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Franklin Resources, Inc. Announces First Quarter Results

San Mateo, CA, February 3, 2016 - Franklin Resources, Inc. (the “Company”) [NYSE: BEN] today announced net income¹ of \$447.8 million or \$0.74 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$358.2 million or \$0.59 per diluted share for the previous quarter and \$566.4 million or \$0.91 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 2014.

“Market volatility continued this quarter, but we are confident that we have the talent, discipline and foresight to continue driving our long-term success,” said Greg Johnson, Chairman and CEO. “We have a long history of weathering periods like this, and emerging stronger as a firm – well positioned to benefit from long-term trends driving global markets.”

	Quarter Ended		% Change	Quarter Ended	% Change
	31-Dec-15	30-Sep-15	Qtr. vs. Qtr.	31-Dec-14	Year vs. Year
Financial Results					
<i>(in millions, except per share data)</i>					
Operating revenues	\$ 1,758.0	\$ 1,873.8	(6)%	\$ 2,064.3	(15)%
Operating income	653.6	718.1	(9)%	782.0	(16)%
Operating margin	37.2%	38.3%		37.9%	
Net income ¹	\$ 447.8	\$ 358.2	25 %	\$ 566.4	(21)%
Diluted earnings per share	0.74	0.59	25 %	0.91	(19)%
Assets Under Management					
<i>(in billions)</i>					
Ending	\$ 763.9	\$ 770.9	(1)%	\$ 880.1	(13)%
Average ²	781.5	824.5	(5)%	894.1	(13)%
Net new flows	(20.6)	(28.6)	(28)%	(3.5)	489 %

Total assets under management (“AUM”) were \$763.9 billion at December 31, 2015, down \$7.0 billion or 1% during the quarter primarily due to \$20.6 billion of net new outflows, partially offset by \$15.0 billion of market appreciation and other, which is net of a \$1.6 billion decrease from foreign exchange revaluation.

Cash and cash equivalents and investments were \$10.5 billion at December 31, 2015, as compared to \$10.6 billion at September 30, 2015. Total stockholders’ equity was \$12.4 billion at December 31, 2015, as compared to \$12.5 billion at September 30, 2015. The Company had 595.2 million shares of common stock outstanding at December 31, 2015, as compared to 603.5 million shares outstanding at September 30, 2015. During the quarter ended December 31, 2015, the Company repurchased 10.5 million shares of its common stock for a total cost of \$404.1 million.

Conference Call Information

Pre-recorded audio commentary on the results from Franklin Resources, Inc.'s Chairman and CEO Greg Johnson and CFO and Executive Vice President Ken Lewis will be available today at approximately 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time. They will also lead a live teleconference today at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time to answer questions of a material nature. Analysts and investors are encouraged to review the Company's recent filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and to contact Investor Relations before the live teleconference for any clarifications or questions related to the earnings release or pre-recorded audio commentary.

Access to the pre-recorded audio commentary and accompanying slides are available at investors.franklinresources.com. The pre-recorded audio commentary can also be accessed by dialing (877) 523-5612 in the U.S. and Canada or (201) 689-8483 internationally using access code 7055790, any time through March 3, 2016.

Access to the live teleconference will be available at investors.franklinresources.com or by dialing (877) 407-8293 in the U.S. and Canada or (201) 689-8349 internationally. A replay of the teleconference can also be accessed by calling (877) 660-6853 in the U.S. and Canada or (201) 612-7415 internationally using access code 13627935, after 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 3, 2016 through March 3, 2016.

Questions regarding the pre-recorded audio commentary or live teleconference should be directed to Franklin Resources, Inc., Investor Relations at (650) 312-4091 or Media Relations at (650) 312-2245.

Performance Rankings of Franklin Templeton's U.S.-Registered and Cross-Border Long-Term Mutual Funds^{3,4,5}:

<i>Period ended December 31, 2015</i>	<i>Percentage of Assets in Top Two Peer Group Quartiles</i>			
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Equity and Hybrid (AUM: \$278 billion)	28 %	35 %	42 %	75 %
Fixed Income (AUM: \$229 billion)	38 %	69 %	73 %	84 %
Total (AUM: \$507 billion)	32%	51%	56%	79%

Performance quoted above represents past performance, which cannot predict or guarantee future results. All investments involve risks, including loss of principal.

