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Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 527-7500

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 12/31/17

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

Annual Report

December 31, 2017

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Annual Report

Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. covers the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Your Fund's Goal and Main Investments

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing at least 45% of its total assets in equity securities of China companies.

Performance Overview

The Fund posted cumulative total returns of +42.06% in market price terms and +38.22% in net asset value terms for the 12 months under review. You can find the Fund's long-term performance data in the Performance Summary on page 6.

Performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

Economic and Market Overview

China's economy, as measured by gross domestic product (GDP), expanded an estimated 6.9% in 2017, which is faster than 2016's 6.7% rate, supported by solid growth in industrial production, services, fixed-asset investment, retail sales, and imports and exports.¹ Additionally, consumption became the major economic growth driver as per-capita income grew, with rural income growing faster than urban income. The People's Bank of China kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged during the period.

Greater China stocks, along with other emerging market stocks, rose significantly during the 12 months under review, as corporate earnings growth and encouraging economic data from China and other emerging market countries helped offset investor concerns about the US Federal Reserve's interest rate increases and geopolitical tensions in the Korean peninsula.

Geographic Composition

Based on Total Net Assets as of 12/31/17

Further supporting stocks were emerging market currencies' overall strength against the US dollar and subsiding concerns about the potential for a protectionist US trade policy. Chinese stocks also benefited from a relatively stable currency, easing concern about capital outflows and MSCI's decision to include domestic Class A shares in the MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Investable Market Index.

In this environment, Greater China stocks, as measured by the MSCI Golden Dragon Index, generated a +44.19% total return for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017.² The MSCI China Index generated a total return of +54.33%, compared with +36.17% for the MSCI Hong Kong Index and +28.51% for the MSCI Taiwan Index.²

Investment Strategy

Our investment strategy employs a fundamental, value-oriented, long-term approach. In selecting companies for investment, we will consider overall growth prospects, competitive positions in export markets, technologies, research and development, productivity, labor costs, and raw material costs and sources. Additional considerations include profit margins, returns on investment, capital resources, government regulation, management and other factors in comparison to other companies around the world that we believe are comparable.

1. Source: The website of the National Bureau of Statistics of the People's Republic of China (www.stats.gov.cn).
2. Source: Morningstar.

The indexes are unmanaged and include reinvestment of any income or distributions. They do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. One cannot invest directly in an index, and an index is not representative of the Fund's portfolio.

The dollar value, number of shares or principal amount, and names of all portfolio holdings are listed in the Fund's Consolidated Statement of Investments (SOI). The Consolidated SOI begins on page 10.

Our approach to selecting investments emphasizes fundamental, company-by-company analysis (rather than broader analyses of specific industries or sectors of the economy), to construct an action list from which we make our buy decisions. Although we will consider historical value measures, the primary factor in selecting securities for investment by the Fund will be the company's current price relative to its long-term earnings potential.

Manager's Discussion

During the 12 months under review, the largest contributor to the Fund's absolute performance was our investment in the offshore fund that is managed by our team and dedicated to investments in China's domestic A-share market. In June 2017, MSCI announced plans to include China's domestic A shares in the MSCI EM Investable Market Index. Although the inclusion will not begin to be implemented until June 2018 and the initial inclusion will be kept at a relatively minimal percentage, this is a very positive development for the domestic market as this could increase foreign participation in the A-share market and at the same time continue to push regulators in China to enhance regulatory standards. Additionally, Chinese shares were buoyed by positive corporate earnings growth and outlook, stability in the renminbi and official statements that eased investor concerns about potential monetary policy tightening. Acceleration in domestic consumption, a revival of private investments, a recovery in export demand and easing concerns about trade friction with the US further supported sentiment in the Chinese economy. China's 2017 GDP growth of 6.9% also confirmed continued strength in the domestic economy.

Key A-share contributors included Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine, Ping An Insurance (Group) Co. of China and China Merchants Bank. Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine is one of China's leading chemical drug manufacturers, specializing in antineoplastic (prevention of growth and spread of malignant cells) and surgical medicines. The company benefited from solid quarterly sales and earnings over the first three quarters of 2017, as well as a strong pipeline and accelerating health care reforms. Ping An, a leading financial conglomerate involved in insurance, banking, brokerage, trust and other financial service businesses, reported strong third-quarter 2017 earnings growth compared to the prior-year period. China Merchants Bank, one of the country's 10 largest banks, achieved solid corporate results over the first three quarters of 2017.

Top 10 Holdings

12/31/17

Company	% of Total
Sector/Industry, Country	Net Assets
Tencent Holdings Ltd. <i>Internet Software & Services, China</i>	11.9%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. <i>Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment, Taiwan</i>	10.2%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. <i>Internet Software & Services, China</i>	6.6%
China Petroleum & Chemical Corp. <i>Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels, China</i>	4.1%
	4.0%

Anta Sports Products Ltd. <i>Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods, China</i>	
AIA Group Ltd. <i>Insurance, Hong Kong</i>	3.3%
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. <i>Banks, China</i>	3.2%
China Construction Bank Corp. <i>Banks, China</i>	3.1%
Nine Dragons Paper Holdings Ltd. <i>Paper & Forest Products, China</i>	2.7%
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. <i>Food & Staples Retailing, Hong Kong</i>	2.6%
Other notable individual contributors to absolute performance during the reporting period included Tencent Holdings and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC).	

Tencent is one of the world's largest and most widely used internet service portals. The company provides value-added internet, mobile and telecommunication services and online advertising under the strategic goal of providing users with one-stop online lifestyle services. Over the last decade, Tencent has maintained steady growth under its user-oriented operating strategies. Repeating a trend from previous quarters, Tencent once again announced better-than-expected financial results for 2017's third quarter, with earnings growth driven by higher revenues from online games and advertising.

Announcements of collaborations and investments including those with JD.com³ and Vipshop Holdings,³ Spotify,⁴ Snapchat⁴ and Indonesian motorbike-sharing startup Go-Jek⁴ further supported market sentiment in the stock.

TSMC is one of the world's leading semiconductor makers, with major global technology companies among its primary clients. Remaining on an upward trend over the year, the stock rose sharply in October as the company reported a better-than-expected third-quarter 2017 profit, primarily driven

3. Also a Fund holding

4. Not a Fund holding.

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by major mobile product launches and a healthy demand environment. The company also witnessed strength in businesses related to automotive technology, the internet of things (connection of everyday devices, such as cars and appliances, to the internet) and high-performance computing. The development of emerging memories to reduce power consumption and process costs also led investors to adopt a positive view on the company.

In contrast, key detractors from the Fund's absolute performance included Jiangling Motors, Green Seal Holding and Chongqing Changan Automobile.

Jiangling Motors is a China-based automobile manufacturer primarily focused on vans, trucks and pickups across a number of brands such as Ford (through a joint venture), Isuzu and Landwind. It also produces spare parts and distributes used vehicles. Ford Motor is a strategic investor in Jiangling Motors with a 32% stake. The company reported weak first-half and third-quarter 2017 corporate results. Earnings recorded a double-digit percentage year-on-year decline, largely due to a deteriorating product mix and high expenses, impacting share-price performance.

