

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 16, 2011

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-09318**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-2670991**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 312-2000**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 16, 2011, the Board of Directors of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the Company ) authorized the Company to repurchase, from time to time, up to an aggregate of 10.0 million shares of its common stock in either open market or off-market transactions. The size and timing of these purchases will depend on price, market and business conditions and other factors. The stock repurchase program is not subject to an expiration date. The new Board of Directors authorization is in addition to the existing authorization, of which approximately 3.0 million shares remained available for repurchase at November 30, 2011. The Company repurchased an aggregate of 9.99 million shares during the period October 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011. Shares repurchased under the program are retired.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.

Date: December 19, 2011

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Lewis  
Name: Kenneth A. Lewis  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer