

富蘭克林坦伯頓中小型公司成長基金

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

年度財務報告中文簡譯本

2022 年 8 月 31 日

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財務重點

	截至8月31日止之年度				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
A 股					
每單位股份操作績效					
(針對持續全年流通在外之股份)					
期初淨資產價值	\$12.67	\$9.16	\$8.66	\$10.39	\$9.92
來自投資操作之收益 ^a ：					
淨投資收益 ^b	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.07
淨實現及未實現利得(損失)	(3.30)	3.72	0.67	(1.09)	0.86
來自投資操作之收益總額	(3.25)	3.78	0.71	(1.01)	0.93
扣除配息來自：					
淨投資收益	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.07)
淨實現利得	(1.15)	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.65)	(0.39)
配息總額	(1.18)	(0.27)	(0.21)	(0.72)	(0.46)
期末淨資產價值	\$8.24	\$12.67	\$9.16	\$8.66	\$10.39
總報酬 ^c	(27.76)%	41.91%	8.08%	(8.86)%	9.23%
對應平均淨資產比率					
費用 ^d	1.31%	1.31%	1.38%	1.33%	1.33% ^e
淨投資收益	0.51%	0.55%	0.45%	0.87%	0.72%
補充資料					
期末淨資產(000's)	\$799,689	\$1,203,490	\$921,018	\$998,891	\$1,177,880
投資組合資金週轉率	13.80%	20.47%	16.81%	18.87%	32.61%

a. 視與基金所獲取的收益以及/或是基金投資市值的變動相關的基金股份出售與購回的時點而定，於此期間內流通在外股份所顯示的金額可能與此期間的經營業績表所實現的金額無關聯。

b. 以每日平均流通在外股數為基礎。

c. 總報酬並不反映銷售酬佣或是或有遞延銷售手續費（如適用）。

d. 關係企業支付或減免款項的利益四捨五入到小於 0.01%。

e. 費用減少的利益四捨五入到小於 0.01%。

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資產負債表

2022年8月31日

資產：

證券投資：

成本 - 非關係企業上市公司	\$799,621,347
成本 - 非控制關係企業上市公司(附註 3f)	27,614
價值 - 非關係企業上市公司(包括借出證券\$ 66,542,262)	<u>\$912,476,842</u>
價值 - 非控制關係企業上市公司(附註 3f)	27,614

現金 10,257,927

應收款項：

證券投資銷售款	3,634,871
股本銷售款	175,430
股利	2,800,612
歐盟稅款回收(附註 1d)	640,657

資產合計 930,013,953

負債：

應付款項：

證券投資買入款	6,809,319
股本贖回款	761,447
管理費用	732,157
配銷費用	186,762
股務代理機構費用	280,857

依證券借出的返還支付(附註 1c) 27,614

預提費用及其他負債 609,430

負債合計 9,407,586

淨資產價值 \$920,606,367

淨資產包含：

實收資本 \$782,770,372

可分配利得(損失)總額 137,835,995

淨資產價值 \$920,606,367

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資產負債表 (承續前表)

2022年8月31日

A股：

淨資產價值	\$799,689,186
流通在外股份	97,037,087
每股淨資產價值 ^a	\$8.24
每股最高售價 (每股淨資產價值除以 94.50%)	\$8.72

a. 贖回價格等於淨資產價值減掉或有遞延銷售手續費(如適用)。

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經營業績表

截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日止之年度

投資收益：

股利：(扣除外國稅額\$2,196,148)	
非關係企業上市公司	\$20,826,395
利息：	
非關係企業上市公司	116,110
來自借出證券的收益	
非關係企業上市公司(扣除費用以及退還)	73,987
非控制關係企業上市公司(附註 3f)	5,140
其他收益(附註 1d)	143,129
投資收益總額	<u>21,164,761</u>

費用：

管理費用(附註 3a)	10,089,519
配銷費用(附註 3c)	
A 股	2,521,656
C 股	88,232
股務代理機構費用(附註 3e)	
A 股	1,439,929
C 股	12,472
R6 股	35,153
Advisor 股	74,766
保管機構費用	70,431
股東報告書費用	193,931
註冊與申報費用	95,475
專業人士費用	92,387
董事酬金與費用	39,581
其他	67,256
總費用	<u>14,820,788</u>
關係企業減免支付的費用(附註 3f 及 3g)	<u>(11,496)</u>
淨費用	<u>14,809,292</u>
淨投資收益	<u>6,355,469</u>

實現與未實現利得(損失)：

淨實現利得(損失)來自：	
投資：	
非關係企業上市公司	37,428,976
外幣交易	<u>(257,219)</u>
淨實現利得(損失)	<u>37,171,757</u>

淨未實現溢價(折價)變動在：

投資：	
非關係企業上市公司	(411,565,294)
以外幣計價之其他資產與負債換算	<u>(316,165)</u>
淨未實現溢價(折價)變動	<u>(411,881,459)</u>
淨實現與未實現利得(損失)	<u>(374,709,702)</u>
淨資產在操作上的淨增加(減少)	<u><u>\$(368,354,233)</u></u>

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淨資產變動表

截至 8 月 31 日止之年度

	2022	2021
淨資產增加(減少)：		
操作：		
淨投資收益	\$6,355,469	\$7,231,775
淨實現利得(損失)	37,171,757	133,613,078
淨未實現溢價(折價)變動	(411,881,459)	281,569,261
淨資產在操作上的淨增加(減少)	(368,354,233)	422,414,114
對股東配息：		
A 股	(109,936,819)	(26,537,916)
C 股	(1,038,272)	(239,297)
R6 股	(9,983,983)	(2,496,084)
Advisor 股	(5,790,108)	(1,498,643)
對股東的配息總額	(126,749,182)	(30,771,940)
股本交易：(附註 2)		
A 股	26,965,139	(58,193,721)
C 股	(1,352,423)	(4,205,285)
R6 股	8,004,634	(3,226,018)
Advisor 股	(792,886)	(1,675,007)
股本交易總額	32,824,464	(67,300,031)
淨資產的增加(減少)	(462,278,951)	324,342,143
淨資產		
年度期初	1,382,885,318	1,058,543,175
年度期末	\$920,606,367	\$1,382,885,318

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財務報告附註

1. 組織結構與重要會計政策

富蘭克林坦伯頓中小型公司成長基金（以下稱本基金）是依據美國 1940 年投資公司法案（簡稱為 1940 法案）註冊成立的開放式投資公司，並且採行美國一般公認會計原則（U.S. GAAP）之專業會計和報導指南。本基金提供四種股份類別：A 股、C 股、R6 股及 Advisor 股。C 股在持有 8 年後每月將自動轉為 A 股。各股份類別的首次銷售手續費、或有遞延銷售手續費、對單一股份具影響之事件的投票權、及轉換權益不同約定之分銷費用及股務代理機構費用皆有所不同。

本基金重要會計政策摘要如下：

a. 財務工具評價

本基金為每日以公平價值(fair value)評價投資的財務工具。公平價值是市場參與者於秩序交易中，賣出資產或轉移負債於衡量日所被買賣參與者接受的價格。本基金在每個營業日東部時間下午 4 點或紐約證券交易所 (NYSE) 正常排定收盤時計算每股資產淨值 (NAV)，以較早者為準。在本基金董事會所核准的政策及程序下，本基金的行政經理公司負責監控及評價的範圍包括：主導具有交叉功能之評價委員會 (the Valuation Committee (VC))。本基金得以利用獨立定價服務、來自證券和財務工具的交易商所提供的報價及其他市場資訊來決定公平價值。

在證券交易所或那斯達克交易系統掛牌之股票是分別以最後公告售價或當日官方收盤價格計價。外國證券是以證券主要交易之外國證券交易所或是東部時間下午四點收盤價估值。其價格將以國外證券依當日東部時間下午四點的收盤匯率被轉換成美元後的價值而定。店頭市場交易證券其估值則不超過最近一次的買賣報價範圍。同時在多個市場或多個交易所進行交易的證券，其估值則以最具廣度和代表性之市場的報價為準。某些股權證券是以類似證券的基本特徵或關係為評價基礎。

債權證券通常是在店頭市場而不在證券交易所進行交易。本基金的定價服務是使用多種評價技術來決定其公平價值。於交易活絡的市場，定價服務可能利用市場基礎法 (market-based approach)，即使用證券交易公司的報價來決定公平價值。於交易不活絡或有所限制的市場，定價服務亦使用財產評價模型 (proprietary valuation model)，其考量了市場特性 (例如：基準收益率曲線、信用價差、估計違約率、預期市場利率變動性、票券利率、本金付款期待時間、擔保品及其他獨特的證券特性) 來評估相關的現金流量，並再用折現法計算公平價值。

投資於開放式共同基金則以結算後的淨資產價值評價。

當財務工具缺乏可以信賴或是無法獲得市場價格時，本基金採用特定程序來決定其公平價值。在這些程序下，本基金主要使用市場基礎法 (market-based approach)，即使用相關或可比較之資產或負債、近期交易、市場乘數、帳面價值及其他投資主要資訊來決定投資之公平價值。收益基礎衡量法 (income-based valuation approach) 也可用於投資之預期未來現金流量折價以計算公平價值。由於處分投資的限制的本質或是存續期間，可能也使用折價來計算。由於此類投資評價固有的不確定性，其公平價值與交易市場的價格可能會有顯著的差異。

於外國證券交易所及店頭交易市場掛牌證券的交易，可能早於東部時間下午四點時間。此外，某些外國市場的交易並不會發生在每一個基金的營業日內。有時候，在外國證券交易完畢與東部時間下午四點之間的時間裡發生的事件可能對本基金所持有之投資組合證券價值的可信度造成影響。因此，由外國市場收盤後所決定之基金組合證券價格與東部時間下午四點最近

1. 組織結構與重要會計政策(承續前文)

年度財務報告/附屬的財務報表附註是財務報表的一部份

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a. 財務工具評價(承續前文)

的價格間，可能會產生差異。為了最小化這些潛在的差異，獨立定價服務可於下午 4 點將本基金的投資組合證券的價值調整為最新的公平價值指標。截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日，部分證券已使用公平價值程序來定價，在這種情況下，這些證券被分類為公平價值衡量層級中的等級 2。(稱為“市場公平價值”)更多說明，請參閱“公平價值衡量”附註。

當申報期間的最後一日為非營業日時，某些外國市場可能在未計算基金資產淨值的那些日子開市，此可能造成基金投資組合證券的價值在申報期間的最後營業日及最後日曆日間所有差異。任何因外國市場開市所造成之顯著證券價值變動將被基金為反映財務申報目的而進行調整和反映。

b. 外幣轉換

投資組合中以外幣結算的證券以及其他資產與負債，是在估值日以這類外幣對美元的匯率轉換成美元來定價。本基金可能簽訂外匯契約協助以外幣計價的交易。以外幣結算之證券的申購與銷售，收益與費用項目是以在交易日生效的匯率轉換成美元來定價。以外幣計價之投資組合證券、資產及負債包含這些外幣相對於美元價值下跌的風險。有時候，事件的發生可能影響外幣對美元匯率的可獲得性或可信度。若有此類事件發生，將以本基金董事會所建立並核准之程序來確定該匯率的公平價值。

本基金並不會單獨報告由於持有證券的市價變動而引起的外幣匯率變動的結果。這類的變動已包含在經營業績表中的淨實現與未實現投資利得或損失中。

已實現的匯兌利得或損失來自於外幣銷售、在證券的交易日與交割日之間所實現的貨幣利得或損失及股利、利息、外國預扣稅的紀錄金額與其實際交付的等值美元金額之間的差異。淨未實現匯兌利得或損失來自於在報告期末除所持有的投資證券之外，以外幣結算之資產與負債的外幣匯率變動。

c. 證券借貸

本基金參與一項代理機構基礎之證券借貸計劃以賺取額外的收益。本基金對借出證券收取現金擔保品其相當於所借出證券之公平價值至少 102%的金額和/或美國政府和機構證券的擔保品。在此借貸的存續期間內擔保品的金額不低於該借出證券公平價值(在基金各營業日結束時評定)的 100%，任何因證券價值變動而須追加的擔保品必須於次一營業日交付給本基金。擔保品係被存放在與其他基金共同的聯名現金帳戶，且習慣投資在由富蘭克林顧問公司(本基金之關係企業)所管理的貨幣市場基金裡。在 2022 年 8 月 31 日，本基金收到\$69,238,541 美元的美國政府機構證券做為擔保品。這些證券在基金託管人的獨立帳戶中作為抵押品持有。基金不能再質押或轉售這些作為抵押品的證券。因此，非現金抵押品不包括在資產負債表中。本基金得收取來自現金擔保品的投資收益，以及從借貸者收取出借費用與回扣。來自證券借貸的收益，扣除支付予證券借貸機構以及/或是第三方供應商的費用，已分別地註記在經營業績表中。本基金承擔有關擔保品投資與證券借出的市場風險，以及代理機構違反其對本基金義務的風險。如果借貸者違反其應返還借出證券的義務，本基金有權利運用所收取的擔保品於公開市場再買回這些證券。證券借貸機構已同意賠償本基金由第三方借入者產生的違約風險。

d. 所得稅及遞延稅

按照基金政策，本基金必須符合美國稅務法對於投資公司的規定，對股東分配幾乎所有的應稅收益與淨實現利益以免於繳納聯邦所得稅及特許權稅，因此無需預提美國聯邦所得稅。

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1. 組織結構與重要會計政策(承續前文)

d. 所得稅及遞延稅(承續前文)

本基金在外國管轄區域的投資所收取的收益、證券售出的資本利得以及一些外匯交易可能須繳納外國稅捐。如有外國稅捐，其金額將依據本基金所投資之外國市場實施的稅務法規與稅率申報。如外國對淨實現利得加以課稅，本基金將記錄預估的遞延稅賦義務，其金額相當於當證券在評價日交易須支付的稅額。

由於遍及歐盟一些國家的幾個訴訟案件結果，本基金已經為以前在這些國家所賺取股利的代扣稅款申報追加的回收稅款（歐盟回收）。已認可收益，若有的話，這些歐盟回收金額是以其他收益反映於經營業績表中，而任何相關應收款項，若有的話，是以歐盟稅款回收反映於資產負債表中。而與以上相關之費用也將反映在經營業績表的其他費用上。當這些訴訟的最終裁決、取得這些回收稅款的可能性以及付款的可能時間安排尚存有不確定性時，則無金額得以被反映於財務報表中。就美國所得稅目的，本基金所收取的歐盟回收稅款，若有的話，將減少外國稅捐金額而使本基金股東得在個人所得稅申報單中作為減稅或抵免。

只有當稅務機關基於稅項的技術優勢進行依據美國一般公認會計原則(U.S.GAAP)審查時認為該不明確稅項維持的可能性低於 50%的情況下，本基金才會承認不明確稅項的賦稅利益。於截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日止及所有開放稅賦年度，本基金認為沒有因被要求於納稅申報表所揭有關不明確稅項之納稅申報（或預計在未來進行納稅申報）之未承認賦稅利益而產生的負債。開放稅賦年度為基於稅賦管轄權之法定時效限制下仍須接受審查的年度。

e. 證券交易、投資收益、費用及配息

證券交易是在交易日作入帳。證券交易之已實現利得或損失則決定於特定基礎。利息收入與預估費用則每日計提。利息收入包括債權的折價與溢價攤銷。股利收入是在除息日入帳，除了某些來自外國證券的股利是在本基金接獲除息日通知才立即認定。對股東的配息是在除息日入帳並且依據所得稅法（稅基）確定。以稅基所決定的可分配盈餘可能不同於依照一般美國公認會計準則所紀錄的盈餘。這些差異可能是永久或是暫時的。永久性差異將產生在資本帳戶被重新分類以反映其稅賦特性。這些重新分類對淨資產或是經營業績並不會造成影響。暫時性差異則不用重新分類，因為差異在後續期間將會迴轉。

已實現與未實現利得與損失以及淨投資收益（股份等級特定費用除外），是依照個別股份等級的淨資產之相對比重而每日分配到個別股份等級。股份等級的費用差異可能導致各股份等級每股配息款項的差異。

f. 會計估計

管理階層依照美國一般公認的會計準則編制財務報表時需要做出會計估計與假設。這些會計估計與假設會影響於財務報表日的資產與負債金額以及在財務報表期間的收入與費用金額。實際結果可能與估計值不同。

g. 保證及賠償

在本基金的組織文件規定下，本基金同意免除其主管與董事對於某些超越其職責範圍而發生的負債的責任。此外，在正常業務狀況下，本基金代表本基金與服務提供機構簽訂契約也包含責任免除條款。本基金在這些免責條款下的最大風險是未知的，因為涉及未來可能對本基金發生的被訴訟索賠。目前，本基金預期損失的風險是很小的。

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2. 實益權益股份

在截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日，經授權發行無數量管制的股份(無股票面值)。本基金股份的交易如下表：

	截至 8 月 31 日止之年度		截至 8 月 31 日止之年度	
	2022		2021	
	股份	金額	股份	金額
A 股：				
股份銷售 ^a	4,785,160	\$49,830,182	6,386,138	\$73,707,801
配息轉入再投資之股份發行	9,930,700	105,563,343	2,397,388	25,388,343
股份贖回	(12,700,284)	(128,428,386)	(14,273,428)	(157,289,865)
淨增加(減少)	2,015,576	\$26,965,139	(5,489,902)	\$(58,193,721)

^a可能包含部分 C 股其被自動轉為 A 股。

3. 與關係企業的交易

富蘭克林公司作為控股公司，與其各附屬公司合稱為富蘭克林坦伯頓基金集團。本基金的部分主管與董事也是下列附屬公司的主管以及/或是董事：

附屬公司	與本基金的關係
Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC (TIC)	投資經理公司
Franklin Templeton Investment Corp. (FTIC)	投資經理公司
Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services)	行政經理公司
Franklin Distributors, LLC (Distributors)	主辦承銷商
Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC (Investor Services)	股務代理機構

a. 管理費用

本基金按基金的平均每日淨資產價值所適用之年率標準每日計算，每月支付 TIC 投資管理費用，年率標準詳如下表：

年化費率	淨資產
0.900%	不超過(含)二億美元
0.885%	超過二億美元，不超過(含)七億美元
0.850%	超過七億美元，不超過(含)十億美元
0.830%	超過十億美元，不超過(含)十二億美元
0.805%	超過十二億美元，不超過(含)五十億美元
0.785%	超過五十億美元，不超過(含)一百億美元
0.765%	超過一百億美元，不超過(含)一百五十億美元
0.745%	超過一百五十億美元，不超過(含)二百億美元
0.725%	超過二百億美元

在截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日，有效的投資管理費年率為基金平均每日淨資產的 0.870%。

依據附屬經理公司合約，FTIC (其為 TIC 的關係企業) 對本基金提供附屬顧問服務，並從 TIC 收取基於本基金平均每日淨資產的投資管理費用，並不是本基金額外的費用。

b. 行政費用

依據與 TIC 的契約，FT Services 對本基金提供行政管理服務。TIC 按本基金的每日平均淨資產支付行政管理服務費用，其並不是本基金額外的費用。

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c. 配銷費用

除了 R6 股及 Advisor 股以外，本基金董事會遵循美國 1940 年投資公司法案的規則 12b-1，對於各股皆採用配銷計劃。在本基金 A 股的償還配銷計劃下，本基金將向 Distributors 償付不超過最高年度計劃費率的配銷費用，用以彌補其服務、銷售與配銷本基金股份所帶來的費用。在 A 股的償還配銷計劃下，當期計劃年度的費用超出最高償還額度的部分不會在後續期間得到償還。此外，在本基金 C 股的補償配銷計劃下，本基金將向 Distributors 支付不超過最高年度計劃費率的配銷費用，用以彌補其服務、銷售與配銷本基金股份所招致的費用。為監控最高年度計劃費率之遵循情形，該計劃年度為 2 月 1 日至 1 月 31 日的整個期間。

按本基金的平均每日淨資產的特定比例，各股的最高年度計劃費率列示如下：

A 股	0.25%
C 股	1.00%

d. 銷售手續費/承銷合約

前收型銷售手續費以及或有遞延銷售手續費 (CDSC) 不是本基金的費用。這些手續費在投資之前就從基金股份銷售款項中扣除，或是在贖回收益匯出之前被扣除 (若適用)。

承銷商(Distributors)已告知本基金下列有關本期間基金股份銷售與贖回的交易佣金：

扣除支付給非關係企業的交易商/經紀商佣金後的銷售手續費	\$46,300
保留的或有遞延銷售手續費	\$4,350

e. 股務代理機構費用

每個基金股份為 Investor Services 對股東服務範圍的績效支付股務代理機構費用義務。費用基礎為年化資產費用的 0.02% 加上交易基礎費用。此外，除了 R6 股，每個股份償付 Investor Services 的墊付款項以及支付予第三方的股東服務費用。這些費用將以各個股份淨資產的相對比例為基礎每日配置於各該股份。R6 股僅對該股支付 Investor Services 股務代理機構費用。

在截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日止之年度，本基金支付股務代理機構的費用為 \$ 1,562,320 美元，其中 \$ 489,452 美元是用以支付 Investor Services。

f. 投資於關係企業管理投資公司

本基金投資於一家或數家關係企業管理投資公司。根據 1940 年法案的定義，當基金直接或間接擁有附屬基金 25% 或更多已發行股份或有權對管理行使控制權時，該投資被視為基金的“控制關係企業”。本基金的投資目的不是對管理或政策施加控制影響。本基金可減免投資於關係企業管理投資公司的資產所對應的管理費用已標示於經營業績表中，但金額不超過每一個關係企業直接或間接所支付的管理費用和行政費用。截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日，本基金持有投資於關係企業管理投資公司如下：

	期初 價值	申購	已實現利 得(虧損) 出售	未實現溢價 (折價)淨變動	期末 價值	期末 持有股數	投資 收益
非控制關係上 市公司							來自借出 證券收益
Institutional Fiduciary Trust- Money Market Portfolio, 1.864%	\$264,494	\$161,619,832	\$(161,856,712)	\$—	\$27,614	27,614	\$5,140
關聯證券合計	\$264,494	\$161,619,832	\$(161,856,712)	\$—	\$27,614		\$5,140

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g. 免除與費用償還

Investor Services 已事先簽約同意免除或是限制其收取的費用，所以 R6 股的股務代理機構費用直到 2022 年 12 月 31 日之前將不會超過該類別的平均淨資產 0.03%。

4. 所得稅

截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日和 2021 年 8 月 31 日止年度配息的稅收如下：

	2022	2021
配息支付：		
一般收益	\$5,474,148	\$11,719,754
長期資本利得	121,275,034	19,052,186
	<u>\$126,749,182</u>	<u>\$30,771,940</u>

基於所得稅目的，於 2022 年 8 月 31 日，本基金之投資成本、淨未實現溢價(折價)、未分配一般收益及未分配長期資本利得如下表所示：

投資成本	\$803,224,994
未實現溢價	<u>\$220,305,093</u>
未實現折價	(111,025,630)
淨未實現溢價(折價)	<u>\$109,279,463</u>
分配盈餘：	
未分配一般收益	\$6,832,003
未分配長期資本利得	21,190,832
可分配盈餘	<u>\$28,022,835</u>

收益以及/或是資本利得在帳面基礎與稅賦基礎上有所不同，主要是因為對歐盟稅款回收、被動外國投資公司股份、轉嫁實體收益、企業活動以及沖銷性交易的處理不同而影響分配的特性所致。

本基金採用稅務會計慣例會將部分來自贖回股本收益款項視為來自淨投資收益的分配。

5. 投資交易

截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日止之年度內買入與賣出(不包括短期證券)的交易額分別為 \$153,004,964 美元及 \$215,311,881 美元。

至 2022 年 8 月 31 日，本基金在有關證券借貸交易上，借出股權投資並且收取 \$27,614 美元的現金擔保品。該類交易所認定的負債總額已算入資產負債表的「依證券借出的返還支付」科目裡。本證券借貸合約得隨時被終止。

6. 集中風險

投資於外國證券可能含有特定風險，須考量的因素也與投資美國證券的一般相關事項不同，例如貨幣價值的波動及當地與地區經濟、政治及社會情況的變動等，該因素可能導致大幅度的市場波動。國外地區目前政治和金融的不確定性可能會增加市場的波動，以及在外國投資證券的經濟風險。此外，個別外國證券的流動性可能低於美國證券。

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7. 地緣政治風險

2022年2月24日，俄羅斯在烏克蘭主權領土上採取軍事行動。當前的政治和圍繞俄羅斯和烏克蘭的金融不確定性可能會增加市場波動和投資的經濟風險。這些國家的證券，也可能給全球經濟和更廣泛的金融市場帶來不確定性。這些事件的最終後果和長期影響尚不清楚。基金將繼續評估事件對估值和流動性的影響，並將根據董事會批准的程序採取任何必要的潛在行動。

8. 新型冠狀病毒大流行

全球性新型冠狀病毒疾病（稱為 COVID-19）的爆發已普遍性對許多公司、產業、國家、區域和市場造成了不利影響，並且可能以無法預料的持續時間蔓延。這種大流行病的影響可能會嚴重地衝擊本基金的價值和績效表現、在適當的評價買賣基金投資的能力以及達成其投資目標的能力。

9. 受管制的證券

本基金可能投資於受到 1933 年證券法案（1933 年法案）所管制的證券。受管制的證券通常在私募交易購得，在未事先完成註冊前是無法出售證券，除非此出售是符合 1933 年法案的免除規定。處置這些證券可能須花費較多的努力及費用，並且在短期間以合理價格出售可能有困難。本基金有權註冊所持有的受管制證券。證券發行公司通常需負擔所有的註冊成本。

在 2022 年 8 月 31 日，本基金持有受管制證券（不包括符合 1933 年法案的免除規定）的投資如下表所示：

股份	發行公司	購置日	成本	價值
1,342,000	Sakari Resources Ltd.	1/18/12-2/23/12	\$ 2,478,736	\$ 475,768
	受管制證券總額(價值為淨資產的 0.1%)		\$ 2,478,736	\$ 475,768

10. 信用工具

本基金與富蘭克林坦伯頓基金集團所管理的其他美國註冊以及外國投資基金（全體地，以下稱「全體借用人」）共同簽定一項於 2022 年 2 月 3 日到期之貸款總額為 26.75 億美元的優先無擔保聯合全球信用貸款（以下稱「全球信用工具」）。全球信用工具其為一項資金來源，提供予全體借用人以因應暫時與緊急之資金需求，包括有能力去應付未來無預期或不尋常的大量贖回需求。

依據全球信用工具條款，本基金除了應負擔所動用任何貸款的利息，以及由本基金所產生的其他成本之外，尚須依據本基金佔全體借用人淨資產總額的相對持份比例，分攤履行及維持全球信用工具所產生的費用及支出，包括全球信用工具未使用部分的 0.15% 年度承諾費用，這些費用已反映於經營業績表的其他費用裡。截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日止，本基金並未動用全球信用工具貸款。

11. 公平價值衡量

本基金採用公平價值的等級，其係用來區別從獨立來源所取得的市場資料(可觀察信息)與基金自行的市場假設(不可觀察信息)。這些信息被用於決定基金投資的價值，並得概述於以下之公平價值的等級：

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11. 公平價值衡量(承續前文)

- 等級 1—用同一證券的現行活躍市場報價
- 等級 2—其他重要的明顯信息(包括對於相類似證券的報價、利率、預付款項速度及信用風險等)
- 等級 3—重要的不可觀察信息(包括基金以自行假設決定投資的公平價值)

用以評價證券的信息或方法，並非暗示與投資該證券有關的風險及流動性。

以下為截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日止，評估本基金資產之公平價值所包含的輸入等級概要：

	等級 1	等級 2	等級 3	合計
資產：				
證券投資：				
普通股：				
巴哈馬	\$13,023,761	\$—	\$—	\$13,023,761
比利時	—	19,849,042	—	19,849,042
巴西	14,778,381	—	—	14,778,381
加拿大	17,046,175	—	—	17,046,175
丹麥	—	3,547,167	—	3,547,167
芬蘭	—	14,063,265	—	14,063,265
德國	—	33,348,607	—	33,348,607
香港	—	18,765,794	—	18,765,794
匈牙利	—	8,098,054	—	8,098,054
印尼	—	—	475,768	475,768
以色列	6,325,921	—	—	6,325,921
義大利	—	41,165,575	—	41,165,575
日本	—	79,413,347	—	79,413,347
荷蘭	—	13,436,127	—	13,436,127
南韓	—	13,534,524	—	13,534,524
瑞典	—	23,998,817	—	23,998,817
瑞士	6,352,620	32,386,627	—	38,739,247
台灣	—	66,673,987	—	66,673,987
英國	4,593,740	33,073,964	—	37,667,704
美國	392,515,210	—	—	392,515,210
特別股	10,258,383	—	—	10,258,383
權證	405,078	—	—	405,078
私人有限合夥基金	18,746,908	—	—	18,746,908
短期投資	27,614	26,600,000	—	26,627,614
證券投資總額	\$484,073,791	\$427,954,897 ^a	\$475,768	\$912,504,456

^a 包括價值\$401,354,897 美元的外國證券，由於應用市場的公平價值程序，這些證券被歸類為第 2 級。更多資訊請參見金融工具估值說明。

當年初和/或年末存在重大的等級 3 資產和/或負債時，將列示使用等級 3 輸入值來確定公平價值的對帳。

富蘭克林坦伯頓中小型公司成長基金

12. 新會計原則宣告

於 2022 年 6 月，美國財務會計準則委員會 (FASB) 頒佈公報第 2022-03 號會計準則更新 (ASU) 「公允價值衡量 (主題 820) — 受合約銷售限制的股權證券的公允價值衡量」。ASU 中的修訂澄清了限制出售股權證券的合同不被視為權益證券的計算單位，因此在計算公允價值時不應考慮。此更新於 2023 年 12 月 15 日之後開始的中期和年度報告期間正式生效，也可選擇提前採用。管理單位目前正在評估此 ASU 的影響。

13. 期後事項

本基金已評量截至本財報公告日期間的期後事項，確定沒有發生應行揭露的事項。

縮寫

選定的投資組合

FFCB	Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp.	聯邦農業信貸銀行融資公司
FHLB	Federal Home Loan Banks	聯邦住宅貸款銀行

富蘭克林坦伯頓中小型公司成長基金

翻譯自獨立註冊會計師事務所簽證英文報告原文

致富蘭克林坦伯頓中小型公司成長基金的全體董事與股東

我們已查核富蘭克林坦伯頓中小型公司成長基金（以下簡稱「基金」）前附截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日之包括投資計畫在內的資產負債表、截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日之相關經營業績表、截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日之兩年的淨資產變動表（包括相關附註）以及截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日之五年的財務重點（以下簡稱「財務報表」）。我們認為，財務報表在所有重大方面，公允反映了基金於 2022 年 8 月 31 日的財務狀況、年度的經營成果、截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日之兩年的淨資產變動情況，以及截至 2022 年 8 月 31 日之五年各期末的財務重點，並符合美國公認會計準則的規定。

意見之基礎

這些財務報表的編制是基金管理者的責任。我們的責任是在我們查核的基礎上對這些財務報表表示意見。我們是公開發行會計公司，在公開發行公司會計監督委員會（美國）（“PCAOB”）註冊，並且被要求必須獨立於基金，符合美國聯邦證券法、美國證券交易委員會和 PCAOB 的適用規則和條例。

我們依據 PCAOB 的標準對這些財務報表進行查核。這些準則要求我們計劃與執行查核工作，以合理確信這些財務報表是否不存在重大誤述，無論是由於錯誤還是欺詐。

我們的查核工作包括評估財務報表重大誤述風險的執程序，無論是由於錯誤或是欺詐，以及執行應對這些風險的程序。這些程序包括在抽查的基礎上檢查支持財務報表金額與相關財務公開的證據。我們的查核工作也包括在評價管理當局在編制財務報表時採用的會計政策和作出的重大會計估計，以及評價財務報表的整體表達。我們相信，我們的查核工作（包括於 2022 年 8 月 31 日與保管銀行、股務代理商及經紀商確認的證券餘額狀況；）當沒有收到經紀人的答复時，我們執行了其他審計程序為所表示的意見提供了合理的基礎。

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 會計師事務所

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2022 年 10 月 17 日

自 1948 年以來，我們一直擔任富蘭克林坦伯頓投資基金的一家或多家投資公司之會計師。

所附財務報表並非意圖顯現其財務立場和營運結果符合美國以外地區接受的一般會計原則之標準。這些財務報表之查核的標準、程序和實務運作為美國當地接受和應用。

This version of our report is a translation from the original report, which was prepared in English. In all matters of interpretation of information, views or opinions, the original English language version of our report takes precedence over this translation.

中文簡譯本之內容與英文年報若有歧異，以英文年報之內容為準。

ANNUAL REPORT AND SHAREHOLDER LETTER

TEMPLETON GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

August 31, 2022



FRANKLIN
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SHAREHOLDER LETTER

Dear Shareholder:

During the 12 months ended August 31, 2022, global equities benefited earlier in the period from ongoing COVID-19 vaccination programs and some easing of restrictions. However, the combination of resilient consumer demand and persistent supply-chain disruptions contributed to higher inflation in many countries, which led many of the world's central banks to adopt less accommodative monetary policies in 2022, hindering stocks. New lockdowns by China to limit the spread of COVID-19 variants also pressured emerging market stocks, especially in Asia, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine increased investor uncertainty given the resulting disruption of global trade and commodity markets. In this environment, small-capitalization stocks in global developed and emerging markets, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index Small Cap Index-NR (net of tax withholding when dividends are paid), posted a -18.73% total return for the period.¹

We are committed to our long-term perspective and disciplined investment approach as we conduct a rigorous, fundamental analysis of securities with a regular emphasis on investment risk management.

Historically, patient investors have achieved rewarding results by evaluating their goals, diversifying their assets globally and maintaining a disciplined investment program, all hallmarks of the Templeton investment philosophy. We continue to recommend investors consult financial professionals and review their portfolios to design a long-term strategy and portfolio allocation that meet their individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund's annual report includes more detail about prevailing conditions and a discussion about investment decisions during the period. Please remember all securities markets fluctuate, as do mutual fund share prices.

We thank you for investing with Franklin Templeton, welcome your questions and comments, and look forward to serving your investment needs in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Alan Bartlett
Chief Investment Officer
Templeton Global Equity Group

This letter reflects our analysis and opinions as of August 31, 2022, unless otherwise indicated. The information is not a complete analysis of every aspect of any market, country, industry, security or fund. Statements of fact are from sources considered reliable.

1. Source: Morningstar.
See www.franklintempletondatasources.com for additional data provider information.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

This annual report for Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund covers the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022.

Your Fund's Goal and Main Investments

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital growth. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in securities of smaller companies located anywhere in the world. For this Fund, smaller companies are companies with market capitalizations not exceeding the lesser of the highest float-adjusted market capitalization in the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) Small Cap Index-NR, or \$10 billion, at the time of purchase. The Fund may invest a significant amount of its assets in the securities of companies located in emerging markets, will invest its assets in issuers located in at least three different countries (including the U.S.) and will invest at least 40% of its net assets in foreign securities.

Performance Overview

For the 12 months under review, the Fund's Class A shares posted a -27.76% cumulative total return. In comparison, the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index-NR, which measures performance of small capitalization companies in global developed and emerging markets, posted a -18.73% cumulative total return for the same period.¹ Please note index performance information is provided for reference and we do not attempt to track the index but rather undertake investments on the basis of fundamental research. You can find the Fund's long-term performance data in the Performance Summary beginning on page 7.

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. For most recent month-end performance, go to franklintempleton.com or call (800) 342-5236.

1. Source: Morningstar.

The index is unmanaged and includes reinvestment of any income or distributions. It does not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. One cannot invest directly in an index, and an index is not representative of the Fund's portfolio. Net Returns (NR) include income net of tax withholding when dividends are paid.

See www.franklintempletondatasources.com for additional data provider information.

The dollar value, number of shares or principal amount, and names of all portfolio holdings are listed in the Fund's Schedule of Investments (SOI). The SOI begins on page 15.

Geographic Composition 8/31/22

	% of Total Net Assets
North America	46.5%
Europe	25.4%
Asia	19.4%
Latin America & Caribbean	4.2%
Other	0.7%
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets	3.8%

Economic and Market Overview

Global developed and emerging market equities, as measured by the MSCI ACWI-NR, posted a -15.88% total return for the 12 months ended August 31, 2022.¹ Although global equities benefited earlier in the period from ongoing COVID-19 vaccination programs and some easing of restrictions, the combination of resilient consumer demand and persistent supply-chain disruptions contributed to higher inflation in many countries. This inflationary pressure led many of the world's central banks to adopt less accommodative stances regarding monetary policy in 2022, hindering stocks. New lockdowns imposed by China's government to quell the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 also pressured emerging market stocks, especially in Asia. Russia's invasion of Ukraine also increased investor uncertainty, as international sanctions on Russia disrupted global trade and commodity markets.

In the U.S., after robust growth earlier in the period, gross domestic product (GDP) slightly contracted in the first two quarters of 2022 as high inflation, supply constraints and record trade deficits weighed on economic output. Rising prices precipitated a notable decline in consumer confidence, despite high spending levels, robust job growth and low unemployment. In an effort to control inflation, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) raised the federal funds target rate in March 2022 for the first time since 2018. The Fed raised the federal funds rate again at its subsequent three meetings to end the period at a range of 2.25%–2.50%. Furthermore, the Fed said it would continue to reduce its bond holdings and anticipated additional interest-rate increases at future meetings to curtail inflation.

Economies in the eurozone decelerated to a slightly positive growth rate during the year. The lifting of COVID-related restrictions in some European countries and the summer tourism season strengthened economies. However, the war in Ukraine disrupted supply chains, weakened the economic outlook and contributed to record high inflation across the eurozone, as energy prices soared. Electricity prices hit record highs in Germany and France as coal futures and natural gas prices climbed. Consequently, the European Central Bank raised interest rates in July 2022 for the first time in 11 years to curtail growing inflation. In this environment, European developed market equities, as measured by the MSCI Europe Index-NR, posted a -21.57% total return for the 12 months under review.¹

Asian developed and emerging market equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country Asia Index-NR, posted a -20.73% total return for the 12-month period.¹ Growth in Japan remained slow, alternating between positive quarterly GDP growth and contraction. China's economy contracted sharply in 2022's second quarter as COVID-related restrictions in many major cities, including Shanghai, weakened consumer demand. Unexpected regulatory changes by China's government, which negatively impacted education- and technology-related businesses, and investor concerns about the solvency of several large property developers in China further pressured stocks in that country.

Global emerging market stocks, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index-NR, posted a -21.80% total return for the 12 months under review.¹ The index declined for four straight quarters, the longest downturn since 2008, weakened by central bank tightening and the threat of recession. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, climbing food and energy prices kindled inflationary pressures and raised concerns over the possibility of government debt defaults in some countries. However, some other countries, particularly in Latin America, as well as South Africa and Saudi Arabia, benefited from rising commodity prices.

Investment Strategy

When choosing equity investments for the Fund, we apply a bottom-up, value-oriented, long-term approach, focusing 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. We also consider the company's price/earnings ratio, profit margins and liquidation value. We may consider selling a security when we believe the security has become overvalued due to either its price appreciation or changes in the company's fundamentals, when we believe that the market capitalization of a security has become

too large, or when we believe another security is a more attractive investment opportunity.

Top 10 Countries

8/31/22

	% of Total Net Assets
United States	44.7%
Japan	8.6%
Taiwan	7.2%
Italy	4.5%
Switzerland	4.2%
United Kingdom	4.1%
Germany	3.6%
Brazil	2.7%
Sweden	2.6%
Belgium	2.2%

Top 10 Holdings

8/31/22

Company Industry, Country	% of Total Net Assets
Huntington Bancshares, Inc. <i>Banks, United States</i>	2.1%
AllianceBernstein Holding LP <i>Capital Markets, United States</i>	2.0%
Alamo Group, Inc. <i>Machinery, United States</i>	2.0%
TrustCo Bank Corp. <i>Thriffs & Mortgage Finance, United States</i>	2.0%
Hillenbrand, Inc. <i>Machinery, United States</i>	1.9%
TriMas Corp. <i>Containers & Packaging, United States</i>	1.9%
Asics Corp. <i>Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods, Japan</i>	1.8%
NCR Corp. <i>Software, United States</i>	1.8%
Man Group plc <i>Capital Markets, United Kingdom</i>	1.7%
Crown Holdings, Inc. <i>Containers & Packaging, United States</i>	1.7%

Manager's Discussion

In a challenging year for small-cap stocks, which are particularly vulnerable in times of uncertainty, the Fund underperformed its benchmark index. This was primarily due to an overweighting and stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector, stock selection in the industrials sector and lack of exposure to the energy sector.

Sweden-based Dometic Group, which sells equipment to the recreational vehicle (RV), marine and commercial/passenger vehicle market, was the Fund's largest relative detractor. Travel-related stocks such as Dometic were among those most impacted by COVID concerns during the period. Supply

issues have hampered margin improvement, but we believe the situation will eventually normalize. Dometic remains attractive, in our view, with future top-line growth driven by both organic as well as merger-and-acquisition growth. Additionally, we believe a delayed major restructuring program should finally yield full benefits and stronger earnings.

Shares of Sweden-based Thule Group, which focuses on consumer-branded products in the outdoor segment, fell on investor concerns about higher interest rates and their impact on the global economy. Looking at the longer term, the aging, healthier and affluent population is leading to an increased demand for outdoor activities, which has driven strong revenue growth. Additionally, an increase in domestic holidays and “staycations” on the back of COVID is likely supporting demand. The company has proved, in our view, that it can handle rising input costs, supply shortages and elevated demand better than many other manufacturing companies in the Nordic area. Thule's products are of high quality, carry premium prices and are highly rated in open consumer reviews.

Interpump Group, an Italian company specializing in the production of high-pressure water pumps, was impacted by macroeconomic concerns during the period. The company has benefited from a successful merger-and-acquisition strategy. Interpump's ability to implement a large number of bolt-on acquisitions of family-owned companies at limited multiples is due to its soft integration method, which is different from that of larger multinational or private equity groups. Brands are preserved, and the existing management is typically retained and incentivized. We believe this well-established method, in addition to Interpump's focus on well-run companies, reduces integration risk.

In contrast, stock selection in the health care and consumer staples sectors and lack of exposure to the communication services sector contributed to relative performance.

U.S.-based MGP Ingredients, a leading supplier of premium distilled spirits, whiskeys, ryes, bourbons, gins and vodkas, and wheat proteins and starches used in food products, was a major contributor. The company experienced strong growth during the period, and its merger with Lux Row Distillers in 2021 resulted in higher sales of aged whiskey and expanded MGP's branded spirits portfolio. The company's niche brands have historically been purchased more often at bars and restaurants, so we anticipate MGP to benefit as the pandemic recedes and people continue to resume eating and drinking away from home.

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M Dias Branco is Brazil's market leader in producing cookies and crackers. The company recovered from recent weakness and finished the period as a top contributor. Looking ahead, we believe the company's market-leading brands and significant competitive advantages it has developed, specifically by vertically integrating and gradually developing distribution across Brazil, can lead to strong share-price performance over our long-term investment horizon.

Acadia Healthcare, a U.S.-based behavioral health care company, has managed pricing/margins well in a difficult environment, and was a strong contributor. Acadia is the market leader in an undersupplied area of health care with what we view as good long-term organic growth potential, where the company has a track record of growth in the U.S. through existing facility expansions, joint ventures with acute care hospitals, and new outpatient clinics for substance abuse. Acadia realized meaningful rate increases from payers in 2022, which led to strong growth in revenue per patient-day that managed to outpace labor cost inflation. Additionally, new management has ramped up the company's growth strategy with a flurry of activity.

Regionally, stock selection in the U.S. was the largest relative detractor for the period. As in other parts of the world, the combination of elevated inflation, tighter monetary policy and chastened consumer confidence weighed on the market. Stock selection in the U.K. and Brazil contributed to relative performance for the year.

Thank you for your continued participation in Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund. We look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Harlan B. Hodes
Lead Portfolio Manager

David A. Tuttle, CFA
Kyle Denning, CFA
Katie Ylijoki, CFA

Portfolio Management Team

The foregoing information reflects our analysis, opinions and portfolio holdings as of August 31, 2022, 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.

Performance Summary as of August 31, 2022

The performance table and graphs do 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. Total return reflects reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses of each class. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities.

Performance as of 8/31/22

*Cumulative total return excludes sales charges. Average annual total return includes maximum sales charges. Sales charges will vary depending on the size of the investment and the class of share purchased. The maximum is 5.50% and the minimum is 0%. **Class A:** 5.50% maximum initial sales charge; **Advisor Class:** no sales charges. For other share classes, visit franklintempleton.com.*

Share Class	Cumulative Total Return ¹	Average Annual Total Return ²
A³		
1-Year	-27.76%	-31.75%
5-Year	+10.30%	+0.83%
10-Year	+77.97%	+5.34%
Advisor		
1-Year	-27.59%	-27.59%
5-Year	+11.67%	+2.23%
10-Year	+82.53%	+6.20%

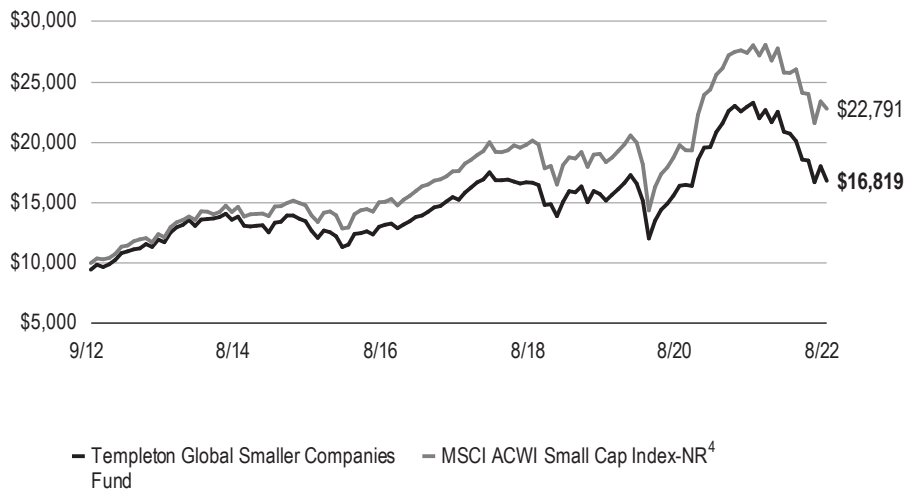
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See page 9 for Performance Summary footnotes.

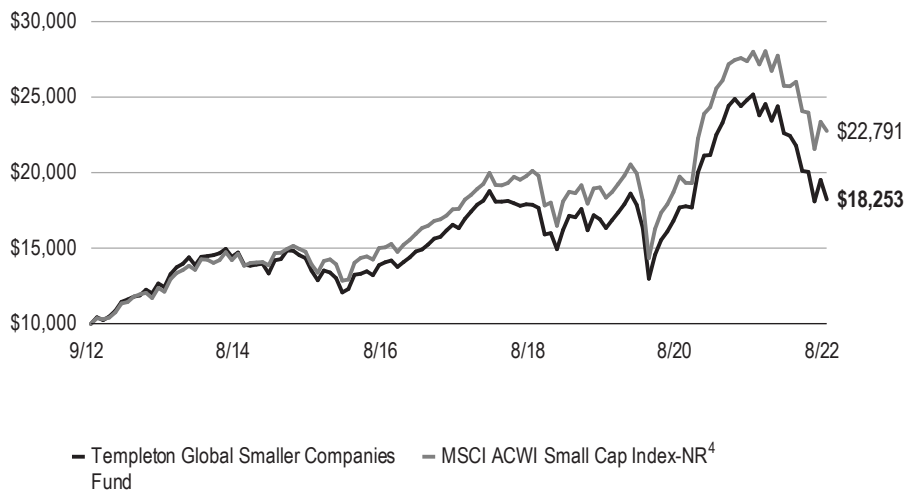
Total Return Index Comparison for a Hypothetical \$10,000 Investment

Total return represents the change in value of an investment over the periods shown. It includes any applicable maximum sales charge, Fund expenses, account fees and reinvested distributions. The unmanaged index includes reinvestment of any income or distributions. It differs from the Fund in composition and does not pay management fees or expenses. One cannot invest directly in an index.

Class A (9/1/12–8/31/22)



Advisor Class (9/1/12–8/31/22)



Distributions (9/1/21–8/31/22)

Share Class	Net Investment Income	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain	Total
A	\$0.0316	\$0.0165	\$1.1291	\$1.1772
C	—	\$0.0165	\$1.1291	\$1.1456
R6	\$0.0605	\$0.0165	\$1.1291	\$1.2061
Advisor	\$0.0517	\$0.0165	\$1.1291	\$1.1973

Total Annual Operating Expenses⁵

Share Class	
A	1.31%
Advisor	1.06%

Each class of shares is available to certain eligible investors and has different annual fees and expenses, as described in the prospectus.

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Smaller, mid-sized and relatively new or unseasoned companies can be particularly sensitive to changing economic conditions, and their prospects for growth are less certain than those of larger, more established companies. In addition, smaller company stocks have historically exhibited greater price volatility than larger company stocks, particularly over the short term. The markets for particular securities or types of securities are or may become relatively illiquid. Reduced liquidity will have an adverse impact on the security's value and on the Fund's ability to sell such securities when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific market event. Special risks are associated with foreign investing, including currency fluctuations, economic instability and political developments. Investments in emerging markets involve heightened risks related to the same factors, in addition to those associated with these markets' smaller size and lesser liquidity. The manager's portfolio selection strategy is not solely based on environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations, and therefore the issuers in which the fund invests may not be considered ESG-focused companies. Integrating ESG considerations into the investment process is not a guarantee that better performance will be achieved. Events such as the spread of deadly diseases, disasters, and financial, political or social disruptions, may heighten risks and adversely affect performance. The Fund's prospectus also includes a description of the main investment risks.

Russia's military invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the resulting responses by the United States and other countries, and the potential for wider conflict could increase volatility and uncertainty in the financial markets and adversely affect regional and global economies. The United States and other countries have imposed broad-ranging economic sanctions on Russia and certain Russian individuals, banking entities and corporations as a response to its invasion of Ukraine. The United States and other countries have also imposed economic sanctions on Belarus and may impose sanctions on other countries that support Russia's military invasion. These sanctions, as well as any other economic consequences related to the invasion, such as additional sanctions, boycotts or changes in consumer or purchaser preferences or cyberattacks on governments, companies or individuals, may further decrease the value and liquidity of certain Russian securities and securities of issuers in other countries that are subject to economic sanctions related to the invasion.

1. Cumulative total return represents the change in value of an investment over the periods indicated.
2. Average annual total return represents the average annual change in value of an investment over the periods indicated. Return for less than one year, if any, has not been annualized.
3. Prior to 9/10/18 these shares were offered at a higher initial sales charge of 5.75%, thus actual returns (with sales charges) would have differed. Average annual total returns (with sales charges) have been restated to reflect the current maximum initial sales charge of 5.50%.
4. Source: Morningstar. The MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index-NR is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of small cap equity securities in global developed and emerging markets. Net Returns (NR) include income net of tax withholding when dividends are paid.
5. Figures are as stated in the Fund's current prospectus and may differ from the expense ratios disclosed in the Your Fund's Expenses and Financial Highlights sections in this report. In periods of market volatility, assets may decline significantly, causing total annual Fund operating expenses to become higher than the figures shown. See www.franklintempletondatasources.com for additional data provider information.

Your Fund's Expenses

As a Fund shareholder, you can incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on Fund purchases and redemptions; and (2) ongoing Fund costs, including management fees, distribution and service (12b-1) fees, and other Fund expenses. All mutual funds have ongoing costs, sometimes referred to as operating expenses. The table below shows ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and can help you understand these costs and compare them with those of other mutual funds. The table assumes a \$1,000 investment held for the six months indicated.

Actual Fund Expenses

The table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses in the columns under the heading "Actual." In these columns the Fund's actual return, which includes the effect of Fund expenses, is used to calculate the "Ending Account Value" for each class of shares. You can estimate the expenses you paid during the period by following these steps (*of course, your account value and expenses will differ from those in this illustration*): Divide your account value by \$1,000 (*if your account had an \$8,600 value, then $\$8,600 \div \$1,000 = 8.6$*). Then multiply the result by the number in the row for your class of shares under the headings "Actual" and "Expenses Paid During Period" (*if Actual Expenses Paid During Period were \$7.50, then $8.6 \times \$7.50 = \64.50*). In this illustration, the actual expenses paid this period are \$64.50.

Hypothetical Example for Comparison with Other Funds

Under the heading "Hypothetical" in the table, information is provided about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. This information may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period, but it can help you compare ongoing costs of investing in the Fund with those of other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example for the class of shares you hold with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight ongoing costs and do not reflect any transactional costs. Therefore, information under the heading "Hypothetical" is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you compare total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if transactional costs were included, your total costs would have been higher.

Share Class	Beginning Account Value 3/1/22	Actual (actual return after expenses)		Hypothetical (5% annual return before expenses)		Net Annualized Expense Ratio ²
		Ending Account Value 8/31/22	Expenses Paid During Period 3/1/22–8/31/22 ^{1,2}	Ending Account Value 8/31/22	Expenses Paid During Period 3/1/22–8/31/22 ^{1,2}	
A	\$1,000	\$811.80	\$6.06	\$1,018.52	\$6.75	1.33%
C	\$1,000	\$808.50	\$9.46	\$1,014.75	\$10.53	2.07%
R6	\$1,000	\$812.90	\$4.31	\$1,020.45	\$4.81	0.94%
Advisor	\$1,000	\$812.30	\$4.92	\$1,019.78	\$5.48	1.08%

1. Expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio for the six-month period as indicated above—in the far right column—multiplied by the simple average account value over the period indicated, and then multiplied by 184/365 to reflect the one-half year period.

2. Reflects expenses after fee waivers and expense reimbursements. Does not include acquired fund fees and expenses.

Financial Highlights

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

	Year Ended August 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class A					
Per share operating performance					
(for a share outstanding throughout the year)					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$12.67	\$9.16	\$8.66	\$10.39	\$9.92
Income from investment operations ^a :					
Net investment income ^b	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.07
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(3.30)	3.72	0.67	(1.09)	0.86
Total from investment operations	(3.25)	3.78	0.71	(1.01)	0.93
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Net realized gains	(1.15)	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.65)	(0.39)
Total distributions	(1.18)	(0.27)	(0.21)	(0.72)	(0.46)
Net asset value, end of year	\$8.24	\$12.67	\$9.16	\$8.66	\$10.39
Total return ^c	(27.76)%	41.91%	8.08%	(8.86)%	9.23%
Ratios to average net assets					
Expenses ^d	1.31%	1.31%	1.38%	1.33%	1.33% ^e
Net investment income	0.51%	0.55%	0.45%	0.87%	0.72%
Supplemental data					
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$799,689	\$1,203,490	\$921,018	\$998,891	\$1,177,880
Portfolio turnover rate	13.80%	20.47%	16.81%	18.87%	32.61%

^aThe amount shown for a share outstanding throughout the period may not correlate with the Statement of Operations for the period due to the timing of sales and repurchases of the Fund's shares in relation to income earned and/or fluctuating fair value of the investments of the Fund.

^bBased on average daily shares outstanding.

^cTotal return does not reflect sales commissions or contingent deferred sales charges, if applicable.

^dBenefit of waiver and payments by affiliates rounds to less than 0.01%.

^eBenefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

	Year Ended August 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class C					
Per share operating performance					
(for a share outstanding throughout the year)					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$11.88	\$8.60	\$8.15	\$9.82	\$9.41
Income from investment operations ^a :					
Net investment income (loss) ^b	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.03)	0.01	(—) ^c
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(3.06)	3.49	0.63	(1.03)	0.80
Total from investment operations	(3.09)	3.47	0.60	(1.02)	0.80
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	—	(—) ^c	(0.03)	—	—
Net realized gains	(1.15)	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.65)	(0.39)
Total distributions	(1.15)	(0.19)	(0.15)	(0.65)	(0.39)
Net asset value, end of year	\$7.64	\$11.88	\$8.60	\$8.15	\$9.82
Total return ^d	(28.25)%	40.84%	7.25%	(9.60)%	8.39%
Ratios to average net assets					
Expenses ^e	2.06%	2.06%	2.13%	2.08%	2.08% ^f
Net investment income (loss)	(0.28)%	(0.23)%	(0.32)%	0.12%	(0.03)%
Supplemental data					
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$6,116	\$11,344	\$11,509	\$17,373	\$38,345
Portfolio turnover rate	13.80%	20.47%	16.81%	18.87%	32.61%

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^bBased on average daily shares outstanding.

^cAmount rounds to less than \$0.01 per share.

^dTotal return does not reflect sales commissions or contingent deferred sales charges, if applicable.

^eBenefit of waiver and payments by affiliates rounds to less than 0.01%.

^fBenefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

	Year Ended August 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class R6					
Per share operating performance					
(for a share outstanding throughout the year)					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$12.74	\$9.22	\$8.69	\$10.44	\$9.97
Income from investment operations ^a :					
Net investment income ^b	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.11	0.13
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(3.32)	3.73	0.69	(1.10)	0.84
Total from investment operations	(3.23)	3.83	0.76	(0.99)	0.97
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Net realized gains	(1.15)	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.65)	(0.39)
Total distributions	(1.21)	(0.31)	(0.23)	(0.76)	(0.50)
Net asset value, end of year	\$8.30	\$12.74	\$9.22	\$8.69	\$10.44
Total return	(27.49)%	42.37%	8.55%	(8.57)%	9.65%
Ratios to average net assets					
Expenses before waiver and payments by affiliates	0.96%	0.98%	1.00%	0.97%	0.95%
Expenses net of waiver and payments by affiliates	0.95%	0.97%	0.98%	0.96%	0.94% ^c
Net investment income	0.88%	0.89%	0.84%	1.24%	1.11%
Supplemental data					
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$73,802	\$104,097	\$78,551	\$85,377	\$101,384
Portfolio turnover rate	13.80%	20.47%	16.81%	18.87%	32.61%

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^bBased on average daily shares outstanding.

^cBenefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

	Year Ended August 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Advisor Class					
Per share operating performance					
(for a share outstanding throughout the year)					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$12.76	\$9.23	\$8.71	\$10.45	\$9.97
Income from investment operations ^a :					
Net investment income ^b	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(3.33)	3.74	0.68	(1.09)	0.85
Total from investment operations	(3.25)	3.83	0.74	(0.99)	0.94
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.07)
Net realized gains	(1.15)	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.65)	(0.39)
Total distributions	(1.20)	(0.30)	(0.22)	(0.75)	(0.46)
Net asset value, end of year	\$8.31	\$12.76	\$9.23	\$8.71	\$10.45
Total return	(27.59)%	42.27%	8.32%	(8.60)%	9.50%
Ratios to average net assets					
Expenses ^c	1.06%	1.06%	1.13%	1.08%	1.08% ^d
Net investment income	0.76%	0.80%	0.68%	1.12%	0.97%
Supplemental data					
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$40,999	\$63,954	\$47,466	\$57,452	\$81,450
Portfolio turnover rate	13.80%	20.47%	16.81%	18.87%	32.61%

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^bBased on average daily shares outstanding.

^cBenefit of waiver and payments by affiliates rounds to less than 0.01%.

^dBenefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

Schedule of Investments, August 31, 2022

	Industry	Shares	Value
Common Stocks 93.0%			
Bahamas 1.4%			
^a OneSpaWorld Holdings Ltd.	Diversified Consumer Services	1,478,293	\$13,023,761
Belgium 2.2%			
Barco NV	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	527,655	11,758,275
Fagron	Health Care Providers & Services	630,232	8,090,767
			19,849,042
Brazil 1.6%			
Camil Alimentos SA.	Food Products	5,051,600	9,723,489
^a M Dias Branco SA.	Food Products	621,900	5,054,892
			14,778,381
Canada 1.8%			
^{a,b} Canada Goose Holdings, Inc.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	209,400	3,772,198
Canadian Western Bank	Banks	436,036	8,130,441
North West Co., Inc. (The).	Food & Staples Retailing	198,400	5,143,536
			17,046,175
Denmark 0.4%			
Matas A/S.	Specialty Retail	345,894	3,547,167
Finland 1.5%			
Huhtamaki OYJ.	Containers & Packaging	401,631	14,063,265
Germany 3.6%			
Adesso SE	IT Services	28,932	3,505,453
^{a,b} flatexDEGIRO AG	Capital Markets	331,747	3,192,267
^b Gerresheimer AG	Life Sciences Tools & Services	142,633	7,460,624
Jenoptik AG	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	368,495	7,797,804
^{a,c} Montana Aerospace AG, 144A, Reg S.	Aerospace & Defense	162,183	2,508,004
Rational AG	Machinery	16,473	8,884,455
			33,348,607
Hong Kong 2.0%			
Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd.	Machinery	1,143,790	13,490,052
VTech Holdings Ltd.	Communications Equipment	775,800	5,275,742
			18,765,794
Hungary 0.9%			
Richter Gedeon Nyrt.	Pharmaceuticals	402,078	8,098,054
Indonesia 0.1%			
^{d,e} Sakari Resources Ltd.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	1,342,000	475,768
Israel 0.7%			
^a RADA Electronic Industries Ltd.	Aerospace & Defense	630,700	6,325,921
Italy 4.5%			
Brembo SpA	Auto Components	319,423	2,929,308
Brunello Cucinelli SpA.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	243,755	12,623,879
Interpump Group SpA	Machinery	354,088	12,495,417
^c Technogym SpA, 144A, Reg S	Leisure Products	1,912,931	13,116,971
			41,165,575
Japan 8.6%			
Asics Corp.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	916,500	16,757,404
Bunka Shutter Co. Ltd.	Building Products	760,000	5,828,728

	Industry	Shares	Value
Common Stocks (continued)			
Japan (continued)			
Digital Garage, Inc.	IT Services	274,400	\$7,648,915
en Japan, Inc.	Professional Services	201,800	3,448,685
Idec Corp.	Electrical Equipment	335,200	7,002,933
IDOM, Inc.	Specialty Retail	1,432,500	8,478,021
Meitec Corp.	Professional Services	455,400	8,006,828
TechnoPro Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	332,700	7,483,696
Tsumura & Co.	Pharmaceuticals	644,700	14,758,137
			79,413,347
Netherlands 1.5%			
^c Flow Traders, 144A, Reg S	Capital Markets	222,759	4,457,341
SBM Offshore NV	Energy Equipment & Services	642,987	8,978,786
			13,436,127
South Korea 1.5%			
BNK Financial Group, Inc.	Banks	1,415,028	7,027,899
DGB Financial Group, Inc.	Banks	1,178,608	6,506,625
			13,534,524
Sweden 2.6%			
BillerdKorsnas AB	Containers & Packaging	378,880	4,926,139
^c Dometic Group AB, 144A	Auto Components	1,482,092	8,433,654
^c Thule Group AB, 144A, Reg S	Leisure Products	436,184	10,639,024
			23,998,817
Switzerland 4.2%			
Bucher Industries AG	Machinery	41,752	14,871,348
^{a,b} Landis+Gyr Group AG	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	96,862	5,664,396
Logitech International SA	Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	126,370	6,352,620
^a Siegfried Holding AG	Life Sciences Tools & Services	14,855	11,850,883
			38,739,247
Taiwan 7.2%			
^a Catcher Technology Co. Ltd.	Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	1,089,000	6,606,393
Chicony Electronics Co. Ltd.	Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	5,455,432	14,575,727
Giant Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Leisure Products	877,811	6,862,245
King Yuan Electronics Co. Ltd.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	11,061,000	13,484,238
Merida Industry Co. Ltd.	Leisure Products	1,329,000	9,675,494
Nien Made Enterprise Co. Ltd.	Household Durables	764,000	7,060,785
Tripod Technology Corp.	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	2,559,200	8,409,105
			66,673,987
United Kingdom 4.1%			
^{a,b} Farfetch Ltd., A	Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	458,000	4,593,740
Greggs plc	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	343,055	7,331,732
^a Johnson Service Group plc	Commercial Services & Supplies	3,345,013	3,737,007
Man Group plc	Capital Markets	5,655,367	15,978,558
Oxford Instruments plc	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	258,403	6,026,667
			37,667,704
United States 42.6%			
^a Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	122,500	10,036,425
Alamo Group, Inc.	Machinery	142,910	18,686,911
^a Avanos Medical, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	290,200	7,147,626

	Industry	Shares	Value
Common Stocks (continued)			
United States (continued)			
^a BrightView Holdings, Inc.	Commercial Services & Supplies	559,000	\$5,657,080
Columbia Sportswear Co.	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	213,150	15,184,806
Crown Holdings, Inc.	Containers & Packaging	173,800	15,744,542
Deluxe Corp.	Commercial Services & Supplies	267,800	5,152,472
^{a,b} Freshpet, Inc.	Food Products	147,400	6,416,322
Hillenbrand, Inc.	Machinery	421,310	17,555,988
Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	Banks	1,415,699	18,970,366
^{a,b} ICON plc.	Life Sciences Tools & Services	46,872	9,835,152
^{a,b} Integer Holdings Corp.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	199,400	12,576,158
Janus Henderson Group plc	Capital Markets	355,733	8,324,152
John Bean Technologies Corp.	Machinery	42,100	4,347,246
^a Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc.	Real Estate Management & Development	83,800	14,497,400
^a Knowles Corp.	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	839,510	12,718,576
LCI Industries	Auto Components	85,380	9,892,981
Lear Corp.	Auto Components	76,400	10,592,096
^b Levi Strauss & Co., A	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	834,800	14,099,772
^{a,b} LivaNova plc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	153,400	8,628,750
ManpowerGroup, Inc.	Professional Services	57,400	4,208,568
MGP Ingredients, Inc.	Beverages	137,900	15,094,534
^{a,b} Middleby Corp. (The)	Machinery	47,600	6,845,832
Miller Industries, Inc.	Machinery	203,700	4,788,987
MillerKnoll, Inc.	Commercial Services & Supplies	346,500	9,591,120
^{a,b} NCR Corp.	Software	533,000	16,549,650
Patrick Industries, Inc.	Auto Components	110,235	5,839,148
^a RealReal, Inc. (The)	Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	447,100	956,794
^{a,b} Sabre Corp.	IT Services	138,852	998,346
Sealed Air Corp.	Containers & Packaging	254,500	13,694,645
^a Skechers USA, Inc., A	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	246,200	9,306,360
^{a,b} Sonos, Inc.	Household Durables	606,100	9,115,744
Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc., A	Aerospace & Defense	120,600	3,630,060
^a Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc.	Banks	184,270	10,877,458
^{a,b} ThredUp, Inc., A	Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	375,600	905,196
TriMas Corp.	Containers & Packaging	630,550	17,352,736
TrustCo Bank Corp.	Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	558,340	18,615,056
^b Voya Financial, Inc.	Diversified Financial Services	175,800	10,816,974
^a Wheels Up Experience, Inc.	Airlines	1,229,000	2,298,230
Winnebago Industries, Inc.	Automobiles	86,227	4,964,951
			392,515,210
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$756,196,873)			856,466,473
Preferred Stocks 1.1%			
Brazil 1.1%			
¹ Alpargatas SA, 2.11%	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	2,584,700	10,258,383
Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$11,167,766)			10,258,383
Warrants			
Warrants 0.1%			
Bahamas 0.1%			
^a OneSpaWorld Holdings Ltd., 3/19/24	Diversified Consumer Services	314,014	405,078
Total Warrants (Cost \$-)			405,078

	Industry	Units	Value
Private Limited Partnership Funds 2.0%			
United States 2.0%			
AllianceBernstein Holding LP	Capital Markets	435,165	\$18,746,908
Total Private Limited Partnership Funds (Cost \$5,656,708)			18,746,908
Total Long Term Investments (Cost \$773,021,347)			885,876,842
 Short Term Investments 2.9%			
		Principal Amount [†]	Value
U.S. Government and Agency Securities 2.9%			
United States 2.9%			
^g FFCB, 9/01/22		700,000	700,000
^g FHLB, 9/01/22		25,900,000	25,900,000
			26,600,000
Total U.S. Government and Agency Securities (Cost \$26,600,000)			26,600,000
		Shares	
^hInvestments from Cash Collateral Received for Loaned Securities 0.0%[†]			
Money Market Funds 0.0%[†]			
ⁱ Institutional Fiduciary Trust - Money Market Portfolio, 1.864%		27,614	27,614
Total Investments from Cash Collateral Received for Loaned Securities (Cost \$27,614)			27,614
Total Short Term Investments (Cost \$26,627,614)			26,627,614
Total Investments (Cost \$799,648,961) 99.1%			\$912,504,456
Other Assets, less Liabilities 0.9%			8,101,911
Net Assets 100.0%			\$920,606,367

See Abbreviations on page 32.

[†]The principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

[†]Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.

^aNon-income producing.

^bA portion or all of the security is on loan at August 31, 2022. See Note 1(c).

^cSecurity was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933. 144A securities may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. Regulation S securities cannot be sold in the United States without either an effective registration statement filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or pursuant to an exemption from registration. At August 31, 2022, the aggregate value of these securities was \$39,154,994, representing 4.3% of net assets.

^dFair valued using significant unobservable inputs. See Note 11 regarding fair value measurements.

^eSee Note 9 regarding restricted securities.

^fVariable rate security. The rate shown represents the yield at period end.

^gThe security was issued on a discount basis with no stated coupon rate.

^hSee Note 1(c) regarding securities on loan.

ⁱSee Note 3(f) regarding investments in affiliated management investment companies.

^jThe rate shown is the annualized seven-day effective yield at period end.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

August 31, 2022

**Templeton
Global Smaller
Companies
Fund**

Assets:	
Investments in securities:	
Cost - Unaffiliated issuers	\$799,621,347
Cost - Non-controlled affiliates (Note 3f)	27,614
Value - Unaffiliated issuers (Includes securities loaned of \$66,542,262)	\$912,476,842
Value - Non-controlled affiliates (Note 3f)	27,614
Cash	10,257,927
Receivables:	
Investment securities sold	3,634,871
Capital shares sold	175,430
Dividends	2,800,612
European Union tax reclaims (Note 1d)	640,657
Total assets	<u>930,013,953</u>
Liabilities:	
Payables:	
Investment securities purchased	6,809,319
Capital shares redeemed	761,447
Management fees	732,157
Distribution fees	186,762
Transfer agent fees	280,857
Payable upon return of securities loaned (Note 1c)	27,614
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	609,430
Total liabilities	<u>9,407,586</u>
Net assets, at value	<u>\$920,606,367</u>
Net assets consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$782,770,372
Total distributable earnings (losses)	137,835,995
Net assets, at value	<u>\$920,606,367</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (continued)

August 31, 2022

	Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund
Class A:	
Net assets, at value	\$799,689,186
Shares outstanding	97,037,087
Net asset value per share ^a	\$8.24
Maximum offering price per share (net asset value per share ÷ 94.50%)	\$8.72
Class C:	
Net assets, at value	\$6,115,945
Shares outstanding	800,763
Net asset value and maximum offering price per share ^a	\$7.64
Class R6:	
Net assets, at value	\$73,802,229
Shares outstanding	8,887,255
Net asset value and maximum offering price per share	\$8.30
Advisor Class:	
Net assets, at value	\$40,999,007
Shares outstanding	4,931,314
Net asset value and maximum offering price per share	\$8.31

^aRedemption price is equal to net asset value less contingent deferred sales charges, if applicable.

Statement of Operations

for the year ended August 31, 2022

**Templeton
Global Smaller
Companies
Fund**

Investment income:	
Dividends: (net of foreign taxes of \$2,196,148)	
Unaffiliated issuers	\$20,826,395
Interest:	
Unaffiliated issuers	116,110
Income from securities loaned:	
Unaffiliated entities (net of fees and rebates)	73,987
Non-controlled affiliates (Note 3f)	5,140
Other income (Note 1d)	143,129
Total investment income	21,164,761
Expenses:	
Management fees (Note 3a)	10,089,519
Distribution fees: (Note 3c)	
Class A	2,521,656
Class C	88,232
Transfer agent fees: (Note 3e)	
Class A	1,439,929
Class C	12,472
Class R6	35,153
Advisor Class	74,766
Custodian fees	70,431
Reports to shareholders fees	193,931
Registration and filing fees	95,475
Professional fees	92,387
Trustees' fees and expenses	39,581
Other	67,256
Total expenses	14,820,788
Expenses waived/paid by affiliates (Note 3f and 3g)	(11,496)
Net expenses	14,809,292
Net investment income	6,355,469
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):	
Net realized gain (loss) from:	
Investments:	
Unaffiliated issuers	37,428,976
Foreign currency transactions	(257,219)
Net realized gain (loss)	37,171,757
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments:	
Unaffiliated issuers	(411,565,294)
Translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	(316,165)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(411,881,459)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(374,709,702)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$(368,354,233)

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund	
	Year Ended August 31, 2022	Year Ended August 31, 2021
Increase (decrease) in net assets:		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$6,355,469	\$7,231,775
Net realized gain (loss)	37,171,757	133,613,078
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(411,881,459)	281,569,261
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(368,354,233)	422,414,114
Distributions to shareholders:		
Class A	(109,936,819)	(26,537,916)
Class C	(1,038,272)	(239,297)
Class R6	(9,983,983)	(2,496,084)
Advisor Class	(5,790,108)	(1,498,643)
Total distributions to shareholders	(126,749,182)	(30,771,940)
Capital share transactions: (Note 2)		
Class A	26,965,139	(58,193,721)
Class C	(1,352,423)	(4,205,285)
Class R6	8,004,634	(3,226,018)
Advisor Class	(792,886)	(1,675,007)
Total capital share transactions	32,824,464	(67,300,031)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(462,278,951)	324,342,143
Net assets:		
Beginning of year	1,382,885,318	1,058,543,175
End of year	\$920,606,367	\$1,382,885,318

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund (Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act) as an open-end management investment company and applies the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP). The Fund offers four classes of shares: Class A, Class C, Class R6 and Advisor Class. Class C shares automatically convert to Class A shares on a monthly basis, after they have been held for 8 years. Each class of shares may differ by its initial sales load, contingent deferred sales charges, voting rights on matters affecting a single class, its exchange privilege and fees due to differing arrangements for distribution and transfer agent fees.

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

a. Financial Instrument Valuation

The Fund's investments in financial instruments are carried at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Fund calculates the net asset value (NAV) per share each business day as of 4 p.m. Eastern time or the regularly scheduled close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), whichever is earlier. Under compliance policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), the Fund's administrator has responsibility for oversight of valuation, including leading the cross-functional Valuation Committee (VC). The Fund may utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value.

Equity securities listed on an 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. Foreign equity securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded, or as of 4 p.m. Eastern time. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at 4 p.m. Eastern time on the day that the value of the security is determined. Over-the-counter (OTC) securities 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. Certain equity securities are valued based upon fundamental characteristics or relationships to similar securities.

Debt securities generally trade in the OTC market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund's pricing services use multiple valuation techniques to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity exists, the pricing services may utilize a market-based approach through which quotes from market makers are used to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity may not exist or is limited, the pricing services also utilize proprietary valuation models which may consider market characteristics such as benchmark yield curves, credit spreads, estimated default rates, anticipated market interest rate volatility, coupon rates, anticipated timing of principal repayments, underlying collateral, and other unique security features in order to estimate the relevant cash flows, which are then discounted to calculate the fair value.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing NAV.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of financial instruments for which market prices are not reliable or readily available. Under these procedures, the Fund primarily employs a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other relevant information for the investment to determine the fair value of the investment. An income-based valuation approach may also be used in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed.

Trading in securities on foreign securities stock exchanges and OTC markets may be completed before 4 p.m. Eastern time. In addition, trading in certain foreign markets may not take place on every Fund's business day. Events can occur between the time at which trading in a foreign security is completed and 4 p.m. Eastern time that might call into question the reliability of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. As a result, differences may arise between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities as determined at the foreign market close and the latest indications of value at

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

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a. Financial Instrument Valuation (continued)

4 p.m. Eastern time. In order to minimize the potential for these differences, an independent pricing service may be used to adjust the value of the Fund's portfolio securities to the latest indications of fair value at 4 p.m. Eastern time. At August 31, 2022, certain securities may have been fair valued using these procedures, in which case the securities were categorized as Level 2 inputs within the fair value hierarchy (referred to as "market level fair value"). See the Fair Value Measurements note for more information.

When the last day of the reporting period is a non-business day, certain foreign markets may be open on those days that the Fund's NAV is not calculated, which could result in differences between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities on the last business day and the last calendar day of the reporting period. Any security valuation changes due to an open foreign market are adjusted and reflected by the Fund for financial reporting purposes.

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. The Fund may enter into foreign currency exchange contracts to facilitate transactions denominated in a foreign currency. 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. Portfolio securities and assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies contain risks that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. 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 Board.

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 in 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. Securities Lending

The Fund participates in an agency based securities lending program to earn additional income. The Fund receives collateral in the form of cash and/or U.S. Government and Agency securities against the loaned securities in an amount equal to at least 102% of the fair value of the loaned securities. Collateral is maintained over the life of the loan in an amount not less than 100% of the fair value of loaned securities, as determined at the close of Fund business each day; any additional collateral required due to changes in security values is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. Any cash collateral received is deposited into a joint cash account with other funds and is used to invest in a money market fund managed by Franklin Advisers, Inc., an affiliate of the Fund. Additionally, at August 31, 2022, the Fund held \$69,238,541 in U.S. Government and Agency securities as collateral. These securities are held as collateral in segregated accounts with the Fund's custodian. The Fund cannot repledge or resell these securities held as collateral. As such, the non-cash collateral is excluded from the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund may receive income from the investment of cash collateral, in addition to lending fees and rebates paid by the borrower. Income from securities loaned, net of fees paid to the securities lending agent and/ or third-party vendor, is reported separately in the Statement of Operations. The Fund bears the market risk with respect to any cash collateral investment, securities loaned, and the risk that the agent may default on its obligations to the Fund. If the borrower defaults on its obligation to return the securities loaned, the Fund has the right to repurchase the securities in the open market using the collateral received. The securities lending agent has agreed to indemnify the Fund in the event of default by a third party borrower.

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

d. Income and Deferred Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code. The Fund intends to distribute to shareholders substantially all of its taxable income and net realized gains to relieve it from federal income and excise taxes. As a result, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required.

The Fund may be subject to foreign taxation related to income received, capital gains on the sale of securities and certain foreign currency transactions in the foreign jurisdictions in which it invests. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Fund invests. When a capital gain tax is determined to apply, the Fund records an estimated deferred tax liability in an amount that would be payable if the securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

As a result of several court cases, in certain countries across the European Union, the Fund filed additional tax reclaims for previously withheld taxes on dividends earned in those countries (EU reclaims). Income recognized, if any, for EU reclaims is reflected as other income in the Statement of Operations and any related receivable, if any, is reflected as European Union tax reclaims in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Any fees associated with these filings are reflected in other expenses in the Statement of Operations. When uncertainty exists as to the ultimate resolution of these proceedings, the likelihood of receipt of these EU reclaims, and the potential timing of payment, no amounts are reflected in the financial statements. For U.S. income tax purposes, EU reclaims received by the Fund, if any, reduce the amount of foreign taxes Fund shareholders can use as tax deductions or credits on their income tax returns.

The Fund may recognize an income tax liability related to its uncertain tax positions under U.S. GAAP when the uncertain tax position has a less than 50% probability that it will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities based on its technical merits. As of August 31, 2022, the Fund has determined that no tax liability is required in its financial statements related to uncertain tax positions for any open tax years (or expected to be taken in future tax years). Open

tax years are those that remain subject to examination and are based on the statute of limitations in each jurisdiction in which the Fund invests.