Green Seal is a Taiwan-based specialty chemicals business that produces biaxial-oriented polyamide films for a wide range of packaging products. The company reported weak third-quarter 2017 corporate results with a double-digit percentage decline in revenues and deterioration in gross profit margin largely due to lower selling prices, a temporary shutdown of the company's production facilities to upgrade facilities to meet new environmental standards, lower utilization rates and renminbi appreciation. News that a major shareholder, an investment company of Green Seal's chairman, disposed of its stake in the business at a discount to the market price weighed on sentiment in the stock.

Chongqing Changan Automobile is one of China's five largest automobile manufacturers. In addition to its own brands, the company operates joint ventures with Ford Motor, Mazda Motors and Suzuki Motors.⁴ Weak quarterly earnings reports over the first three quarters of 2017 pressured its stock price. Third-quarter 2017 earnings were generally impacted by losses in the domestic brand business and a double-digit percentage

year-on-year decline in joint-venture equity income. An increase in the purchase tax rate for private vehicles with smaller engine sizes to 7.5%, effective in January 2017, and to 10% in 2018 also adversely impacted vehicle purchases in 2017.

During the 12-month period, we increased the Fund's positions in the health care and information technology (IT) sectors as we identified companies in these sectors with what we considered solid fundamentals and prospects.⁵ Key purchases included additional investments in Alibaba Group Holding, China's largest e-commerce company, and Ginko International, a Taiwanese manufacturer and distributor of contact lenses. We also initiated investment in Sinopharm Group, which is principally engaged in distributing pharmaceutical products and medical equipment in China.

Conversely, we reduced the Fund's holdings in the materials, consumer staples and consumer discretionary sectors as we focused on investment opportunities we considered to be more attractive in the Greater China region.⁶ We reduced the Fund's investments in the domestic A-share market, which were held through the offshore China fund managed by our team after we repatriated capital gains. Key sales also included closing the Fund's position in the aforementioned Green Seal Holding and reducing investments in Nine Dragons Paper Holdings, a Chinese containerboard paper manufacturer; Hong Kong-based pan-Asian retailer Dairy Farm International Holding; and Dah Chong Hong Holdings, a Chinese diversified business conglomerate with interests in motor vehicles, food and logistics.

5. The health care sector comprises health care equipment and supplies, health care providers and services and pharmaceuticals in the Consolidated SOI. The IT sector comprises communications equipment; electronic equipment, instruments and components; internet software and services; IT services; semiconductors and semiconductor equipment; software; and technology hardware, storage and peripherals in the Consolidated SOI.

6. The materials sector comprises chemicals, construction materials, and paper and forest products in the Consolidated SOI. The consumer staples sector comprises beverages, food and staples retailing, and food products in the Consolidated SOI. The consumer discretionary sector comprises auto components; automobiles; distributors; hotels, restaurants and leisure; household durables; internet and direct marketing retail; leisure products; media; and textiles, apparel and luxury goods in the Consolidated SOI.

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Thank you for your continued participation in Templeton Dragon Fund. We look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Sincerely,

Eddie Chow, CFA

Portfolio Manager

The foregoing information reflects our analysis, opinions and portfolio holdings as of December 31, 2017, the end of the reporting period. The way we implement our main investment strategies and the resulting portfolio holdings may change depending on factors such as market and economic conditions. These opinions may not be relied upon as investment advice or an offer for a particular security. The information is not a complete analysis of every aspect of any market, country, industry, security or the Fund. Statements of fact are from sources considered reliable, but the investment manager makes no representation or warranty as to their completeness or accuracy. Although historical performance is no guarantee of future results, these insights may help you understand our investment management philosophy.

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Performance Summary as of December 31, 2017

Total return reflects reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. Total returns do not reflect any sales charges paid at inception or brokerage commissions paid on secondary market purchases. The performance table does not reflect any taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends, capital gain distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares. Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities.

Performance as of 12/31/17¹

	Cumulative Total Return²		Average Annual Total Return²	
	Based on	Based on	Based on	Based on
	NAV³	market price⁴	NAV³	market price⁴
1-Year	+38.22%	+42.06%	+38.22%	+42.06%
5-Year	+35.84%	+39.44%	+6.32%	+6.88%
10-Year	+63.29%	+75.96%	+5.03%	+5.81%

Performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

See page 7 for Performance Summary footnotes.

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Distributions (1/1/17 - 12/31/17)

Net Investment Income	Long-Term Capital Gain	Total
\$0.3445	\$1.3660	\$1.7105

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Special risks are associated with foreign investing, including currency volatility, economic instability and political developments of countries where the Fund invests. Emerging markets involve heightened risks related to the same factors, in addition to those associated with their relatively small size and lesser liquidity. There are special risks associated with investments in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, including exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization and exchange control regulations (including currency blockage), inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation and interest rates. In addition, investments in Taiwan could be adversely affected by its political and economic relationship with China. Because the Fund invests its assets primarily in companies in a specific region, the Fund is subject to greater risks of adverse developments in that region and/or the surrounding regions than a fund that is more broadly diversified geographically. Political, social or economic disruptions in the region, even in countries in which the Fund is not invested, may adversely affect the value of securities held by the Fund. Also, as a nondiversified investment company investing in China companies, the Fund may invest in a relatively small number of issuers and, as a result, be subject to a greater risk of loss with respect to its portfolio securities. The Fund is actively managed but there is no guarantee that the manager's investment decisions will produce the desired results.

The Fund may invest in eligible China A shares (Stock Connect Securities) listed and traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, as well as eligible China A shares listed and traded on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect program (collectively, Stock Connect). However, trading through Stock Connect is subject to a number of restrictions that may affect the Fund's investments and returns. For example, investors in Stock Connect Securities are generally subject to Chinese securities regulations and the listing rules of the respective Exchange, among other restrictions. In addition, Stock Connect Securities generally may not be sold, purchased or otherwise transferred other than through Stock Connect in accordance with applicable rules. While Stock Connect is not subject to individual investment quotas, daily and aggregate investment quotas apply to all Stock Connect participants, which may restrict or preclude the Fund's ability to invest in Stock Connect Securities. Trading in the Stock Connect program is subject to trading, clearance and settlement procedures that are untested in China, which could pose risks to the Fund. Finally, the withholding tax treatment of dividends and capital gains payable to overseas investors currently is unsettled. The application and interpretation of the laws and regulations of Hong Kong and China, and the rules, policies or guidelines published or applied by relevant regulators and exchanges in respect of the Stock Connect program, are uncertain, and they may have a detrimental effect on the Fund's investments and returns.

1. The Fund has a fee waiver associated with any investment it makes in a Franklin Templeton money fund and/or other Franklin Templeton fund, contractually guaranteed through 2/28/18. Fund investment results reflect the fee waiver; without this waiver, the results would have been lower.
2. Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated. Return for less than one year, if any, has not been annualized.
3. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on net asset value.
4. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on the dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan.

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Important Notice to Shareholders

Share Repurchase Program

The Fund's Board has approved an open-market share repurchase program which includes an initial authorization for the Fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding shares in open-market transactions, as well as up to an additional 10% of its outstanding shares, above and in addition to the initial 10% previously authorized. The timing and amount of repurchases continue to be at the discretion of the investment manager, taking into account various factors, including, but not limited to, the level of the discount, the Fund's performance, portfolio holdings, dividend history, market conditions, cash on hand, the availability of other attractive investments and whether the sale of certain portfolio securities would be undesirable because of liquidity concerns or because the sale might subject the Fund to adverse tax consequences. Any repurchases would be made on a national securities exchange at the prevailing market price, subject to exchange requirements, federal securities laws and rules that restrict repurchases, and the terms of any outstanding leverage or borrowing of the Fund. If and when the Fund's additional 10% threshold is reached, no further repurchases could be completed until authorized by the Board. Until the additional 10% threshold is reached, Fund management will have the flexibility to commence share repurchases if and when it is determined to be appropriate in light of prevailing circumstances. The share repurchase program is intended to benefit shareholders by enabling the Fund to repurchase shares at a discount to net asset value, thereby increasing the proportionate interest of each remaining shareholder in the Fund.

In the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements section, please see note 2 (Capital Stock) for additional information regarding shares repurchased.

Portfolio Management

Effective April 3, 2017, Eddie Chow, director of China Strategy for Templeton Emerging Markets Group (TEMG), and previously co-lead portfolio manager for Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc., became sole lead portfolio manager for the Fund as its previous co-lead portfolio manager Dr. Mark Mobius stepped off the Fund's portfolio management team. Mr. Chow has been with Franklin Templeton since 1994.

Fund By-Laws

The Fund's Board unanimously approved amendments to the Fund's By-Laws, effective January 1, 2018 to change to a majority of votes cast voting standard for uncontested Director elections and to a plurality voting standard for contested Director elections. In addition, the Board has unanimously adopted guidelines on director elections. Under the guidelines, any Director who is not re-elected shall tender his or her resignation to the Fund's Nominating Committee. The Fund's Nominating Committee will consider the tendered resignation in accordance with all factors believed relevant. The guidelines further provide that the Board will issue a press release describing its decision regarding a Director's resignation, including the reason for rejecting the resignation offer, if applicable.

Consolidated Financial Highlights

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017^a	2016^a	2015^a	2014^a	2013
Per share operating performance (for a share outstanding throughout the year)					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$19.05	\$20.51	\$26.35	\$28.46	\$31.19
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income ^b	0.19	0.27	0.30	0.49	0.53
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	6.98	(0.06)	(2.16)	1.63	(1.73)
Total from investment operations	7.17	0.21	(1.86)	2.12	(1.20)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.34)	(0.29)	(0.49)	(0.02)	(0.80)
Net realized gains	(1.37)	(1.41)	(3.52)	(4.29)	(0.87)
Total distributions	(1.71)	(1.70)	(4.01)	(4.31)	(1.67)
Repurchase of shares	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.14
Net asset value, end of year	\$24.53	\$19.05	\$20.51	\$26.35	\$28.46
Market value, end of year ^c	\$21.51	\$16.38	\$17.81	\$24.04	\$25.88
Total return (based on market value per share)	42.06%	1.03%	(8.63)%	9.74%	(3.07)%
Ratios to average net assets					
Expenses before waiver and payments by affiliates	1.36%	1.35%	1.36%	1.35%	1.31%
Expenses net of waiver and payments by affiliates	1.35% ^d	1.35% ^{d,e}	1.36% ^e	1.35% ^e	1.31%
Net investment income	0.84%	1.35%	1.15%	1.75%	1.74%
Supplemental data					
Net assets, end of year (000 s)	\$837,967	\$654,805	\$713,772	\$925,020	\$1,027,479

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Portfolio turnover rate	50.93%	46.85% ^f	71.98% ^f	21.58% ^f	4.59%
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^aBased on the Consolidated Financial Highlights.

^bBased on average daily shares outstanding.

^cBased on the last sale on the New York Stock Exchange.

^dBenefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

^eBenefit of waiver and payments by affiliates rounds to less than 0.01%.

^fExcludes the value of portfolio securities associated with intercompany transactions.

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. | Annual Report

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Consolidated Statement of Investments, December 31, 2017

	Country	Shares	Value
Common Stocks 99.6%			
Auto Components 0.5%			
a Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co. Ltd., A	China	447,456	\$ 1,994,302
a Huayu Automotive Systems Co. Ltd., A	China	207,600	946,965
a Ningbo Joyson Electronic Corp., A	China	19,100	96,488
Weifu High-Technology Co. Ltd., B	China	566,721	1,212,094
			4,249,849
Automobiles 3.1%			
Chongqing Changan Automobile Co. Ltd., B	China	5,357,019	5,896,742
Dongfeng Motor Group Co. Ltd., H	China	10,194,000	12,343,158
Jiangling Motors Corp. Ltd., B	China	4,836,708	7,911,726
			26,151,626
Banks 8.9%			
BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Ltd.	Hong Kong	136,600	692,367
China Construction Bank Corp., H	China	28,422,272	26,192,792
a China Merchants Bank Co. Ltd., A	China	4,544,846	20,270,252
a Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd., A	China	12,874,018	12,267,282
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd., H	China	18,351,155	14,774,220
			74,196,913
Beverages 1.0%			
a Kweichow Moutai Co. Ltd., A	China	80,819	8,651,340
Capital Markets 2.5%			
China Everbright Ltd.	China	978,000	2,188,119
a GF Securities Co. Ltd., A	China	7,212,835	18,490,327
			20,678,446
Chemicals 0.3%			
a Kangde Xin Group Co. Ltd., A	China	643,690	2,196,202
Communications Equipment 0.3%			
a Hytera Communications Corp. Ltd., A	China	523,281	1,488,620
a,b Shenzhen Sunway Communication Co. Ltd., A	China	182,800	1,424,383

			2,913,003
Construction Materials 0.4%			
Asia Cement China Holdings Corp.	China	9,527,129	3,341,205
Distributors 0.2%			
Dah Chong Hong Holdings Ltd.	China	2,793,620	1,294,394
Diversified Telecommunication Services 0.2%			
China Telecom Corp. Ltd., H	China	2,948,000	1,403,657
Electric Utilities 1.3%			
a Chongqing Fuling Electric Power Industrial Co. Ltd., A	China	267,868	1,407,546
CK Infrastructure Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	1,101,400	9,466,329
			10,873,875
Electrical Equipment 0.2%			
a Luxshare Precision Industry Co. Ltd., A	China	567,850	2,045,662
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components 2.3%			
a AVIC Jonhon Optron Technology Co. Ltd., A	China	979,877	5,930,480
Flytech Technology Co. Ltd.	Taiwan	405,000	1,118,060
a Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co. Ltd., A	China	1,042,100	6,246,210
a Holitech Technology Co. Ltd., A	China	623,200	957,789
a Leyard Optoelectronic Co. Ltd., A	China	1,263,300	3,784,085

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

	Country	Shares	Value
Common Stocks (continued)			
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components (continued)			
a O-film Tech Co. Ltd., A	China	275,100	\$ 870,542
			18,907,166
Food & Staples Retailing 2.7%			
Beijing Jingkelong Co. Ltd., H	China	4,016,929	1,151,682
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	2,735,278	21,499,285
			22,650,967
Food Products 3.4%			
a Henan Shuanghui Investment & Development Co. Ltd., A	China	520,546	2,120,057
a Muyuan Foodstuff Co. Ltd., A	China	323,400	2,627,300
Ten Ren Tea Co., Ltd.	Taiwan	120,000	145,819
Uni-President China Holdings Ltd.	China	24,691,000	20,668,404
Uni-President Enterprises Corp	Taiwan	1,329,831	2,958,467
			28,520,047
Health Care Equipment & Supplies 0.6%			
Ginko International Co. Ltd.	Taiwan	665,000	4,864,159
Health Care Providers & Services 1.9%			
a China National Accord Medicines Corp. Ltd., A	China	440,001	4,074,302
a Huadong Medicine Co. Ltd., A	China	999,801	8,279,111
Sinopharm Group Co. Ltd.	China	749,700	3,243,357
			15,596,770
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 1.3%			
a,b China International Travel Service Corp. Ltd., A	China	113,371	755,150
a Huangshan Tourism Development Co. Ltd., A	China	1,511,646	3,322,222
a Shenzhen Overseas Chinese Town Co. Ltd., A	China	3,045,600	3,973,957
a Songcheng Performance Development Co. Ltd., A	China	1,011,100	2,899,668
			10,950,997

Household Durables 0.8%				
a	Gree Electric Appliances Inc. of Zhuhai, A	China	343,576	2,307,527
a	Midea Group Co. Ltd., A	China	247,516	2,108,583
a	Qingdao Haier Co. Ltd., A	China	755,700	2,189,290
				6,605,400
Independent Power & Renewable Electricity Producers 0.7%				
a	China Yangtze Power Co. Ltd., A	China	1,348,428	3,230,847
	Huaneng Renewables Corp. Ltd., H	China	7,406,000	2,512,003
				5,742,850
Industrial Conglomerates 1.4%				
	CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	366,000	4,595,583
	Hopewell Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	1,918,600	7,060,132
				11,655,715
Insurance 6.6%				
	AIA Group Ltd.	Hong Kong	3,192,980	27,238,731
	China Life Insurance Co. Ltd., H	China	2,720,000	8,546,945
a	Ping An Insurance (Group) Co. of China Ltd., A	China	1,848,450	19,883,199
				55,668,875

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

	Country	Shares	Value
Common Stocks (continued)			
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail 0.5%			
b Ctrip.com International Ltd., ADR	China	31,900	\$ 1,406,790
b JD.com Inc., ADR	China	59,845	2,478,780
b Vipshop Holdings Ltd., ADR	China	38,000	445,360
			4,330,930
Internet Software & Services 19.6%			
b Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., ADR	China	319,890	55,158,633
b Baidu Inc., ADR	China	42,000	9,836,820
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	China	1,917,500	99,644,176
			164,639,629
IT Services 2.0%			
TravelSky Technology Ltd., H	China	5,489,859	16,477,622
Leisure Products 0.3%			
Merida Industry Co. Ltd.	Taiwan	602,000	2,536,488
Machinery 0.8%			
a,b Shenzhen Inovance Technology Co. Ltd., A	China	841,000	3,750,904
a Zhengzhou Yutong Bus Co. Ltd., A	China	832,402	3,080,578
			6,831,482
Marine 0.8%			
COSCO Shipping Energy Transportation Co. Ltd., H	China	9,492,000	5,187,715
Sinotrans Shipping Ltd.	China	3,645,600	928,566
b Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp.	Taiwan	753,328	292,017
			6,408,298
Media 0.4%			
Poly Culture Group Corp. Ltd., H	China	1,083,500	2,188,399
^a Zhejiang Huace Film & TV Co. Ltd., A	China	786,533	1,310,354
			3,498,753
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 5.9%			

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China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., H	China	47,149,000	34,579,413
CNOOC Ltd.	China	3,772,800	5,418,102
PetroChina Co. Ltd., H	China	13,715,500	9,567,504
			49,565,019
Paper & Forest Products 2.7%			
Nine Dragons Paper Holdings Ltd.	China	14,149,301	22,674,088
Pharmaceuticals 4.7%			
a,b Hubei Jumpcan Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., A	China	184,600	1,082,069
a Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine Co. Ltd., A	China	1,906,984	20,210,956
a Kangmei Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., A	China	4,031,583	13,811,099
Tong Ren Tang Technologies Co. Ltd., H	China	1,810,300	2,618,301
a Yifan Xinfu Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., A	China	456,600	1,561,379
			39,283,804
Professional Services 0.3%			
a Beijing Orient Landscape & Ecology Co. Ltd., A	China	876,000	2,715,517
Real Estate Management & Development 1.9%			
a China Merchants Shekou Industrial Zone Holdings Co.Ltd., A	China	2,699,100	8,113,914
China Overseas Land & Investment Ltd.	China	1,650,000	5,311,442
CK Asset Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	284,000	2,482,730
			15,908,086

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	Country	Shares	Value
Common Stocks (continued)			
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 10.8%			
a Sanan Optoelectronics Co. Ltd., A	China	1,330,000	\$ 5,187,831
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Taiwan	11,063,136	85,582,961
			90,770,792
Software 0.1%			
a Beijing Thunisoft Corp. Ltd., A	China	461,300	1,054,943
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 0.7%			
a BOE Technology Group Co. Ltd., A	China	6,246,000	5,558,058
a Focus Media Information Technology Co. Ltd., A	China	100,440	217,346
			5,775,404
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 4.0%			
Anta Sports Products Ltd.	China	7,441,000	33,762,769
Transportation Infrastructure 1.4%			
COSCO Shipping Ports Ltd.	China	7,554,174	7,860,823
a Shenzhen Airport Co., A	China	2,690,100	3,596,916
			11,457,739
Wireless Telecommunication Services 2.1%			
China Mobile Ltd.	China	1,768,500	17,938,860
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$419,148,613)			834,789,341
Short Term Investments (Cost \$1,822,947) 0.2%			
Money Market Funds 0.2%			
c,d Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio, 0.89%	United States	1,822,947	1,822,947
Total Investments (Cost \$420,971,560) 99.8%			836,612,288
Other Assets, less Liabilities 0.2%			1,354,789
Net Assets 100.0%			\$ 837,967,077

See Abbreviations on page 22.

^aThe security is owned by Templeton China Opportunities Fund, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund. See Note 1(c).

^bNon-income producing.

^cSee Note 3(c) regarding investments in affiliated management investment companies.

^dThe rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

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Consolidated Financial Statements**Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

December 31, 2017

Assets:

Investments in securities:

Cost - Unaffiliated issuers	\$419,148,613
Cost - Non-controlled affiliates (Note 3c)	1,822,947

Value - Unaffiliated issuers	\$834,789,341
Value - Non-controlled affiliates (Note 3c)	1,822,947
Cash	182,996
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$2,383,671)	2,402,304
Receivables:	
Dividends	543,284

Total assets	839,740,872
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Liabilities:

Payables:

Fund shares repurchased	507,647
Management fees	857,229
Custodian fees	160,667
Professional fees	131,267
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	116,985

Total liabilities	1,773,795
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Net assets, at value	\$837,967,077
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Net assets consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$368,880,119
Undistributed net investment income	4,154,715
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	416,147,018
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	48,785,225

Net assets, at value	\$837,967,077
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Shares outstanding	34,158,226
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Net asset value per share

\$24.53

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Consolidated Statement of Operations

for the year ended December 31, 2017

Investment income:	
Dividends: (net of foreign taxes)*	
Unaffiliated issuers	\$ 16,905,437
Non-controlled affiliates (Note 3c)	37,350
Interest: (net of foreign taxes)~	
Unaffiliated issuers	23,767
 Total investment income	 16,966,554
Expenses:	
Management fees (Note 3a)	9,669,033
Transfer agent fees	74,684
Custodian fees (Note 4)	313,664
Reports to shareholders	48,811
Registration and filing fees	37,200
Professional fees	189,964
Directors fees and expenses	73,650
Other	96,856
 Total expenses	 10,503,862
Expense reductions (Note 4)	(8,115)
Expenses waived/paid by affiliates (Note 3c)	(22,626)
 Net expenses	 10,473,121
 Net investment income	 6,493,433
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):	
Net realized gain (loss) from:	
Investments:	
Unaffiliated issuers	48,643,414
Foreign currency transactions	310,136
 Net realized gain (loss)	 48,953,550
 Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	

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Investments:	
Unaffiliated issuers	190,182,351
Translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	17,138
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	190,199,489
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	239,153,039
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 245,646,472
*Foreign taxes withheld on dividends	\$ 1,703,964
~Foreign taxes withheld on interest	\$ 2,624

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Increase (decrease) in net assets:		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 6,493,433	\$ 9,248,971
Net realized gain (loss)	48,953,550	52,245,846
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	190,199,489	(54,539,194)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	245,646,472	6,955,623
Distributions to shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(11,791,853)	(9,938,154)
Net realized gains	(46,756,666)	(48,622,574)
Total distributions to shareholders	(58,548,519)	(58,560,728)
Capital share transactions from - repurchase of shares (Note 2)	(3,935,659)	(7,361,986)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	183,162,294	(58,967,091)
Net assets:		
Beginning of year	654,804,783	713,771,874
End of year	\$837,967,077	\$654,804,783
Undistributed net investment income included in net assets:		
End of year	\$ 4,154,715	\$ 9,139,656

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. (Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act) as a closed-end management investment company and applies the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP).

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

a. Financial Instrument Valuation

The Fund's investments in financial instruments are carried at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Fund calculates the net asset value (NAV) per share as of 4 p.m. Eastern time each day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open for trading. Under compliance policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors (the Board), the Fund's administrator has responsibility for oversight of valuation, including leading the cross-functional Valuation Committee (VC). The VC provides administration and oversight of the Fund's valuation policies and procedures, which are approved annually by the Board. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value.

Equity securities listed on an exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last quoted sale price or the official closing price of the day, respectively. Foreign equity securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded, or as of 4 p.m. Eastern time. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at 4 p.m. Eastern time on the day that the value of the security is determined. Over-the-counter (OTC) securities are valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Securities that trade in multiple markets or on multiple exchanges are valued according to the broadest and most representative market. Certain equity securities are valued based upon fundamental characteristics or relationships to similar securities.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing NAV.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of financial instruments for which market prices are not reliable or readily available. Under these procedures, the VC convenes on a regular basis to review such financial instruments and considers a number of factors, including significant unobservable valuation inputs, when arriving at fair value. The VC primarily employs a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other relevant information for the investment to determine the fair value of the investment. An income-based valuation approach may also be used in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed. The VC employs various methods for calibrating these valuation approaches including a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, transactional back-testing or disposition analysis, and reviews of any related market activity.

Trading in securities on foreign securities stock exchanges and OTC markets may be completed before 4 p.m. Eastern time. In addition, trading in certain foreign markets may not take place on every Fund's business day. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a foreign security is completed and 4 p.m. Eastern time that might call into question the reliability of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. As a result, differences may arise between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities as determined at the foreign market close and the latest indications of value at 4 p.m. Eastern time. In order to minimize the potential for these differences, the VC monitors price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depositary Receipts, futures contracts and exchange traded funds). These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred that may call into question the reliability of the values of the foreign securities held by the Fund. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting

Policies (continued)

a. Financial Instrument Valuation (continued)

When the last day of the reporting period is a non-business day, certain foreign markets may be open on those days that the Fund's NAV is not calculated, which could result in differences between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities on the last business day and the last calendar day of the reporting period. Any significant security valuation changes due to an open foreign market are adjusted and reflected by the Fund for financial reporting purposes.

b. Foreign Currency Translation

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. The Fund may enter into foreign currency exchange contracts to facilitate transactions denominated in a foreign currency. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date. Portfolio securities and assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies contain risks that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Occasionally, events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the Board.

The Fund does not separately report the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from changes in market prices on securities held. Such changes are included in net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the recorded amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in foreign exchange rates on foreign denominated assets and liabilities other than investments in securities held at the end of the reporting period.

c. Investments in Templeton China Opportunities Fund, Ltd. (China Fund)

The Fund invests in certain China A-shares through its investment in the China Fund. The China Fund is a Cayman Islands exempt company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund, and is able to invest directly in China A-shares consistent with the investment objective of the Fund. At December 31, 2017, the China Fund's investments as well as any other assets and liabilities of the China Fund are reflected in the Fund's Consolidated Statement of Investments and Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities. At December 31, 2017, the China Fund's investments as well as any other assets and liabilities were \$220,451,473, representing 26.3% of the Fund's consolidated net assets.

The China Fund gains access to the A-shares market through Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC (TIC), which serves as the registered Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII) for the China Fund. Investment decisions

related to the China Fund A-shares are specific to the Fund and it bears the resultant economic and tax consequences of its holdings and transactions in A-shares. The China Fund is subject to certain restrictions and administrative processes relating to its ability to repatriate cash balances, investment proceeds, and earnings associated with its A-shares and may incur substantial delays in gaining access to its assets or a loss of value in the event of noncompliance with applicable Chinese rules or requirements.

d. Income and Deferred Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code. The Fund intends to distribute to shareholders substantially all of its taxable income and net realized gains to relieve it from federal income and excise taxes. As a result, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required.

The Fund may be subject to foreign taxation related to income received, capital gains on the sale of securities and certain foreign currency transactions in the foreign jurisdictions in which it invests. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Fund invests. When a capital gain tax is determined to apply, the Fund records an estimated deferred tax liability in an amount that would be payable if the securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

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The Fund may recognize an income tax liability related to its uncertain tax positions under U.S. GAAP when the uncertain tax position has a less than 50% probability that it will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities based on its technical merits. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund has determined that no tax liability is required in its financial statements related to uncertain tax positions for any open tax years (or expected to be taken in future tax years). Open tax years are those that remain subject to examination and are based on the statute of limitations in each jurisdiction in which the Fund invests.

e. Security Transactions, Investment Income, Expenses and Distributions

Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on a specific identification basis. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except for certain dividends from securities where the dividend rate is not available. In such cases, the dividend is recorded as soon as the information is received by the Fund. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributable earnings are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis) and may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent

differences are reclassified among capital accounts to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary differences are not reclassified, as they may reverse in subsequent periods.

f. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

g. Guarantees and Indemnifications

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and directors are indemnified by the Fund against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. Currently, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

2. Capital Stock

At December 31, 2017, there were 100 million shares authorized (\$0.01 par value). During the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 there were no shares issued; all reinvested distributions were satisfied with previously issued shares purchased in the open market.

Under the Board approved open-market share repurchase program, the Fund may purchase, from time to time, Fund shares in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. Since the inception of the program, the Fund has repurchased a total of 8,981,101 shares. Transactions in the Fund's shares were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017		2016	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares repurchased	209,534	\$ 3,935,659	435,156	\$ 7,361,986
Weighted average discount of market price to net asset value of shares repurchased		12.98%		14.04%

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3. Transactions with Affiliates

Franklin Resources, Inc. is the holding company for various subsidiaries that together are referred to as Franklin Templeton Investments. Certain officers and directors of the Fund are also officers, and/or directors of the following subsidiaries:

Subsidiary	Affiliation
Templeton Asset Management Ltd. (TAML)	Investment manager
Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC (TIC)	Investment manager
Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services)	Administrative manager

a. Management Fees

The Fund pays an investment management fee to TAML based on the average weekly net assets of the Fund as follows:

Annualized Fee Rate	Net Assets
1.250%	Up to and including \$1 billion
1.200%	Over \$1 billion, up to and including \$5 billion
1.150%	Over \$5 billion, up to and including \$10 billion
1.100%	Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$15 billion
1.050%	Over \$15 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
1.000%	In excess of \$20 billion

Under agreements with TAML, TIC is paid a fee for serving as the QFII for the China Fund. The QFII fee is paid by TAML and is not an additional expense of the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the gross effective investment management fee rate was 1.250% of the Fund's average weekly net assets.

b. Administrative Fees

Under an agreement with TAML, FT Services provides administrative services to the Fund. The fee is paid by TAML based on the Fund's average weekly net assets, and is not an additional expense of the Fund.

c. Investments in Affiliated Management Investment Companies

The Fund invests in one or more affiliated management investment companies for purposes other than exercising a controlling influence over the management or policies. Management fees paid by the Fund are waived on assets invested in the affiliated management investment companies, as noted in the Consolidated Statement of Operations, in an amount not to exceed the management and administrative fees paid directly or indirectly by each affiliate. Prior to January 1, 2014, the waiver was accounted for as a reduction to management fees. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund held investments in affiliated management investment companies as follows:

	Number of Shares Held at Beginning of Year	Gross Additions	Gross Reductions	Number of Shares Held at End of Year	Value at End of Year	Net Change in Realized Dividend Income	Realized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Non-Controlled Affiliates							
Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio, 0.89%	2,119,665	89,647,063	(89,943,781)	1,822,947	\$ 1,822,947	\$ 37,350	\$ \$

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4. Expense Offset Arrangement

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

5. Income Taxes

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was as follows:

	2017	2016
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$ 11,791,853	\$ 9,938,154
Long term capital gain	46,756,666	48,622,574
	\$ 58,548,519	\$ 58,560,728

At December 31, 2017, the cost of investments, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), undistributed ordinary income and undistributed long term capital gains for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$ 422,596,888
Unrealized appreciation	\$ 426,694,393
Unrealized depreciation	(12,678,993)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 414,015,400
Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 7,579,179
Undistributed long term capital gains	46,986,093
Distributable earnings.	\$ 54,565,272

The China Fund is a disregarded entity for United States federal income tax purposes.

Differences between income and/or capital gains as determined on a book basis and a tax basis are primarily due to differing treatment of the wholly-owned subsidiary.

6. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the year ended December 31, 2017, aggregated \$386,358,482 and \$443,088,459, respectively. Purchases and sales of investments excludes intercompany transactions of \$300,000 and \$10,280,630, respectively. The intercompany transactions represent the Fund's purchase and redemption of shares of the China Fund.

7. Concentration of Risk

Investing in foreign securities may include certain risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities, such as fluctuating currency values and changing local and regional economic, political and social conditions, which may result in greater market volatility. In addition, certain foreign securities may not be as liquid as U.S. securities.

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7. Concentration of Risk (continued)

Investing in China A-shares may include certain risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. In general, A-shares are issued by companies incorporated in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges and available for investment by domestic (Chinese) investors and holders of a QFII license and, in the case of certain eligible A-shares, through the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Connect programs. The Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges are, however, substantially smaller, less liquid and more volatile than the major securities markets in the United States.

8. Fair Value Measurements

The Fund follows a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and the Fund's own market assumptions (unobservable inputs). These inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's financial instruments and are summarized in the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical financial instruments

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar financial instruments, interest rates, prepayment speed, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of financial instruments)

The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with financial instruments at that level.

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing the transfers as of the date of the underlying event which caused the movement.

At December 31, 2017, all of the Fund's investments in financial instruments carried at fair value were valued using Level 1 inputs. For detailed categories, see the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Investments.

9. Subsequent Events

The Fund has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance of the financial statements and determined that no events have occurred that require disclosure.

Abbreviations

Selected Portfolio

American Depositary

ADR Receipt

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated statement of investments, of Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. and its subsidiary (the Fund) as of December 31, 2017, the related consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2017, the consolidated statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2017, including the related notes, and the consolidated financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2017 (collectively referred to as the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2017, the results of their operations for the year then ended, the changes in their net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2017 and the consolidated financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2017 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2017 by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agent. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, California

February 20, 2018

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds since 1948.

 TEMPLETON DRAGON FUND, INC.
Tax Information (unaudited)

Under Section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), the Fund hereby reports the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$46,756,666 as a long term capital gain dividend for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Under Section 854(b)(1)(B) of the Code, the Fund hereby reports the maximum amount allowable but no less than \$5,129,634 as qualified dividends for purposes of the maximum rate under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Distributions, including qualified dividend income, paid during calendar year 2017 will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV by mid-February 2018. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their individual income tax returns.

At December 31, 2017, more than 50% of the Fund's total assets were invested in securities of foreign issuers. In most instances, foreign taxes were withheld from income paid to the Fund on these investments. As shown in the table below, the Fund hereby reports to shareholders the foreign source income and foreign taxes paid, pursuant to Section 853 of the Code. This written statement will allow shareholders of record on September 11, 2017, to treat their proportionate share of foreign taxes paid by the Fund as having been paid directly by them. The shareholder shall consider these amounts as foreign taxes paid in the tax year in which they receive the Fund distribution.

The following table provides a detailed analysis of foreign tax paid, foreign source income and foreign source qualified dividends as reported by the Fund, to shareholders of record.

Foreign Tax Paid Per Share	Foreign Source Income Per Share	Foreign Source Qualified Dividends Per Share
\$0.0464	\$0.3470	\$0.0903

Foreign Tax Paid Per Share (Column 1) is the amount per share available to you, as a tax credit (assuming you held your shares in the Fund for a minimum of 16 days during the 31-day period beginning 15 days before the ex-dividend date of the Fund's distribution to which the foreign taxes relate), or, as a tax deduction.

Foreign Source Income Per Share (Column 2) is the amount per share of income dividends attributable to foreign securities held by the Fund, plus any foreign taxes withheld on these dividends. The amounts reported include foreign source qualified dividends that have not been adjusted for the rate differential applicable to such dividend income.¹

Foreign Source Qualified Dividends Per Share (Column 3) is the amount per share of foreign source qualified dividends, plus any foreign taxes withheld on these dividends. These amounts represent the portion of the Foreign Source Income reported to you in column 2 that were derived from qualified foreign securities held by the Fund.¹

By mid-February 2018, shareholders will receive Form 1099-DIV which will include their share of taxes paid and foreign source income distributed during the calendar year 2017. The Foreign Source Income reported on Form 1099-DIV has not been adjusted for the rate differential on foreign source qualified dividend income. Shareholders are advised to check with their tax advisors for information on the treatment of these amounts on their 2017 individual income tax returns.

1 Qualified dividends are taxed at reduced long term capital gains tax rates. In determining the amount of foreign tax credit that may be applied against the U.S. tax liability of individuals receiving foreign source qualified dividends, adjustments may be required to the foreign tax credit limitation calculation to reflect the rate differential applicable to such dividend income. The rules however permit certain individuals to elect not to apply the rate differential adjustments for capital gains and/or dividends for any taxable year. Please consult your tax advisor and the instructions to Form 1116 for more information.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders, May 30, 2017 (unaudited)

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held at the offices of Franklin Templeton Investments, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on May 30, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to elect four Directors of the Fund and to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. At the meeting, the following persons were elected by the shareholders to serve as Directors of the Fund: Harris J. Ashton, Mary C. Choksi, J. Michael Luttig and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos.* Shareholders also ratified the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. No other business was transacted at the meeting.

The results of the voting at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

1. The election of four Directors:

Term Expiring 2020	For	% of		Withheld	% of	
		Outstanding Shares	% of Shares Present		Outstanding Shares	% of Shares Present
Harris J. Ashton	29,644,762	86.55%	96.45%	1,090,264	3.18%	3.55%
Mary C. Choksi	29,639,619	86.53%	96.44%	1,095,407	3.20%	3.56%
J. Michael Luttig	29,729,376	86.79%	96.73%	1,005,650	2.94%	3.27%
Constantine D. Tseretopoulos	29,604,349	86.43%	96.32%	1,130,677	3.30%	3.68%

There were no broker non-votes received with respect to this item.

2. The ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017:

	Shares Voted	% of Outstanding Shares	% of Shares Present
For	30,183,755	88.12%	98.21%
Against	406,028	1.19%	1.32%
Abstain	145,239	0.42%	0.47%

*Ann Torre Bates, Edith E. Holiday, Gregory E. Johnson, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., David W. Niemiec, Larry D. Thompson and Robert E. Wade are Directors of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office

continued after the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

TEMPLETON DRAGON FUND, INC.

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

The Fund offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the Plan) with the following features:

If shares of the Fund are held in the shareholder's name, the shareholder will automatically be a participant in the Plan unless he elects to withdraw. If the shares are registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (i.e., in street name), the broker-dealer or nominee will elect to participate in the Plan on the shareholder's behalf unless the shareholder instructs them otherwise, or unless the reinvestment service is not provided by the broker-dealer or nominee.

To receive dividends or distributions in cash, the shareholder must notify American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC (the Plan Administrator) at P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10269-0560 or the institution in whose name the shares are held. The Plan Administrator must receive written notice ten business days before the record date for the distribution.

Whenever the Fund declares dividends in either cash or shares of the Fund, if the market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the valuation date, the participant will receive the dividends entirely in new shares at a price equal to the net asset value, but not less than 95% of the then current market price of the Fund's shares. If the market price is lower than net asset value or if dividends and/or capital gains distributions are payable only in cash, the participant will receive shares purchased on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market.

A participant has the option of submitting additional cash payments to the Plan Administrator, in any amounts of at least \$100, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per month, for the purchase of Fund shares for his or her account. These payments can be made by check payable to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC and sent to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC, P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10269-0560, Attention: Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. The Plan Administrator will apply such payments (less a \$5.00 service charge and less a pro rata share of trading fees) to purchases of the Fund's shares on the open market.

Whenever shares are purchased on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market, each participant will pay a pro rata portion of trading fees. Trading fees will be deducted from amounts to be invested. The Plan Administrator's fee for a sale of shares through the Plan is \$15.00 per transaction plus a \$0.12 per share trading fee.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and/or capital gains does not relieve the participant of any income tax that may be payable on dividends or distributions.

The participant may withdraw from the Plan without penalty at any time by written notice to the Plan Administrator sent to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC, P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10269-0560. Upon withdrawal, the participant will receive, without charge, share certificates issued in the participant's name for all full shares held by the Plan Administrator; or, if the participant wishes, the Plan Administrator will sell the participant's shares and send the proceeds to the participant, less a service charge of \$15.00 and less trading fees of \$0.12 per share. The Plan Administrator will convert any fractional shares held at the time of withdrawal to cash at current market price and send a check to the participant for the net proceeds.

For more information, please see the Plan's Terms and Conditions located at the back of this report.

Transfer Agent

American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC

P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station

New York, NY 10269-0560

(800) 416-5585

www.astfinancial.com

Direct Deposit Service for Registered Shareholders

Cash distributions can now be electronically credited to a checking or savings account at any financial institution that participates in the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system. The Direct Deposit service is provided for registered shareholders at no charge. To enroll in the service, access your account online by going to www.astfinancial.com or dial (800) 416-5585 (toll free) and follow the instructions. Direct Deposit will begin with the next scheduled distribution payment date following enrollment in the service.

Direct Registration

If you are a registered shareholder of the Fund, purchases of shares of the Fund can be electronically credited to your Fund account at American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC through Direct Registration. This service provides shareholders with a convenient way to keep track of shares through book entry transactions, electronically move book-entry shares between broker-dealers, transfer agents and DRS eligible issuers, and eliminate the possibility of lost certificates. For additional information, please contact American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC at (800) 416-5585.

Shareholder Information

Shares of Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TDF. Information about the net asset value and the market price is available at franklintempleton.com.

For current information about dividends and shareholder accounts, call (800) 416-5585. Registered shareholders can access their Fund account on-line. For information go to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC website at www.astfinancial.com and follow the instructions.

The daily closing net asset value as of the previous business day may be obtained when available by calling Franklin Templeton Fund Information after 7 a.m. Pacific time any business day at (800) DIAL BEN/342-5236. The Fund's net asset value and dividends are also listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.'s Mutual Fund Quotation Service (NASDAQ MFQS).

Shareholders not receiving copies of reports to shareholders because their shares are registered in the name of a broker or a custodian can request that they be added to the Fund's mailing list, by writing Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc., 100 Fountain Parkway, P.O. Box 33030, St. Petersburg, FL, 33733-8030.

 TEMPLETON DRAGON FUND, INC.

Board Members and Officers

The name, year of birth and address of the officers and board members, as well as their affiliations, positions held with the Trust, principal occupations during at least the past five years and number of US registered portfolios overseen in the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex, are shown below. Generally, each board member serves until that person's successor is elected and qualified.

Independent Board Members

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Harris J. Ashton (1932) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Director	Since 1994	139	Bar-S Foods (meat packing company) (1981-2010).

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; and **formerly**, Director, RBC Holdings, Inc. (bank holding company) (until 2002); and President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, General Host Corporation (nursery and craft centers) (until 1998).

Ann Torre Bates (1958) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Director	Since 2008	40	Ares Capital Corporation (specialty finance company) (2010-present), United Natural Foods, Inc. (distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods) (2013-present), Allied Capital Corporation (financial services) (2003-2010), SLM Corporation (Sallie Mae) (1997-2014) and Navient Corporation (loan management, servicing and asset recovery) (2014-2016).
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; and **formerly**, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NHP Incorporated (manager of multifamily housing) (1995-1997); and Vice President and Treasurer, US Airways, Inc.

(until 1995).

