

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
Form DEFA14A  
January 25, 2010

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

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE** Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

**Meeting Information**

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Stockholder Meeting  
**For holders as of:** January 19, 2010  
**Date:** March 16, 2010      **Time:** 10:00 a.m. PT  
**Location:** H.L. JAMIESON AUDITORIUM  
ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, BUILDING 920  
SAN MATEO, CA 94403  
**Directions:** Visit our website at:  
[www.franklintempleton.com/retail/pages/generic\\_content/global\\_nav/contact\\_us/pub/offices\\_us.jsf](http://www.franklintempleton.com/retail/pages/generic_content/global_nav/contact_us/pub/offices_us.jsf)

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

*ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY*

*SAN MATEO CA, 94403*

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT

#### How to View Online:

Have the 12 Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote  
FOR the following proposals:**

1. To elect 12 directors to the Board of Directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until that person's successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal.

**Nominees:**

1a. Samuel H. Armacost

1b. Charles Crocker

1c. Joseph R. Hardiman

1d. Robert D. Joffe

1e. Charles B. Johnson

1f. Gregory E. Johnson

1g. Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.

1h. Thomas H. Kean

1i. Chutta Ratnathicam

1j. Peter M. Sacerdote

1k. Laura Stein

2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

3. To submit for stockholder approval for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2002 Universal Stock Incentive Plan revising the performance measures applicable to performance-based awards.

4. To transact such other business that may properly be raised at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting.

11. Anne M. Tatlock