

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
JOHNSON CHARLES B

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)  
02/23/2015

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

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

(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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2014		G	V 12,975 D \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	97,355,066	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	02/23/2015		J <sup>(2)</sup>	150,000 D \$ 53.905 <sup>(2)</sup>	97,536,766 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	02/23/2015		J <sup>(4)</sup>	150,000 D \$ 53.905 <sup>(4)</sup>	1,350,000	I	By Spouse

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Common Stock, par value \$.10	20,888.3297	I	By 401(k) <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.10	4,186,651	I	By IRA
Common Stock, par value \$.10	817,800	I	By Trust Held By Spouse <sup>(6)</sup>

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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Charles B. Johnson  
Date: 02/24/2015

Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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) Transfer of shares by the Reporting Person to an irrevocable grantor retained annuity trust created by the Reporting Person and having an independent trustee, in partial repayment of a promissory note from the Reporting Person.
- (3) Pursuant to a required minimum distribution from Individual Retirement Account (IRA) on December 19, 2014, balance includes 331,700 shares previously reported by the reporting person as indirect shares held through his IRA.
- (4) Transfer of shares by the Reporting Person's spouse to an irrevocable grantor retained annuity trust created by the Reporting Person's spouse and having an independent trustee, in partial repayment of a promissory note from the Reporting Person's spouse.
- (5) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of January 31, 2015.
- (6) Trust of which Reporting Person's spouse is the lifetime beneficiary.

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