

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

Form 4

December 23, 2014

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ARMACOST SAMUEL H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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

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

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Director's Fees (FRI)	(1)	12/22/2014		A	26.4271	04/20/2015 ⁽²⁾ 01/20/2020 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock, par value \$.10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARMACOST SAMUEL H C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906	X			

Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray,
Attorney-in-Fact
12/23/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(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 March following the director's 75th birthday. See footnote 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 five 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 January 20, April 20, July 20 and 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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