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
Unaudited

	Three Months Ended December 31,		% Change
(in millions, except per share data and AUM)	2015	2014	
Operating Revenues			
Investment management fees	\$ 1,186.7	\$ 1,382.4	(14)%
Sales and distribution fees	478.4	595.0	(20)%
Shareholder servicing fees	61.9	65.8	(6)%
Other	31.0	21.1	47 %
Total operating revenues	1,758.0	2,064.3	(15)%
Operating Expenses			
Sales, distribution and marketing	588.6	731.5	(20)%
Compensation and benefits	342.5	375.5	(9)%
Information systems and technology	51.2	51.2	0 %
Occupancy	30.7	34.3	(10)%
General, administrative and other	91.4	89.8	2 %
Total operating expenses	1,104.4	1,282.3	(14)%
Operating Income	653.6	782.0	(16)%
Other Income (Expenses)			
Investment and other income, net	30.5	51.7	(41)%
Interest expense	(12.0)	(11.3)	6 %
Other income, net	18.5	40.4	(54)%
Income before taxes	672.1	822.4	(18)%
Taxes on income	209.7	256.1	(18)%
Net income	462.4	566.3	(18)%
Less: net income (loss) attributable to			
Nonredeemable noncontrolling interests	13.6	6.7	103 %
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	1.0	(6.8)	NM
Net Income Attributable to Franklin Resources, Inc.	\$ 447.8	\$ 566.4	(21)%
Earnings per Share			
Basic	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.91	(19)%
Diluted	0.74	0.91	(19)%
Dividends per Share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.65	(72)%
Average Shares Outstanding			
Basic	597.6	620.1	(4)%
Diluted	597.7	620.2	(4)%
Operating Margin	37.2 %	37.9 %	
AUM (in billions)			
Ending	\$ 763.9	\$ 880.1	(13)%
Average	781.5	894.1	(13)%
Net new flows	(20.6)	(3.5)	489 %

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
Unaudited

	Three Months Ended		% Change	Three Months Ended		
(in millions, except per share data and employees)	31-Dec-15	30-Sep-15		30-Jun-15	31-Mar-15	31-Dec-14
Operating Revenues						
Investment management fees	\$ 1,186.7	\$ 1,256.9	(6)%	\$ 1,340.9	\$ 1,347.6	\$ 1,382.4
Sales and distribution fees	478.4	510.6	(6)%	566.8	580.0	595.0
Shareholder servicing fees	61.9	64.4	(4)%	66.5	66.1	65.8
Other	31.0	41.9	(26)%	26.6	16.1	21.1
Total operating revenues	1,758.0	1,873.8	(6)%	2,000.8	2,009.8	2,064.3
Operating Expenses						
Sales, distribution and marketing	588.6	626.3	(6)%	694.0	710.5	731.5
Compensation and benefits	342.5	336.8	2 %	363.5	377.5	375.5
Information systems and technology	51.2	64.9	(21)%	58.3	49.9	51.2
Occupancy	30.7	35.6	(14)%	30.7	32.1	34.3
General, administrative and other	91.4	92.1	(1)%	84.5	82.1	89.8
Total operating expenses	1,104.4	1,155.7	(4)%	1,231.0	1,252.1	1,282.3
Operating Income	653.6	718.1	(9)%	769.8	757.7	782.0
Other Income (Expenses)						
Investment and other income (losses), net	30.5	(109.5)	NM	(4.7)	102.9	51.7
Interest expense	(12.0)	(12.9)	(7)%	(13.7)	(1.7)	(11.3)
Other income (expenses), net	18.5	(122.4)	NM	(18.4)	101.2	40.4
Income before taxes	672.1	595.7	13 %	751.4	858.9	822.4
Taxes on income	209.7	214.2	(2)%	217.4	236.0	256.1
Net income	462.4	381.5	21 %	534.0	622.9	566.3
Less: net income (loss) attributable to						
Nonredeemable noncontrolling interests	13.6	26.1	(48)%	28.6	14.1	6.7
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	1.0	(2.8)	NM	1.2	2.3	(6.8)
Net Income Attributable to Franklin Resources, Inc.	\$ 447.8	\$ 358.2	25 %	\$ 504.2	\$ 606.5	\$ 566.4
Earnings per Share						
Basic	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.59	25 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.91
Diluted	0.74	0.59	25 %	0.82	0.98	0.91
Dividends per Share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.15	20 %	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.65
Average Shares Outstanding						
Basic	597.6	607.4	(2)%	614.1	617.6	620.1
Diluted	597.7	607.4	(2)%	614.2	617.7	620.2
Operating Margin	37.2%	38.3%		38.5%	37.7%	37.9%
Employees	9,412	9,489	(1)%	9,576	9,362	9,368
Billable Shareholder Accounts	25.1	24.8	1 %	25.3	24.8	24.3

AUM AND FLOWS

<i>(in billions)</i>	Three Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2015	2014	
Beginning AUM	\$ 770.9	\$ 898.0	(14)%
Long-term sales	33.1	46.7	(29)%
Long-term redemptions	(53.3)	(50.0)	7 %
Net cash management	(0.4)	(0.2)	100 %
Net new flows	(20.6)	(3.5)	489 %
Reinvested distributions	11.5	15.1	(24)%
Net flows	(9.1)	11.6	NM
Distributions	(12.9)	(17.4)	(26)%
Appreciation (depreciation) and other ⁶	15.0	(12.1)	NM
Ending AUM	\$ 763.9	\$ 880.1	(13)%

AUM BY INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

<i>(in billions)</i>	31-Dec-15	30-Sep-15	% Change	30-Jun-15	31-Mar-15	31-Dec-14
Equity						
Global/international	\$ 211.7	\$ 212.1	0 %	\$ 247.3	\$ 251.8	\$ 248.5
United States	102.0	100.8	1 %	114.4	115.6	113.1
Total equity	313.7	312.9	0 %	361.7	367.4	361.6
Hybrid	134.4	138.3	(3)%	154.8	158.2	157.1
Fixed Income						
Tax-free	72.4	71.7	1 %	72.7	74.2	73.2
Taxable						
Global/international	182.0	182.7	0 %	208.5	211.1	219.1
United States	54.8	58.5	(6)%	61.8	63.1	62.2
Total fixed income	309.2	312.9	(1)%	343.0	348.4	354.5
Cash Management	6.6	6.8	(3)%	7.0	6.6	6.9
Total AUM	\$ 763.9	\$ 770.9	(1)%	\$ 866.5	\$ 880.6	\$ 880.1
Average AUM for the Three-Month Period	\$ 781.5	\$ 824.5	(5)%	\$ 882.6	\$ 881.6	\$ 894.1

AUM AND FLOWS - UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL⁷

<i>(in billions)</i>	As of and for the Three Months Ended					
	31-Dec-15	% of Total	30-Sep-15	% of Total	31-Dec-14	% of Total
Long-Term Sales						
United States	\$ 15.7	47 %	\$ 16.3	53 %	\$ 22.2	48 %
International	17.4	53 %	14.2	47 %	24.5	52 %
Total long-term sales	\$ 33.1	100 %	\$ 30.5	100 %	\$ 46.7	100 %
Long-Term Redemptions						
United States	\$ (35.2)	66 %	\$ (33.1)	57 %	\$ (26.7)	53 %
International	(18.1)	34 %	(25.0)	43 %	(23.3)	47 %
Total long-term redemptions	\$ (53.3)	100 %	\$ (58.1)	100 %	\$ (50.0)	100 %
AUM						
United States	\$ 513.2	67 %	\$ 522.4	68 %	\$ 580.6	66 %
International	250.7	33 %	248.5	32 %	299.5	34 %
Total AUM	\$ 763.9	100%	\$ 770.9	100%	\$ 880.1	100%

AUM AND FLOWS BY INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

(in billions)

<i>(in billions)</i>	Equity			Fixed Income				
for the three months ended December 31, 2015	Global/ International	United States	Hybrid	Tax-Free	Taxable Global/ International	Taxable United States	Cash Management	Total
AUM at October 1, 2015	\$ 212.1	\$ 100.8	\$ 138.3	\$ 71.7	\$ 182.7	\$ 58.5	\$ 6.8	\$ 770.9
Long-term sales	6.6	3.5	4.0	1.7	15.0	2.3	—	33.1
Long-term redemptions	(11.9)	(7.0)	(9.2)	(2.2)	(18.4)	(4.6)	—	(53.3)
Net exchanges	(0.1)	0.4	(0.4)	0.3	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.2	—
Net cash management	—	—	—	—	—	—	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net new flows	(5.4)	(3.1)	(5.6)	(0.2)	(3.6)	(2.5)	(0.2)	(20.6)
Reinvested distributions	3.1	4.3	1.9	0.5	1.3	0.4	—	11.5
Net flows	(2.3)	1.2	(3.7)	0.3	(2.3)	(2.1)	(0.2)	(9.1)
Distributions	(3.4)	(4.7)	(2.1)	(0.6)	(1.6)	(0.5)	—	(12.9)
Appreciation (depreciation) and other ⁶	5.3	4.7	1.9	1.0	3.2	(1.1)	—	15.0
AUM at December 31, 2015	\$ 211.7	\$ 102.0	\$ 134.4	\$ 72.4	\$ 182.0	\$ 54.8	\$ 6.6	\$ 763.9

(in billions)

<i>(in billions)</i>	Equity			Fixed Income					
for the three months ended September 30, 2015	Global/ International	United States	Hybrid	Tax-Free	Taxable Global/ International	Taxable United States	Cash Management	Total	
AUM at July 1, 2015	\$ 247.3	\$ 114.4	\$ 154.8	\$ 72.7	\$ 208.5	\$ 61.8	\$ 7.0	\$ 866.5	
Long-term sales	8.1	3.9	4.3	1.7	9.7	2.8	—	30.5	
Long-term redemptions	(13.1)	(7.6)	(8.2)	(3.5)	(21.3)	(4.4)	—	(58.1)	
Net exchanges	(0.1)	0.2	(0.5)	—	(0.6)	0.2	0.8	—	
Net cash management	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1.0)	(1.0)	
Net new flows	(5.1)	(3.5)	(4.4)	(1.8)	(12.2)	(1.4)	(0.2)	(28.6)	
Reinvested distributions	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.5	1.2	0.3	—	4.8	
Net flows	(4.3)	(2.7)	(3.2)	(1.3)	(11.0)	(1.1)	(0.2)	(23.8)	
Distributions	(1.0)	(0.8)	(1.4)	(0.6)	(1.7)	(0.5)	—	(6.0)	
Appreciation (depreciation) and other ⁶	(29.9)	(10.1)	(11.9)	0.9	(13.1)	(1.7)	—	(65.8)	
AUM at September 30, 2015	\$ 212.1	\$ 100.8	\$ 138.3	\$ 71.7	\$ 182.7	\$ 58.5	\$ 6.8	\$ 770.9	

(in billions)