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. Amortization of premium and accretion of discount on debt securities are included in interest income. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except for certain dividends from securities where the dividend rate is not available. In such cases, the dividend is recorded as soon as the information is received by the Fund. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributable earnings are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis) and may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with U.S. GAAP. 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.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses and net investment income, excluding class specific expenses, are allocated daily to each class of shares based upon the relative proportion of net assets of each class. Differences in per share distributions by class are generally due to differences in class specific expenses.

f. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP 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 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

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

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g. Guarantees and Indemnifications (continued)

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.

2. Shares of Beneficial Interest

At August 31, 2022, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value). Transactions in the Fund's shares were as follows:

	Year Ended August 31, 2022		Year Ended August 31, 2021	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class A Shares:				
Shares sold ^a	4,785,160	\$49,830,182	6,386,138	\$73,707,801
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	9,930,700	105,563,343	2,397,388	25,388,343
Shares redeemed	(12,700,284)	(128,428,386)	(14,273,428)	(157,289,865)
Net increase (decrease)	2,015,576	\$26,965,139	(5,489,902)	\$(58,193,721)
Class C Shares:				
Shares sold	92,217	\$950,507	292,762	\$3,133,784
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	104,131	1,030,896	23,870	238,225
Shares redeemed ^a	(350,576)	(3,333,826)	(699,209)	(7,577,294)
Net increase (decrease)	(154,228)	\$(1,352,423)	(382,577)	\$(4,205,285)
Class R6 Shares:				
Shares sold	1,918,742	\$20,034,439	1,624,498	\$18,932,535
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	698,035	7,455,014	182,145	1,936,198
Shares redeemed	(1,899,728)	(19,484,819)	(2,160,012)	(24,094,751)
Net increase (decrease)	717,049	\$8,004,634	(353,369)	\$(3,226,018)
Advisor Class Shares:				
Shares sold	670,605	\$6,954,214	1,120,091	\$12,827,889
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	517,319	5,540,487	134,085	1,427,997
Shares redeemed	(1,269,618)	(13,287,587)	(1,386,387)	(15,930,893)
Net increase (decrease)	(81,694)	\$(792,886)	(132,211)	\$(1,675,007)

^aMay include a portion of Class C shares that were automatically converted to Class A.

3. Transactions with Affiliates

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

Subsidiary	Affiliation
Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC (TIC)	Investment manager
Franklin Templeton Investments Corp. (FTIC)	Investment manager
Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services)	Administrative manager
Franklin Distributors, LLC (Distributors)	Principal underwriter
Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC (Investor Services)	Transfer agent

3. Transactions with Affiliates (continued)

a. Management Fees

The Fund pays an investment management fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, to TIC based on the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows:

Annualized Fee Rate	Net Assets
0.900%	Up to and including \$200 million
0.885%	Over \$200 million, up to and including \$700 million
0.850%	Over \$700 million, up to and including \$1 billion
0.830%	Over \$1 billion, up to and including \$1.2 billion
0.805%	Over \$1.2 billion, up to and including \$5 billion
0.785%	Over \$5 billion, up to and including \$10 billion
0.765%	Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$15 billion
0.745%	Over \$15 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
0.725%	In excess of \$20 billion

For the year ended August 31, 2022, the gross effective investment management fee rate was 0.870% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Under a subadvisory agreement, FTIC, an affiliate of TIC, provides subadvisory services to the Fund. The subadvisory fee is paid by TIC based on the Fund's average daily net assets, and is not an additional expense of the Fund.

b. Administrative Fees

Under an agreement with TIC, FT Services provides administrative services to the Fund. The fee is paid by TIC based on the Fund's average daily net assets, and is not an additional expense of the Fund.

c. Distribution Fees

The Board has adopted distribution plans for each share class, with the exception of Class R6 and Advisor Class shares, pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Under the Fund's Class A reimbursement distribution plan, the Fund reimburses Distributors for costs incurred in connection with the servicing, sale and distribution of the Fund's shares up to the maximum annual plan rate. Under the Class A reimbursement distribution plan, costs exceeding the maximum for the current plan year cannot be reimbursed in subsequent periods. In addition, under the Fund's Class C compensation distribution plan, the Fund pays Distributors for costs incurred in connection with the servicing, sale and distribution of the Fund's shares up to the maximum annual plan rate. The plan year, for purposes of monitoring compliance with the maximum annual plan rates, is February 1 through January 31.

The maximum annual plan rates, based on the average daily net assets, for each class, are as follows:

Class A	0.25%
Class C	1.00%

d. Sales Charges/Underwriting Agreements

Front-end sales charges and contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) do not represent expenses of the Fund. These charges are deducted from the proceeds of sales of Fund shares prior to investment or from redemption proceeds prior to remittance, as applicable. Distributors has advised the Fund of the following commission transactions related to the sales and redemptions of the Fund's shares for the year:

3. Transactions with Affiliates (continued)

d. Sales Charges/Underwriting Agreements (continued)

Sales charges retained net of commissions paid to unaffiliated brokers/dealers	\$46,300
CDSC retained	\$4,350

e. Transfer Agent Fees

Each class of shares pays transfer agent fees to Investor Services for its performance of shareholder servicing obligations. The fees are based on an annualized asset based fee of 0.02% plus a transaction based fee. In addition, each class reimburses Investor Services for out of pocket expenses incurred and, except for Class R6, reimburses shareholder servicing fees paid to third parties. These fees are allocated daily based upon their relative proportion of such classes' aggregate net assets. Class R6 pays Investor Services transfer agent fees specific to that class.

For the year ended August 31, 2022, the Fund paid transfer agent fees of \$1,562,320, of which \$489,452 was retained by Investor Services.

f. Investments in Affiliated Management Investment Companies

The Fund invests in one or more affiliated management investment companies. As defined in the 1940 Act, an investment is deemed to be a "Controlled Affiliate" of a fund when a fund owns, either directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the affiliated fund's outstanding shares or has the power to exercise control over management or policies of such fund. The Fund does not invest for purposes of exercising a controlling influence over the management or policies. Management fees paid by the Fund are waived on assets invested in the affiliated management investment companies, as noted in the Statement of Operations, in an amount not to exceed the management and administrative fees paid directly or indirectly by each affiliate. During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Fund held investments in affiliated management investment companies as follows:

	Value at Beginning of Year	Purchases	Sales	Realized Gain (Loss)	Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Value at End of Year	Number of Shares Held at End of Year	Investment Income
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund								
Non-Controlled Affiliates								
								Income from securities loaned
Institutional Fiduciary Trust - Money Market Portfolio, 1.864%	\$264,494	\$161,619,832	\$(161,856,712)	\$—	\$—	\$27,614	27,614	\$5,140
Total Affiliated Securities . . .	\$264,494	\$161,619,832	\$(161,856,712)	\$—	\$—	\$27,614		\$5,140

g. Waiver and Expense Reimbursements

Investor Services has contractually agreed in advance to waive or limit its fees so that the Class R6 transfer agent fees do not exceed 0.03% based on the average net assets of the class until December 31, 2022.

4. Income Taxes

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, was as follows:

	2022	2021
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$5,474,148	\$11,719,754
Long term capital gain	121,275,034	19,052,186
	<u>\$126,749,182</u>	<u>\$30,771,940</u>

At August 31, 2022, 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	<u>\$803,224,994</u>
Unrealized appreciation.	\$220,305,092
Unrealized depreciation.	(111,025,630)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).	<u>\$109,279,462</u>
Distributable earnings:	
Undistributed ordinary income.	\$6,832,003
Undistributed long term capital gains.	21,190,832
Total distributable earnings	<u>\$28,022,835</u>

Differences between income and/or capital gains as determined on a book basis and a tax basis are primarily due to differing treatments of EU reclaims, passive foreign investment company shares, pass-through entity income, corporate actions and wash sales.

The Fund utilized a tax accounting practice to treat a portion of the proceeds from capital shares redeemed as a distribution from net investment income.

5. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the year ended August 31, 2022, aggregated \$153,004,964 and \$215,311,881, respectively.

At August 31, 2022, in connection with securities lending transactions, the Fund loaned equity investments and received \$27,614 of cash collateral. The gross amount of recognized liability for such transactions is included in payable upon return of securities loaned in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The agreements can be terminated at any time.

6. 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, regional and global economic, political and social conditions, which may result in greater market volatility. Political and financial uncertainty in many foreign regions may increase market volatility and the economic risk of investing in foreign securities. In addition, certain foreign securities may not be as liquid as U.S. securities.

7. Geopolitical Risk

On February 24, 2022, Russia engaged in military actions in the sovereign territory of Ukraine. The current political and financial uncertainty surrounding Russia and Ukraine may increase market volatility and the economic risk of investing in securities in these countries and may also cause uncertainty for the global economy and broader financial markets. The ultimate fallout and long-term impact from these events are not known. The Fund will continue to assess the impact on valuations and liquidity and will take any potential actions needed in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

8. Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

The global outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease, known as COVID-19, has caused adverse effects on many companies, sectors, nations, regions and the markets in general, and may continue for an unpredictable duration. The effects of this pandemic may materially impact the value and performance of the Fund, its ability to buy and sell fund investments at appropriate valuations and its ability to achieve its investment objectives.

9. Restricted Securities

The Fund invests in securities that are restricted under the Securities Act of 1933 (1933 Act). Restricted securities are often purchased in private placement transactions, and cannot be sold without prior registration unless the sale is pursuant to an exemption under the 1933 Act. Disposal of these securities may require greater effort and expense, and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult. The Fund may have registration rights for restricted securities. The issuer generally incurs all registration costs.

At August 31, 2022, investments in restricted securities, excluding securities exempt from registration under the 1933 Act, were as follows:

Shares	Issuer	Acquisition Date	Cost	Value
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund				
1,342,000	Sakari Resources Ltd	1/18/12 - 2/23/12	\$2,478,736	\$475,768
	Total Restricted Securities (Value is 0.1% of Net Assets).		\$2,478,736	\$475,768

10. Credit Facility

The Fund, together with other U.S. registered and foreign investment funds (collectively, Borrowers), managed by Franklin Templeton, are borrowers in a joint syndicated senior unsecured credit facility totaling \$2.675 billion (Global Credit Facility) which matures on February 3, 2023. This Global Credit Facility provides a source of funds to the Borrowers for temporary and emergency purposes, including the ability to meet future unanticipated or unusually large redemption requests.

Under the terms of the Global Credit Facility, the Fund shall, in addition to interest charged on any borrowings made by the Fund and other costs incurred by the Fund, pay its share of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the implementation and maintenance of the Global Credit Facility, based upon its relative share of the aggregate net assets of all of the Borrowers, including an annual commitment fee of 0.15% based upon the unused portion of the Global Credit Facility. These fees are reflected in other expenses in the Statement of Operations. During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Fund did not use the Global Credit Facility.

11. Fair Value Measurements

The Fund follows a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and the Fund's own market assumptions (unobservable inputs). These inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's financial instruments and are summarized in the following fair value hierarchy:

11. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical financial instruments
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar financial instruments, interest rates, prepayment speed, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of financial instruments)

The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with financial instruments at that level.

A summary of inputs used as of August 31, 2022, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value, is as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund				
Assets:				
Investments in Securities:				
Common Stocks:				
Bahamas	\$13,023,761	\$—	\$—	\$13,023,761
Belgium	—	19,849,042	—	19,849,042
Brazil	14,778,381	—	—	14,778,381
Canada	17,046,175	—	—	17,046,175
Denmark	—	3,547,167	—	3,547,167
Finland	—	14,063,265	—	14,063,265
Germany	—	33,348,607	—	33,348,607
Hong Kong	—	18,765,794	—	18,765,794
Hungary	—	8,098,054	—	8,098,054
Indonesia	—	—	475,768	475,768
Israel	6,325,921	—	—	6,325,921
Italy	—	41,165,575	—	41,165,575
Japan	—	79,413,347	—	79,413,347
Netherlands	—	13,436,127	—	13,436,127
South Korea	—	13,534,524	—	13,534,524
Sweden	—	23,998,817	—	23,998,817
Switzerland	6,352,620	32,386,627	—	38,739,247
Taiwan	—	66,673,987	—	66,673,987
United Kingdom	4,593,740	33,073,964	—	37,667,704
United States	392,515,210	—	—	392,515,210
Preferred Stocks	10,258,383	—	—	10,258,383
Warrants	405,078	—	—	405,078
Private Limited Partnership Funds	18,746,908	—	—	18,746,908
Short Term Investments	27,614	26,600,000	—	26,627,614
Total Investments in Securities	\$484,073,791	\$427,954,897 ^a	\$475,768	\$912,504,456

^a Includes foreign securities valued at \$401,354,897, which were categorized as Level 2 as a result of the application of market level fair value procedures. See the Financial Instrument Valuation note for more information.

A reconciliation in which Level 3 inputs are used in determining fair value is presented when there are significant Level 3 assets and/or liabilities at the beginning and/or end of the year.

12. New Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2022, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2022-03, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) – Fair Value Measurement of Equity Securities Subject to Contractual Sale Restrictions. The amendments in the ASU clarify that a contractual restriction on the sale of an equity security is not considered part of the

12. New Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

unit of account of the equity security and, therefore, should not be considered in measuring fair value. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, with the option of early adoption. Management is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of applying this ASU.

13. Subsequent Events

The Fund has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance of the financial statements and determined that no events have occurred that require disclosure.

Abbreviations

Selected Portfolio

FFCB Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp.

FHLB Federal Home Loan Banks

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund (the "Fund") as of August 31, 2022, the related statement of operations for the year ended August 31, 2022, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended August 31, 2022, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended August 31, 2022 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of August 31, 2022, 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 ended August 31, 2022 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended August 31, 2022 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of August 31, 2022 by correspondence with the custodian, transfer agent and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, California

October 17, 2022

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds since 1948.

Tax Information (unaudited)

By mid-February, tax information related to a shareholder's proportionate share of distributions paid during the preceding calendar year will be received, if applicable. Please also refer to www.franklintempleton.com for per share tax information related to any distributions paid during the preceding calendar year. Shareholders are advised to consult with their tax advisors for further information on the treatment of these amounts on their tax returns.

The following tax information for the Fund is required to be furnished to shareholders with respect to income earned and distributions paid during its fiscal year.

The Fund hereby reports the following amounts, or if subsequently determined to be different, the maximum allowable amounts, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022:

	Pursuant to:	Amount Reported
Long-Term Capital Gain Dividends Distributed	§852(b)(3)(C)	\$121,275,034
Income Eligible for Dividends Received Deduction (DRD)	§854(b)(1)(A)	\$5,242,079
Qualified Dividend Income Earned (QDI)	§854(b)(1)(B)	\$14,600,735
Section 163(j) Interest Earned	§163(j)	\$41,778

Under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Fund intends to elect to pass through to its shareholders the following amounts, or amounts as finally determined, of foreign taxes paid and foreign source income earned by the Fund during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022:

	Amount Reported
Foreign Taxes Paid	\$864,231
Foreign Source Income Earned	\$5,889,069

Board Members and Officers

The name, year of birth and address of the officers and board members, as well as their affiliations, positions held with the Trust, principal occupations during at least the past five years and number of U.S. registered portfolios overseen in the Franklin Templeton\Legg Mason fund complex, are shown below. Generally, each board member serves 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*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Harris J. Ashton (1932) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 1992	119	Bar-S Foods (meat packing company) (1981-2010).
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Director of various companies; and formerly , Director, RBC Holdings, Inc. (bank holding company) (until 2002); and President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, General Host Corporation (nursery and craft centers) (until 1998).				
Ann Torre Bates (1958) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2008	30	Ares Capital Corporation (specialty finance company) (2010-present), United Natural Foods, Inc. (distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods) (2013-present), formerly , Allied Capital Corporation (financial services) (2003-2010), SLM Corporation (Sallie Mae) (1997-2014) and Navient Corporation (loan management, servicing and asset recovery) (2014-2016).
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Director of various companies; and formerly , Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NHP Incorporated (manager of multifamily housing) (1995-1997); and Vice President and Treasurer, US Airways, Inc. (until 1995).				
Mary C. Choksi (1950) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2016	120	Omnicom Group Inc. (advertising and marketing communications services) (2011-present) and White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company) (2017-present); and formerly , Avis Budget Group Inc. (car rental) (2007-2020).
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Director of various companies; and formerly , Founder and Senior Advisor, Strategic Investment Group (investment management group) (2015-2017); Founding Partner and Senior Managing Director, Strategic Investment Group (1987-2015); Founding Partner and Managing Director, Emerging Markets Management LLC (investment management firm) (1987-2011); and Loan Officer/Senior Loan Officer/Senior Pension Investment Officer, World Bank Group (international financial institution) (1977-1987).				

Independent Board Members (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Edith E. Holiday (1952) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Lead Independent Trustee	Trustee since 2004 and Lead Independent Trustee since 2007	120	Hess Corporation (exploration of oil and gas) (1993-present), Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. (consumer finance) (2016-present); Santander Holdings USA (holding company) (2019-present); and formerly , Canadian National Railway (railroad) (2001-2021), White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company) (2004-2021), RTI International Metals, Inc. (manufacture and distribution of titanium) (1999-2015) and H.J. Heinz Company (processed foods and allied products) (1994-2013).

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

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

J. Michael Luttig (1954) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2009	120	Boeing Capital Corporation (aircraft financing) (2006-2010).
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Counselor and Special Advisor to the CEO and Board of Directors of the Coca-Cola Company (beverage company) (2021-present); and **formerly**, Counselor and Senior Advisor to the Chairman, CEO, and Board of Directors, of The Boeing Company (aerospace company), and member of the Executive Council (2019-2020); Executive Vice President, General Counsel and member of the Executive Council, The Boeing Company (2006-2019); and Federal Appeals Court Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1991-2006).

David W. Niemiec (1949) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2005	30	Hess Midstream LP (oil and gas midstream infrastructure) (2017-present).
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Advisor, Saratoga Partners (private equity fund); and **formerly**, Managing Director, Saratoga Partners (1998-2001) and SBC Warburg Dillon Read (investment banking) (1997-1998); Vice Chairman, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (investment banking) (1991-1997); and Chief Financial Officer, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (1982-1997).

Larry D. Thompson (1945) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2005	120	Graham Holdings Company (education and media organization) (2011-2021); The Southern Company (energy company) (2014-2020; previously (2010-2012) and Cbeyond, Inc. (business communications provider) (2010-2012).
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; Counsel, Finch McCranie, LLP (law firm) (2015-present); John A. Sibley Professor of Corporate and Business Law, University of Georgia School of Law (2015-present; previously 2011-2012); and **formerly**, Independent Compliance Monitor and Auditor, Volkswagen AG (manufacturer of automobiles and commercial vehicles) (2017-2020); Executive Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consumer products) (2012-2014); Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (2004-2011); Senior Fellow of The Brookings Institution (2003-2004); Visiting Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2004); and Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (2001-2003).

Independent Board Members (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Constantine D. Tseretopoulos (1954) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2004	20	None
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Physician, Chief of Staff, owner and operator of the Lyford Cay Hospital (1987-present); director of various nonprofit organizations; and formerly , Cardiology Fellow, University of Maryland (1985-1987); and Internal Medicine Resident, Greater Baltimore Medical Center (1982-1985).				

Robert E. Wade (1946) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Trustee	Since 2006	30	EI Oro Ltd (investments) (2003-2019).
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:
 Attorney at law engaged in private practice as a sole practitioner (1972-2008) and member of various boards.

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*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
**Gregory E. Johnson (1961) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Trustee	Since 2007	131	None
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Executive Chairman, Chairman of the Board and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex; Vice Chairman, Investment Company Institute; and formerly , Chief Executive Officer (2013-2020) and President (1994-2015) Franklin Resources, Inc.				

**Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (1940) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chairman of the Board, Trustee and Vice President	Chairman of the Board and Trustee since 2013 and Vice President since 1996	120	None
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:
 Director (Vice Chairman), Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.

Alan T. Bartlett (1970) Lyford Cay Nassau, Bahamas	President and Chief Executive Officer – Investment Management	Since 2019	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:
 President and Director, Templeton Global Advisors Limited; Chief Investment Officer of Templeton Global Equity Group; officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex; Chairman of the Board, Goodhart Partners; and **formerly**, Chief Executive Officer, Goodhart Partners (2009-2019).

Interested Board Members and Officers (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Alison E. Baur (1964) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2012	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Deputy General Counsel, Franklin Templeton; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.				
Breda M. Beckerle (1958) 280 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2020	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Chief Compliance Officer, Fiduciary Investment Management International, Inc., Franklin Advisers, Inc., Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC, Franklin Templeton Institutional, LLC; and officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.				
Steven J. Gray (1955) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2009	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Distributors, LLC; and officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.				
Matthew T. Hinkle (1971) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Executive Officer – Finance and Administration	Since 2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex; and formerly, Vice President, Global Tax (2012-April 2017) and Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer, Franklin Templeton (2009-2017).				
Susan Kerr (1949) 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	Vice President – AML Compliance	Since 2021	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Senior Compliance Analyst, Franklin Templeton; Chief Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer, Legg Mason & Co., or its affiliates; Anti Money Laundering Compliance Officer; Senior Compliance Officer, LMIS; and officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.				
Christopher Kings (1974) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer	Since January 2022	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Treasurer, U.S. Fund Administration & Reporting; and officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.				
Navid J. Tofigh (1972) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President	Since 2015	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years: Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton; and officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.				

Interested Board Members and Officers (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Lori A. Weber (1964) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Vice President and Secretary	Vice President since 2011 and Secretary since 2013	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President and Secretary, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; and officer of certain funds in the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex.

*We base the number of portfolios on each separate series of the U.S. registered investment companies within the Franklin Templeton/Legg Mason fund complex. These portfolios have a common investment manager or affiliated investment managers.

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

Note 1: Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is the uncle 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 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 2008. She currently serves as a director of Ares Capital Corporation (2010-present) and United Natural Foods, Inc. (2013-present) and was formerly a director of Navient Corporation from 2014 to 2016, SLM Corporation from 1997 to 2014 and Allied Capital Corporation from 2003 to 2010, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NHP Incorporated from 1995 to 1997 and Vice President and Treasurer of US Airways, Inc. until 1995. 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 and serves as a director of Hess Midstream LP (2017-present). Mr. Niemiec was formerly a director of Emeritus Corporation from 1999 to 2010 and OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 2006 to 2010, 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.

The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) includes additional information about the board members and is available, without charge, upon request. Shareholders may call (800) DIAL BEN/342-5236 to request the SAI.

Shareholder Information

Liquidity Risk Management Program

Each Fund has adopted and implemented a written Liquidity Risk Management Program (the "LRMP") as required by Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Liquidity Rule"). The LRMP for the Franklin Templeton and Legg Mason Funds is designed to assess and manage each Fund's liquidity risk, which is defined as the risk that the Fund could not meet requests to redeem shares issued by the Fund without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund. In accordance with the Liquidity Rule, the LRMP includes policies and procedures that provide for: (1) assessment, management, and review (no less frequently than annually) of each Fund's liquidity risk; (2) classification of each Fund's portfolio holdings into one of four liquidity categories (Highly Liquid, Moderately Liquid, Less Liquid, and Illiquid); (3) for Funds that do not primarily hold assets that are Highly Liquid, establishing and maintaining a minimum percentage of the Fund's net assets in Highly Liquid investments (called a "Highly Liquid Investment Minimum" or "HLIM"); and (4) prohibiting the Fund's acquisition of Illiquid investments that would result in the Fund holding more than 15% of its net assets in Illiquid assets. The LRMP also requires reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (on a non-public basis) and to the Board if the Fund's holdings of Illiquid assets exceed 15% of the Fund's net assets. Funds with HLIMs must have procedures for addressing HLIM shortfalls, including reporting to the Board and, with respect to HLIM shortfalls lasting more than seven consecutive calendar days, reporting to the SEC (on a non-public basis).

The Director of Liquidity Risk within the Investment Risk Management Group (the "IRMG") is the appointed Administrator of the LRMP. The IRMG maintains the Investment Liquidity Committee (the "ILC") to provide oversight and administration of policies and procedures governing liquidity risk management for Franklin Templeton and Legg Mason products and portfolios. The ILC includes representatives from Franklin Templeton's Risk, Trading, Global Compliance, Legal, Investment Compliance, Investment Operations, Valuation Committee, Product Management and Global Product Strategy.

In assessing and managing each Fund's liquidity risk, the ILC considers, as relevant, a variety of factors, including the Fund's investment strategy and the liquidity of its portfolio investments during both normal and reasonably foreseeable stressed conditions; its short and long-term cash flow projections; and its cash holdings and access to

other funding sources including the Funds' interfund lending facility and line of credit. Classification of the Fund's portfolio holdings in the four liquidity categories is based on the number of days it is reasonably expected to take to convert the investment to cash (for Highly Liquid and Moderately Liquid holdings) or sell or dispose of the investment (for Less Liquid and Illiquid investments), in current market conditions without significantly changing the investment's market value.

Each Fund primarily holds liquid assets that are defined under the Liquidity Rule as "Highly Liquid Investments," and therefore is not required to establish an HLIM. Highly Liquid Investments are defined as cash and any investment reasonably expected to be convertible to cash in current market conditions in three business days or less without the conversion to cash significantly changing the market value of the investment.

At meetings of the Funds' Board of Trustees held in May 2022, the Program Administrator provided a written report to the Board addressing the adequacy and effectiveness of the program for the year ended December 31, 2021. The Program Administrator report concluded that (i.) the LRMP, as adopted and implemented, remains reasonably designed to assess and manage each Fund's liquidity risk; (ii.) the LRMP, including the Highly Liquid Investment Minimum ("HLIM") where applicable, was implemented and operated effectively to achieve the goal of assessing and managing each Fund's liquidity risk; and (iii.) each Fund was able to meet requests for redemption without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund.

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, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, 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 Schedule of Investments

The Fund files a complete schedule of investments with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year as an exhibit to its report on Form N-PORT. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-PORT 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.

Householding of Reports and Prospectuses

You will receive, or receive notice of the availability of, the Fund's financial reports every six months. In addition, you will receive as an annual updated summary prospectus (detail prospectus available upon request). To reduce Fund expenses, we try to identify related shareholders in a household and send only one copy of the financial reports (to the extent received by mail) and summary prospectus. This process, called "householding," will continue indefinitely unless you instruct us otherwise. If you prefer not to have these documents househanded, please call us at (800) 632-2301. At any time you may view current prospectuses/summary prospectuses and financial reports on our website. If you choose, you may receive these documents through electronic delivery.

Authorized for distribution only when accompanied or preceded by a summary prospectus and/or prospectus. Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment goals, risks, charges and expenses before investing. A prospectus contains this and other information; please read it carefully before investing.

To help ensure we provide you with quality service, all calls to and from our service areas are monitored and/or recorded.



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