and experience of its portfolio managers and research staff and their physical presence and coverage in the geographical areas in which the Fund invests.

MANAGEMENT PROFITABILITY. The Board also considered the level of profits realized by the Manager and its affiliates in connection with the operation of the Fund. In this respect, the Board reviewed the Fund profitability analysis that addresses the overall profitability of Franklin Templeton's U.S. fund business, as well as its profits in providing management and other services to the Fund. Specific attention was given to the methodology followed in allocating costs to the Fund, it being recognized that allocation methodologies are inherently subjective and various allocation methodologies may each be reasonable while producing different results. In this respect, the Board noted that, while being continuously refined and reflecting changes in the Manager's own cost accounting, the allocation methodology was consistent with that followed in profitability report presentations made in prior years and that the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm had been engaged by the Manager to perform certain procedures on a biennial basis, specified and approved by the Manager and the Fund's Board solely for their purposes and use in reference to the profitability analysis. In reviewing and discussing such analysis, management discussed with the Board its belief that costs incurred in

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

establishing the infrastructure necessary for the type of fund operations conducted by the Manager and its affiliates may not be fully reflected in the expenses allocated to the Fund in determining its profitability, as well as the fact that the level of profits, to a certain extent, reflected operational cost savings and efficiencies initiated by management. In addition, the Board considered a third-party study comparing the profitability of the Manager's parent on an overall basis as compared to other publicly held managers broken down to show profitability from management operations exclusive of distribution expenses, as well as profitability including distribution expenses. The Board also considered the extent to which the Manager and its affiliates might derive ancillary benefits from fund operations, as well as potential benefits resulting from allocation of fund brokerage and the use of "soft" commission dollars to pay for research. Based upon its consideration of all these factors, the Board determined that the level of profits realized by the Manager and its affiliates from providing services to the Fund was not excessive in view of the nature, quality and extent of services provided.

36 | Annual Report

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

ECONOMIES OF SCALE. The Board also considered whether the Manager realizes economies of scale as the Fund grows larger and the extent to which any such benefit is shared with the Fund and its shareholders. The Board believed that a manager's ability to realize economies of scale and the sharing of such benefit is a more relevant consideration in the case of an open-end fund whose size increases as a result of the continuous sale of its shares. A closed-end investment company such as the Fund does not continuously offer shares, and growth following its initial public offering will primarily result from market appreciation, which benefits its shareholders. While believing economies of scale to be less of a factor in the context of a closed-end fund, the Board believes at some point an increase in size may lead to economies of scale that should be shared with the Fund and its shareholders and intends to monitor future growth of the Fund accordingly. The Board also noted that it had previously added a breakpoint to the Fund's investment management fee at the \$1 billion level.

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Fund's investment manager has established Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. Shareholders may view the Fund's complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at (954) 527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at sec.gov and reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund files a complete statement of investments with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Form N-Q. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's website at sec.gov. The filed form may also be viewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330.

Annual Report | 37

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

CERTIFICATIONS

The Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration is required by the New York Stock Exchange's Listing Standards to file annually with the Exchange a certification that he is not aware of any violation by the Fund of the Exchange's Corporate Governance Standards applicable to the Fund. The Fund has filed such certification.

In addition, the Fund's Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer are required by the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to provide certain certifications with respect to the Fund's Form N-CSR and Form N-CSRS (which include the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders) that are filed semiannually with the Commission. The Fund has filed such certifications with its Form N-CSRS for the six months ended February 29, 2008. Additionally, the Fund expects to file, on or about October 31, 2008, such certifications with its Form N-CSR for the year ended August 31, 2008.

38 | Annual Report

Literature Request

LITERATURE REQUEST. TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE AND PROSPECTUS, PLEASE CALL US AT (800) DIAL BEN/(800) 342-5236 OR VISIT FRANKLINTEMPLETON.COM. INVESTORS SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER A FUND'S INVESTMENT GOALS, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES BEFORE INVESTING. THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINS THIS AND OTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE PROSPECTUS BEFORE INVESTING. TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE, WE MAY MONITOR, RECORD AND ACCESS TELEPHONE CALLS TO OR FROM OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENTS. THESE CALLS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF A REGULAR BEEPING TONE.

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON FUNDS

INTERNATIONAL

Franklin India Growth Fund
Franklin International Growth Fund
Franklin International Small Cap Growth Fund
Mutual European Fund
Templeton BRIC Fund
Templeton China World Fund
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund
Templeton Foreign Fund

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Templeton Foreign Smaller Companies Fund(1)

GLOBAL

Mutual Discovery Fund
Templeton Global Long-Short Fund
Templeton Global Opportunities Trust
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund(1)
Templeton Growth Fund
Templeton World Fund

GROWTH

Franklin Capital Growth Fund
Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund
Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund(2)
Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund(3)
Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund

VALUE

Franklin All Cap Value Fund
Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund
Franklin Equity Income Fund
Franklin Large Cap Value Fund
Franklin MicroCap Value Fund(1)
Franklin MidCap Value Fund
Franklin Small Cap Value Fund
Mutual Beacon Fund
Mutual Qualified Fund
Mutual Recovery Fund(4)
Mutual Shares Fund

BLEND

Franklin Balanced Fund
Franklin Convertible Securities Fund
Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund
Franklin Growth Fund
Franklin Large Cap Equity Fund
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund

SECTOR

Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund
Franklin DynaTech Fund
Franklin Global Real Estate Fund
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund
Franklin Natural Resources Fund
Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund
Franklin Utilities Fund
Mutual Financial Services Fund

ASSET ALLOCATION

Franklin Templeton Corefolio(R) Allocation Fund
Franklin Templeton Founding Funds Allocation Fund
Franklin Templeton Perspectives Allocation Fund
Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund
Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund
Franklin Templeton 2015 Retirement Target Fund

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Franklin Templeton 2025 Retirement Target Fund
Franklin Templeton 2035 Retirement Target Fund
Franklin Templeton 2045 Retirement Target Fund

INCOME

Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund(5)
Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund
Franklin High Income Fund
Franklin Income Fund
Franklin Limited Maturity U.S. Government Securities Fund(5)
Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund
Franklin Real Return Fund
Franklin Strategic Income Fund
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Templeton Hard Currency Fund
Franklin Total Return Fund
Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund(5)
Templeton Global Bond Fund
Templeton Global Total Return Fund
Templeton Income Fund
Templeton International Bond Fund

TAX-FREE INCOME (6)

NATIONAL FUNDS

Double Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Tax-Free Income Fund
High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund
Insured Tax-Free Income Fund(7)

LIMITED-/INTERMEDIATE-TERM FUNDS

California Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
Federal Limited-Term Tax-Free Income Fund
New York Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund

STATE-SPECIFIC

Alabama
Arizona
California(8)
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts(7)
Michigan(7)
Minnesota(7)
Missouri
New Jersey
New York(8)
North Carolina
Ohio(7)
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Tennessee

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

Virginia

INSURANCE FUNDS

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust (9)

- (1.) The fund is closed to new investors. Existing shareholders and select retirement plans can continue adding to their accounts.
- (2.) Effective 11/1/07, Franklin Aggressive Growth Fund changed its name to Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund. The fund's investment goal and strategy remained the same.
- (3.) Effective 3/31/08, Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund II changed its name to Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund. The fund's investment goal and strategy remained the same.
- (4.) 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.
- (5.) An investment in the fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government or by any other entity or institution.
- (6.) For investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, a small portion of fund dividends may be taxable. Distributions of capital gains are generally taxable.
- (7.) The fund invests primarily in insured municipal securities.
- (8.) These funds are available in four or more variations, including long-term portfolios, intermediate-term portfolios, portfolios of insured securities, a high-yield portfolio (CA only) and money market portfolios.
- (9.) The funds of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust are generally available only through insurance company variable contracts.

10/08

Not part of the annual report

(FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS (R) LOGO) 100 Fountain Parkway
P.O. Box 33030
St. Petersburg, FL 33733-8030

ANNUAL REPORT
TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

INVESTMENT MANAGER

Templeton Asset Management Ltd.

TRANSFER AGENT

BNY Mellon Shareowner Services
P.O. Box 358035
Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035
Toll free number: (800) 416-5585
Hearing Impaired phone number: (800) 231-5469
Foreign Shareholders phone number: (201) 680-6578

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

www.melloninvestor.com/isd

FUND INFORMATION

(800) 342-5236

Investors should be aware that the value of investments made for the Fund may go down as well as up. Like any investment in securities, the value of the Fund's portfolio will be subject to the risk of loss from market, currency, economic, political and other factors. The Fund and its investors are not protected from such losses by the investment manager. Therefore, investors who cannot accept this risk should not invest in shares of the Fund.

To ensure the highest quality of service, telephone calls to or from our service departments may be monitored, recorded and accessed. These calls can be identified by the presence of a regular beeping tone.

TLEMF A2008 10/08

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

- (a) The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (f) Pursuant to Item 12(a)(1), the Registrant is attaching as an exhibit a copy of its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

(a)(1) The Registrant has an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee.

(2) The audit committee financial expert is David W. Niemiec he is "independent" as defined under the relevant Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Releases.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) Audit Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or for services that are normally provided by the principal accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements were \$30,161 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 and \$28,019 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2007.

(b) Audit-Related Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of Item 4.

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of their financial statements.

(c) Tax Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning were \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 and \$46,000 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2007. The services for which these fees were paid included tax compliance and advice.

(d) All Other Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for products and services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant not reported in paragraphs (a)-(c) of Item 4 were \$324 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 and \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2007. The services for which these fees were paid include review of materials provided to the fund Board in connection with the investment management contract renewal process.

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for products and services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant not reported in paragraphs (a)-(c) of Item 4 were \$283,753 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 and \$0 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2007. The services for which these fees were paid include review of materials provided to the fund Board in connection with the investment management contract renewal process.

(e) (1) The registrant's audit committee is directly responsible for approving the services to be provided by the auditors, including:

(i) pre-approval of all audit and audit related services;

(ii) pre-approval of all non-audit related services to be provided to the Fund by the auditors;

(iii) pre-approval of all non-audit related services to be provided to the registrant by the auditors to the registrant's investment adviser or to any entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the registrant's investment adviser and that provides ongoing services to the registrant where the non-audit services relate directly to the operations or financial reporting of the registrant; and

(iv) establishment by the audit committee, if deemed necessary or appropriate, as an alternative to committee pre-approval of services to be provided by the auditors, as required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above, of policies and procedures to permit such services to be pre-approved by other means, such as through establishment of guidelines or by action of a designated member or members of the committee; provided the policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service and the committee is informed of each service and such policies and procedures do not include delegation of audit committee responsibilities, as contemplated under the Securities Exchange Act of

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

1934, to management; subject, in the case of (ii) through (iv), to any waivers, exceptions or exemptions that may be available under applicable law or rules.

(e) (2) None of the services provided to the registrant described in paragraphs (b)-(d) of Item 4 were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (i) (C) of Rule 2-01 of regulation S-X.

(f) No disclosures are required by this Item 4(f).

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees paid to the principal accountant for services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant and the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant were \$284,077 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 and \$46,000 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2007.

(h) The registrant's audit committee of the board has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Members of the Audit Committee are: David W. Niemiec, Frank J. Crothers, Ann Torre Bates and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. N/A

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

The board of trustees of the Fund has delegated the authority to vote proxies related to the portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's manager Templeton Asset Management Limited in accordance with the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) adopted by the manager.