<i>(in billions)</i>	Equity			Fixed Income					
for the three months ended December 31, 2014	Global/ International	United States	Hybrid	Tax-Free	Taxable Global/ International	Taxable United States	Cash Management	Total	
AUM at October 1, 2014	\$ 261.5	\$ 109.5	\$ 159.0	\$ 72.1	\$ 225.1	\$ 63.8	\$ 7.0	\$ 898.0	
Long-term sales	10.8	5.2	7.5	2.0	17.6	3.6	—	46.7	
Long-term redemptions	(14.2)	(6.5)	(6.5)	(2.1)	(16.5)	(4.2)	—	(50.0)	
Net exchanges	(0.1)	0.4	—	0.1	(0.3)	(0.2)	0.1	—	
Net cash management	—	—	—	—	—	—	(0.2)	(0.2)	
Net new flows	(3.5)	(0.9)	1.0	—	0.8	(0.8)	(0.1)	(3.5)	
Reinvested distributions	4.3	3.9	1.9	0.5	3.9	0.6	—	15.1	
Net flows	0.8	3.0	2.9	0.5	4.7	(0.2)	(0.1)	11.6	
Distributions	(4.9)	(4.2)	(2.1)	(0.7)	(4.8)	(0.7)	—	(17.4)	
Appreciation (depreciation) and other ⁶	(8.9)	4.8	(2.7)	1.3	(5.9)	(0.7)	—	(12.1)	
AUM at December 31, 2014	\$ 248.5	\$ 113.1	\$ 157.1	\$ 73.2	\$ 219.1	\$ 62.2	\$ 6.9	\$ 880.1	

Notes

1. Net income represents net income attributable to Franklin Resources, Inc.
2. Average AUM represents simple monthly average AUM.
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Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this press release regarding Franklin Resources, Inc. ("Franklin") and its subsidiaries, which are not historical facts, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this press release, words or phrases generally written in the future tense and/or preceded by words such as "will," "may," "could," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "seek," "estimate" or other similar words are forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors, some of which are listed below, that could cause actual results and outcomes to differ materially from any future results or outcomes expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. While forward-looking statements are our best prediction at the time that they are made, you should not rely on them, and you are hereby cautioned against doing so. Forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and assumptions regarding our business, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. They are neither statements of historical fact nor guarantees or assurances of future performance.

These and other risks, uncertainties and other important factors are described in more detail in Franklin's recent filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, in Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Franklin's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 and Franklin's subsequent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

- Volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets, and adverse changes in the global economy, may significantly affect our results of operations and may put pressure on our financial results.
- The amount and mix of our AUM are subject to significant fluctuations.

- We are subject to extensive, complex, overlapping and frequently changing rules, regulations and legal interpretations.
- Global regulatory and legislative actions and reforms have made the regulatory environment in which we operate more costly and future actions and reforms could adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.
- Failure to comply with the laws, rules or regulations in any of the jurisdictions in which we operate could result in substantial harm to our reputation and results of operations.
- Changes in tax laws or exposure to additional income tax liabilities could have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.
- Any significant limitation, failure or security breach of our information and cyber security infrastructure, software applications, technology or other systems that are critical to our operations could harm our operations and reputation.
- Our business operations are complex and a failure to properly perform operational tasks or the misrepresentation of our products and services, or the termination of investment management agreements representing a significant portion of our AUM, could have an adverse effect on our revenues and income.
- We face risks, and corresponding potential costs and expenses, associated with conducting operations and growing our business in numerous countries.
- We depend on key personnel and our financial performance could be negatively affected by the loss of their services.
- Strong competition from numerous and sometimes larger companies with competing offerings and products could limit or reduce sales of our products, potentially resulting in a decline in our market share, revenues and income.
- Changes in the third-party distribution and sales channels on which we depend could reduce our income and hinder our growth.
- Our increasing focus on international markets as a source of investments and sales of investment products subjects us to increased exchange rate and market-specific political, economic or other risks that may adversely impact our revenues and income generated overseas.
- Harm to our reputation or poor investment performance of our products could reduce the level of our AUM or affect our sales, potentially negatively impacting our revenues and income.
- Our future results are dependent upon maintaining an appropriate level of expenses, which is subject to fluctuation.
- Our ability to successfully manage and grow our business can be impeded by systems and other technological limitations.
- Our inability to successfully recover should we experience a disaster or other business continuity problem could cause material financial loss, loss of human capital, regulatory actions, reputational harm, or legal liability.
- Regulatory and governmental examinations and/or investigations, litigation and the legal risks associated with our business, could adversely impact our AUM, increase costs and negatively impact our profitability and/or our future financial results.
- Our ability to meet cash needs depends upon certain factors, including the market value of our assets, operating cash flows and our perceived creditworthiness.
- We are dependent on the earnings of our subsidiaries.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this press release speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

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