

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 JOHNSON JENNIFER M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2015

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Co-President

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

(Street)

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

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

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/05/2015 | | G | V 1,700 D \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,487,536.1387 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/05/2015 | | G | V 1,700 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 160,969 | I | As A Trustee For Minor Children ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock, par | 12/22/2015 | | P | 210 A \$ 35.7452 | 161,179 | I | As A Trustee For |

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|--|--|--|--|------------|---|--|--|
| value \$.10 | | | | | | | Minor Children <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | 1,667.7951 | I | | By 401(k) <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | 2,610,000 | I | | By Business Limited Partnership <u>(4)</u> |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | 15,000 | I | | By Business Trust <u>(5)</u> |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | 198,000 | I | | By Venture Limited Partnership <u>(6)</u> |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON JENNIFER M
C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.
ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY
SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

Co-President

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer M.
Johnson 12/23/2015

 Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) Shares held by Reporting Person as trustee for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (3) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of October 15, 2015.
- (4) Business limited partnership under control of Reporting Person.
- (5) Business trust for the benefit of Reporting Person and Reporting Person's children.
- (6) Limited partnership under control of Reporting Person, and owned in part by irrevocable trusts for the benefit of Reporting Person's children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the children's trusts.

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