

JOFFE ROBERT D
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOFFE ROBERT D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE LLP, 825 EIGHTH AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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NEW YORK, NY 100197475

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Deferred Director's Fees (FRI) | (1) | 03/14/2008 | | A | 3.3167 | 04/20/2019 ⁽²⁾ 01/22/2029 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock, par value \$.10 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOFFE ROBERT D C/O CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE LLP 825 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 100197475 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ JOFFE,
ROBERT D. 03/17/2008

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Not Applicable
- (2) Exercisable and expiration dates assume the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries occurs in the January following the director's 75th birthday. See footnotes below.

Represents a hypothetical investment account calculation of deferred Franklin Resources, Inc.'s director's fees, under the 2006 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, based upon the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc.'s stock (including reinvested dividends) payable in cash in substantially equal quarterly installments over ten years beginning on the earlier of the January 20, April 20, July 20 or October 20 immediately following the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries and continuing on each
- (3) January 20, April 20, July 20 or October 20 thereafter, except that if any such date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the quarterly installment shall be paid on the next business day. The reporting person may transfer the hypothetical investment account amount into an alternative investment account not based on the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc. stock effective as of the first day of any calendar quarter.

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