

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 GREGORY E

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)  
09/20/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO and President

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$ .10	09/20/2012		M	50,000 (1) A \$ 34.03 (1)	656,812 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$ .10	09/20/2012		S	50,000 D \$ 125.0022 (3)	606,812 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par					20,104	I	As A Trustee For

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value \$.10							Minor Child <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.10				1,515.294	I		By 401(k) <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10				895,000	I		By Limited Partnership
Common Stock, par value \$.10				5,085	I		By Spouse <u>(6)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.10				2,700	I		By Trust <u>(7)</u>

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.03 <u>(1)</u>	09/20/2012		M	50,000 <u>(1)</u>	09/30/2003	12/14/2012	Common Stock, par value \$.10	50,000 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON GREGORY E C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906	X		CEO and President	

## Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/21/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) Reflects adjustments in connection with the special cash dividend paid by Franklin Resources, Inc. on December 30, 2011
- (2) Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 60,339 shares represented unvested awards of restricted stock.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transaction at prices ranging from \$124.83 to \$125.13, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff on the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (3) Shares held by Reporting Person as trustee for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of July 13, 2012.
- (5) Shares held by Reporting Person's spouse. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (6) Business trust for the benefit of Reporting Person and Reporting Person's children.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) Not applicable.

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