

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
Form DEFA14A  
January 16, 2009

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**Stockholder Meeting to be held on March 11, 2009**

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Annual Report

Notice and Proxy Statement

**Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials**

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Franklin Resources, Inc., and the materials you should review before you cast your vote at Franklin Resources, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders are now available.

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

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**You can choose to view the materials online or receive a paper or e-mail copy. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Requests, instructions and other inquiries will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor.**

**To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before February 20, 2009.**

*FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.*

*C/O PROXY SERVICES*

*P.O. BOX 9142*

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### Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Stockholder Meeting

Meeting Date: March 11, 2009

Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M. Pacific Time

For holders as of: January 12, 2009

#### Meeting Location:

H.L. Jamieson Auditorium

One Franklin Parkway, Building 920

San Mateo, CA 94403

#### Meeting Directions:

For directions to the Annual Meeting site, please visit our website at:

[www.franklintempleton.com/retail/jsp\\_cm/global\\_nav/contact\\_us/pub/sanmateo-dir.jsp](http://www.franklintempleton.com/retail/jsp_cm/global_nav/contact_us/pub/sanmateo-dir.jsp)

### How To Vote

#### Vote In Person

Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

#### Vote By Internet

To vote **now** by Internet, go to **www.proxyvote.com**. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposals 1, 2 and 3.**

1. To elect 12 directors to the Board of Directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until that person's successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal.

**Nominees:**

01) Samuel H. Armacost

09) Chutta Ratnathicam

02) Charles Crocker

10) Peter M. Sacerdote

03) Joseph R. Hardiman

11) Laura Stein

04) Robert D. Joffe

12) Anne M. Tatlock

05) Charles B. Johnson

2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

06) Gregory E. Johnson

3. To resubmit for stockholder approval the Company's 2004 Key Executive Incentive Compensation Plan for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

07) Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.

08) Thomas H. Kean

4. To transact such other business that may properly be raised at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting.