

Sethi Alok
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

^ Sethi Alok

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

SAN MATEO, ^ CA ^ 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/26/2017

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Reg. S-K Executive Officer

5. 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$.10

28,079.668 ⁽¹⁾

D

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Common Stock, par value \$.10

4,562.2651

I

By 401(k) ⁽²⁾

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sethi Alok C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906	^	^	^ Reg. S-K Executive Officer	^

Signatures

/s/ Alok Sethi 10/06/2017
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 14,385 shares represent unvested restricted stock unit awards.
- (2) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of September 26, 2017.

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Remarks:

Copy of Limited Power of Attorney included as Exhibit 24.

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