The manager has delegated its administrative duties with respect to the voting of proxies to the Proxy Group within Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC (Proxy Group), an affiliate and wholly owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. All proxies received by the Proxy Group will be voted based upon the manager's instructions and/or policies.

To assist it in analyzing proxies, the manager subscribes to RiskMetrics Group (RiskMetrics), an unaffiliated third party corporate governance research service that provides in-depth analyses of shareholder meeting agendas, vote recommendations, recordkeeping and vote disclosure services. In addition, the manager subscribes to Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis), an unaffiliated third party analytical research firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations on the shareholder meetings of publicly held U.S. companies. Although RiskMetrics' and/or Glass Lewis' analyses are thoroughly reviewed and considered in making a final voting decision, the manager does not consider recommendations from RiskMetrics, Glass Lewis or any other third party to be determinative of the manager's ultimate decision. The manager votes proxies solely in the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. As a matter of policy, the officers, directors/trustees and employees of the Fund, the manager and the Proxy Group will not be influenced by outside sources whose interests conflict with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. Efforts are made to resolve

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

all conflicts in the interests of the manager's clients. Material conflicts of interest are identified by the Proxy Group based upon analyses of client, broker and vendor lists, information periodically gathered from directors and officers, and information derived from other sources, including public filings. In situations where a material conflict of interest is identified, the Proxy Group will refer the matter, along with the recommended course of action by the manager to an interdepartmental Proxy Review Committee (which may include portfolio managers and/or research analysts employed by the manager), for evaluation and voting instructions. The Proxy Review Committee may defer to the voting recommendation of RiskMetrics, Glass Lewis or those of another independent third party provider of proxy services; or send the proxy directly to the Fund with a recommendation regarding the vote for approval. Where the Proxy Review Committee refers a matter to the Fund, it may rely upon the instructions of a representative of the Fund, such as the board of trustees or a committee of the board.

Where a material conflict of interest has been identified, but the items on which the manager's vote recommendations differ from Glass Lewis, RiskMetrics, or another independent third party provider of proxy services relate specifically to (1) shareholder proposals regarding social or environmental issues or political contributions, (2) "Other Business" without describing the matters that might be considered, or (3) items the manager wishes to vote in opposition to the recommendations of an issuer's management, the Proxy Group may defer to the vote recommendations of the manager rather than sending the proxy directly to the Fund for approval.

To avoid certain potential conflicts of interest, the manager will employ echo voting, if possible, in the following instances: (1) when the Fund invests in an underlying fund in reliance on Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, or pursuant to an SEC exemptive order; (2) when the Fund invests uninvested cash in affiliated money market funds pursuant to an SEC exemptive order ("cash sweep arrangement"); or (3) when required pursuant to the Fund's governing documents or applicable law. Echo voting means that the investment manager will vote the shares in the same proportion as the vote of all of the other holders of the Fund's shares.

The recommendation of management on any issue is a factor which the manager considers in determining how proxies should be voted, but is not determinative of the manager's ultimate decision. As a matter of practice, the votes with respect to most issues are cast in accordance with the position of the company's management. Each issue, however, is considered on its own merits, and the manager will not support the position of the company's management in any situation where it deems that the ratification of management's position would adversely affect the investment merits of owning that company's shares.

MANAGER'S PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES The manager has adopted general proxy voting guidelines, which are summarized below. These guidelines are not an exhaustive list of all the issues that may arise and the manager cannot anticipate all future situations. In all cases, each proxy will be considered based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The manager supports an independent board of directors, and prefers that key committees such as audit, nominating, and compensation committees be comprised of independent directors. The manager will generally vote against management efforts to classify a board and will generally support proposals to declassify the board of directors. The manager may withhold votes from directors who have attended less than 75% of meetings without a valid reason. While generally in favor of separating Chairman and CEO positions, the manager will review this issue as well as proposals to restore or provide for cumulative voting on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration factors such as the company's corporate governance guidelines or provisions and performance.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES. In light of several high profile accounting scandals, the manager will closely scrutinize the role and performance of auditors. On a case-by-case basis, the manager will examine proposals relating to non-audit relationships and non-audit fees. The manager will also consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals to rotate auditors, and will vote against the ratification of auditors when there is clear and compelling evidence of accounting irregularities or negligence.

MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION. A company's equity-based compensation plan should be in alignment with its shareholders' long-term interests. The manager believes that executive compensation should be directly linked to the performance of the company. The manager evaluates plans on a case-by-case basis by considering several factors to determine whether the plan is fair and reasonable, including the RiskMetrics quantitative model utilized to assess such plans and/or the Glass Lewis evaluation of the plans. The manager will generally oppose plans that have the potential to be excessively dilutive, and will almost always oppose plans that are structured to allow the repricing of underwater options, or plans that have an automatic share replenishment "evergreen" feature. The manager will generally support employee stock option plans in which the purchase price is at least 85% of fair market value, and when potential dilution is 10% or less.

Severance compensation arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, although the manager will generally oppose "golden parachutes" that are considered to be excessive. The manager will normally support proposals that require a percentage of directors' compensation to be in the form of common stock, as it aligns their interests with those of shareholders. The manager will review on a case-by-case basis any shareholder proposals to adopt policies on expensing stock option plans.

ANTI-TAKEOVER MECHANISMS AND RELATED ISSUES. The manager generally opposes anti-takeover measures since they tend to reduce shareholder rights. On occasion, the manager may vote with management when the research analyst has concluded that the proposal is not onerous and would not harm the Fund or its shareholders' interests. The manager generally supports proposals that require shareholder rights' plans ("poison pills") to be subject to a shareholder vote and will closely evaluate such plans on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not they warrant support. The manager will generally vote against any proposal to issue stock that has unequal or subordinate voting rights. The manager generally opposes any supermajority voting requirements as well as the payment of "greenmail." The manager generally supports "fair price" provisions and confidential voting.

CHANGES TO CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The manager will review, on a case-by-case basis, proposals by companies to increase authorized shares and the purpose for the increase and proposals seeking preemptive rights. The manager will generally not vote in favor of dual-class capital structures to increase the number of authorized shares where that class of stock would have superior voting rights. The manager will generally vote in favor of the issuance of preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock issuance are deemed reasonable.

MERGERS AND CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING. Mergers and acquisitions will be subject to careful review by the research analyst to determine whether each will be beneficial to shareholders. The manager will analyze various economic and strategic factors in making the final decision on a merger or acquisition. Corporate restructuring and reincorporation proposals are also subject to a thorough examination on a case-by-case basis.

SOCIAL AND CORPORATE POLICY ISSUES. The manager will generally give management

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

discretion with regard to social, environmental and ethical issues, although the manager may vote in favor of those that are believed to have significant economic benefits or implications for the Fund and its shareholders.

GLOBAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. Many of the tenets discussed above are applied to proxy voting decisions for international companies. However, the manager must be more flexible in these instances and must be mindful of the varied market practices of each region.

The manager will attempt to process every proxy it receives for all domestic and foreign issuers. However, there may be situations in which the manager cannot process proxies, for example, where a meeting notice was received too late, or sell orders preclude the ability to vote. If a security is on loan, the manager may determine that it is not in the best interests of the Fund to recall the security for voting purposes. Also, the manager may abstain from voting under certain circumstances or vote against items such as "Other Business" when the manager is not given adequate information from the company.

Shareholders may view the complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at 1-954/527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the SEC website at WWW.SEC.GOV. The proxy voting records are updated each year by August 31 to reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

(a) (1) As of October 31, 2008, the portfolio managers of the Fund are as follows:

MARK MOBIUS, PH.D, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF TEMPLETON ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.

Dr. Mobius has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception. He has primary responsibility for the investments of the Fund. He has final authority over all aspects of the Fund's investment portfolio, including but not limited to, purchases and sales of individual securities, portfolio risk assessment, and the management of daily cash balances in accordance with anticipated management requirements. The degree to which he may perform these functions, and the nature of these functions, may change from time to time. He joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1987.

DENNIS LIM, CO-CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF TEMPLETON ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.

Based in Hong Kong, Mr. Lim has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2000, providing research and advice on the purchases and sales of individual securities, and portfolio risk assessment. He joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1990.

TOM WU, DIRECTOR OF TEMPLETON ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.

Based in Hong Kong, Mr. Wu has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception, providing research and advice on the purchases and sales of individual securities, and portfolio risk assessment. He joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1987.

(a) (2) This section reflects information about the portfolio managers as of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

The following table shows the number of other accounts managed by each portfolio manager and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category:

NAME	NUMBER OF OTHER REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES MANAGED	ASSETS OF OTHER REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES MANAGED (X \$1 MILLION)	NUMBER OF OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES MANAGED/1	ASSETS OF OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES MANAGED (X \$1 MILLION)/1	NUMBER OF OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED/1	ASSETS OF OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED (X \$1 MILLION)/1
Mark Mobius	8	10,296.2	30	17,983.2	4	1,600.3
Dennis Lim	5	8,102.8	4	1,327.9	1	321.1
Tom Wu	5	8,102.8	4	2,189.8	1	321.1

1. The various pooled investment vehicles and accounts listed are managed by a team of investment professionals. Accordingly, the individual managers listed would not be solely responsible for managing such listed amounts.

Portfolio managers that provide investment services to the Fund may also provide services to a variety of other investment products, including other funds, institutional accounts and private accounts. The advisory fees for some of such other products and accounts may be different than that charged to the Fund and may include performance based compensation. This may result in fees that are higher (or lower) than the advisory fees paid by the Fund. As a matter of policy, each fund or account is managed solely for the benefit of the beneficial owners thereof. As discussed below, the separation of the trading execution function from the portfolio management function and the application of objectively based trade allocation procedures help to mitigate potential conflicts of interest that may arise as a result of the portfolio managers managing accounts with different advisory fees.

CONFLICTS. The management of multiple funds, including the Fund, and accounts may also give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and other accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons, and fees as the portfolio manager must allocate his or her time and investment ideas across multiple funds and accounts. The manager seeks to manage such competing interests for the time and attention of portfolio managers by having portfolio managers focus on a particular investment discipline. Most other accounts managed by a portfolio manager are managed using the same investment strategies that are used in connection with the management of the Fund. Accordingly, portfolio holdings, position sizes, and industry and sector exposures tend to be similar across similar portfolios, which may minimize the potential for conflicts of interest. As noted above, the separate management of the trade execution and valuation functions from the portfolio management process also helps to reduce potential conflicts of interest. However, securities selected for funds or accounts other than the Fund may outperform the securities selected for the Fund. Moreover, if a portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for more than one fund or other account, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to an allocation of that opportunity across all eligible funds and other accounts. The manager seeks to manage such potential conflicts by using procedures intended to provide a fair allocation of buy and sell opportunities among funds and other accounts.

The structure of a portfolio manager's compensation may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. A portfolio manager's base pay and bonus tend to increase with additional and more complex responsibilities that include increased assets

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

under management. As such, there may be an indirect relationship between a portfolio manager's marketing or sales efforts and his or her bonus.

Finally, the management of personal accounts by a portfolio manager may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. While the funds and the manager have adopted a code of ethics which they believe contains provisions reasonably necessary to prevent a wide range of prohibited activities by portfolio managers and others with respect to their personal trading activities, there can be no assurance that the code of ethics addresses all individual conduct that could result in conflicts of interest.

The manager and the Fund have adopted certain compliance procedures that are designed to address these, and other, types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation where a conflict arises.

COMPENSATION. The manager seeks to maintain a compensation program that is competitively positioned to attract, retain and motivate top-quality investment professionals. Portfolio managers receive a base salary, a cash incentive bonus opportunity, an equity compensation opportunity, and a benefits package. Portfolio manager compensation is reviewed annually and the level of compensation is based on individual performance, the salary range for a portfolio manager's level of responsibility and Franklin Templeton guidelines. Portfolio managers are provided no financial incentive to favor one fund or account over another. Each portfolio manager's compensation consists of the following three elements:

BASE SALARY Each portfolio manager is paid a base salary.

ANNUAL BONUS Annual bonuses are structured to align the interests of the portfolio manager with those of the Fund's shareholders. Each portfolio manager is eligible to receive an annual bonus. Bonuses generally are split between cash (50% to 65%) and restricted shares of a Franklin Templeton fund which vest over a three-year period (17.5% to 25%) and other mutual fund shares (17.5% to 25%). The deferred equity-based compensation is intended to build a vested interest of the portfolio manager in the financial performance of both Franklin Resources and mutual funds advised by the manager. The bonus plan is intended to provide a competitive level of annual bonus compensation that is tied to the portfolio manager achieving consistently strong investment performance, which aligns the financial incentives of the portfolio manager and Fund shareholders. The Chief Investment Officer of the manager and/or other officers of the manager, with responsibility for the Fund, have discretion in the granting of annual bonuses to portfolio managers in accordance with Franklin Templeton guidelines. The following factors are generally used in determining bonuses under the plan:

- |X| INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. Primary consideration is given to the historic investment performance over the 1, 3 and 5 preceding years of all accounts managed by the portfolio manager. The pre-tax performance of each fund managed is measured relative to a relevant peer group and/or applicable benchmark as appropriate.
- |X| NON-INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. The more qualitative contributions of a portfolio manager to the manager's business and the investment management team, including business knowledge, contribution to team efforts, mentoring of junior staff, and contribution to the marketing of the Fund, are evaluated in determining the amount of any bonus award.
- |X| RESEARCH. Where the portfolio management team also has research

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

responsibilities, each portfolio manager is evaluated on the number and performance of recommendations over time.

|X| RESPONSIBILITIES. The characteristics and complexity of funds managed by the portfolio manager are factored in the manager's appraisal.

ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION Portfolio managers may also be awarded restricted shares or units of one or more mutual funds, and options to purchase common shares of a Franklin Templeton fund. Awards of such deferred equity-based compensation typically vest over time, so as to create incentives to retain key talent.

Portfolio managers also participate in benefit plans and programs available generally to all employees of the manager.

OWNERSHIP OF FUND SHARES. The manager has a policy of encouraging portfolio managers to invest in the funds they manage. Exceptions arise when, for example, a fund is closed to new investors or when tax considerations or jurisdictional constraints cause such an investment to be inappropriate for the portfolio manager. The following is the dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by each portfolio manager (such amounts may change from time to time):

Portfolio Manager	Dollar Range of Fund Shares Beneficially Owned
Mark Mobius	None
Dennis Lim	None
Tom Wu	None

Note: Because the portfolio managers are all foreign nationals, they do not hold shares in this U.S. registered fund, however they own shares in other similar Franklin Templeton funds managed by them, registered offshore and appropriate for foreign nationals.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS. N/A

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

There have been no changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's Board of Trustees that would require disclosure herein.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(A) EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES. The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(B) CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS. There have been no significant changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) Code of Ethics

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Galen G. Vetter, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Galen G. Vetter, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER

Galen G. Vetter
Chief Executive Officer - Finance and
Administration
Date: October 28, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/GALEN G. VETTER

Galen G. Vetter
Chief Executive Officer - Finance and
Administration
Date: October 28, 2008

Edgar Filing: TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS FUND - Form N-CSR

By /s/LAURA F. FERGERSON

Laura F. Ferguson
Chief Financial Officer and
Chief Accounting Officer

Date: October 28, 2008