<p>Mary C. Choksi (1950) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923</p>	<p>Director Since 2016 139</p>	<p>Avis Budget Group Inc. (car rental) (2007-present), Omnicom group Inc. (advertising and marketing communications services) (2011-present) and H.J. Heinz Company (processed foods and allied products) (1998-2006). White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holdings company) (2017-present).</p>
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director of various companies; and **formerly**, Founder and Senior Advisor, Strategic Investment Group (investment management group) (2015-2017); Founding Partner and Senior Managing Director, Strategic Investment Group (1987-2015); Founding Partner and Managing Director, Emerging Markets Management LLC (investment management firm) (1987-2011); and Loan Officer/Senior Loan Officer/Senior Pension Investment Officer, World Bank Group (international financial institution) (1977-1987).

<p>Edith E. Holiday (1952) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923</p>	<p>Lead Independent Director since 1996 and Lead Independent Director since 2007</p>	<p>139</p>	<p>Hess Corporation (exploration of oil and gas) (1993-present), Canadian National Railway (railroad) (2001-present), White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (holding company) (2004-present), Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. (consumer finance) (2016-present), RTI International Metals, Inc. (manufacture and distribution of titanium (1999-2015) and H.J. Heinz Company (processed foods and allied products) (1994-2013).</p>
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director or Trustee of various companies and trusts; and **formerly**, Assistant to the President of the United States and Secretary of the Cabinet (1990-1993); General Counsel to the United States Treasury Department (1989-1990); and Counselor to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Public Liaison United States Treasury Department (1988-1989).

Independent Board Members (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
J. Michael Luttig (1954) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Director	Since 2009	139	Boeing Capital Corporation (aircraft financing) (2006-2013).
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:				
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and member of the Executive Council, The Boeing Company (aerospace company) (2006-present); and formerly , Federal Appeals Court Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1991-2006).				
David W. Niemiec (1949) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Director	Since 2005	40	Hess Midstream Partners LO (oil and gas midstream infrastructure) (2017 present).
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:				
Advisor, Saratoga Partners (private equity fund); and formerly , Managing Director, Saratoga Partners (1998-2001) and SBC Warburg Dillon Read (investment banking) (1997-1998); Vice Chairman, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (investment banking) (1991-1997); and Chief Financial Officer, Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. (1982-1997).				
Larry D. Thompson (1945) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Director	Since 2005	139	The Southern Company (energy company) (2014-present; previously 2010-2012), Graham Holdings Company (education and media organization) (2011-present) and Cbeyond, Inc. (business communications provider) (2010-2012).
Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:				

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Director of various companies; Counsel, Finch McCranie, LLP (law firm) (2015-present); Independent Compliance Monitor and Auditor, Volkswagen AG (manufacturer of automobiles and commercial vehicles) (2017 present); John A. Sibley Professor of Corporate and Business Law, University of Georgia School of Law (2015-present; previously 2011-2012); and **formerly**, Executive Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (consumer products) (2012-2014); Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, PepsiCo, Inc. (2004-2011); Senior Fellow of The Brookings Institution (2003-2004); Visiting Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2004); and Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (2001-2003).

Constantine D. Tseretopoulos (1954) Director Since 1998 26 None

300 S.E. 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Physician, Chief of Staff, owner and operator of the Lyford Cay Hospital (1987-present); director of various nonprofit organizations; and **formerly**, Cardiology Fellow, University of Maryland (1985-1987); and Internal Medicine Resident, Greater Baltimore Medical Center (1982-1985).

Robert E. Wade (1946) Director Since 2006 40 El Oro Ltd (investments)

300 S.E. 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923

(2003-present).

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Attorney at law engaged in private practice as a sole practitioner (1972-2008) and member of various boards.

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Interested Board Members and Officers

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served Since	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
**Gregory E. Johnson (1961) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Director	2006	153	None

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Chairman of the Board, Member - Office of the Chairman, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin Resources, Inc.; officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 43 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; Vice Chairman, Investment Company Institute; and **formerly**, President, Franklin Resources, Inc. (1994-2015).

**Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (1940) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Chairman of the Board, Director and Vice President	Chairman of the Board and Director since 2013 and Vice President since 1996	139	None
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Vice Chairman, Member Office of the Chairman and Director, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Director, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Franklin Advisory Services, LLC; and officer and/or director or trustee, as the case may be, of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 41 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Alison E. Baur (1964)	Vice President	Since 2012	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
One Franklin Parkway San				
Mateo, CA 94403-1906				

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Deputy General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Stephen H. Dover (1961)	President and Chief Executive Officer	Since June 2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
One Franklin Parkway San				
Mateo, CA 94403-1906				
Investment Management				

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Chief Investment Officer, Templeton Emerging Market Group; Executive Vice President, Franklin Advisers, Inc.; and officer of four of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Aliya S. Gordon (1973)	Vice President	Since 2009	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
One Franklin Parkway San				
Mateo, CA 94403-1906				

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Steven J. Gray (1955)	Vice President	Since 2009	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
One Franklin Parkway San				
Mateo, CA 94403-1906				

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Vice President, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc. and FASA, LLC; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Matthew T. Hinkle (1971)	Chief Executive Officer	Since June 2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Finance and Administration			

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Senior Vice President, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC; officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and **formerly**, Vice President, Global Tax (2012-April 2017) and Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer, Franklin Templeton Investments (2009-2017).

Interested Board Members and Officers (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Robert G. Kubilis (1973) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer	Since June 2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Treasurer, U.S. Fund Administration & Reporting, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 17 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Robert Lim (1948) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	Vice President AML Compliance	Since 2016	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Vice President, Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC; Chief Compliance Officer, Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc. and Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Kimberly H. Novotny (1972) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Vice President	Since 2013	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

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Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Fiduciary Trust International of the South; Vice President, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Robert C. Rosselot (1960)	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2013	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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300 S.E. 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL
33301-1923

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Director, Global Compliance, Franklin Templeton Investments; Vice President, Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC; officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments; and **formerly**, Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments (2007-2013); and Secretary and Vice President, Templeton Group of Funds (2004-2013).

Karen L. Skidmore (1952)	Vice President	Since 2009	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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One Franklin
Parkway San Mateo,
CA 94403-1906

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Navid J. Tofigh (1972)	Vice President	Since 2015	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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One Franklin
Parkway San Mateo,
CA 94403-1906

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

Craig S. Tyle (1960)	Vice President	Since 2005	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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One Franklin
Parkway San Mateo,
CA 94403-1906

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Franklin Resources, Inc.; and officer of some of the other subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. and of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments

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Interested Board Members and Officers (continued)

Name, Year of Birth and Address	Position	Length of Time Served	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member*	Other Directorships Held During at Least the Past 5 Years
Lori A. Weber (1964) 300 S.E. 2nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923	Secretary and Vice President	Secretary since 2013 and Vice President since 2011	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Principal Occupation During at Least the Past 5 Years:

Senior Associate General Counsel, Franklin Templeton Investments; Assistant Secretary, Franklin Resources, Inc.; Vice President and Secretary, Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC; and officer of 45 of the investment companies in Franklin Templeton Investments.

*We base the number of portfolios on each separate series of the US registered investment companies within the Franklin Templeton Investments fund complex. These portfolios have a common investment manager or affiliated investment managers.

**Gregory E. Johnson is considered to be an interested person of the Fund under the federal securities laws due to his position as an officer and director of Franklin Resources, Inc. (Resources), which is the parent company of the Fund's investment manager. Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is considered to be an interested person of the Fund under the federal securities laws due to his position as officer and director and major shareholder of Resources.

Note 1: Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is the uncle of Gregory E. Johnson.

Note 2: Officer information is current as of the date of this report. It is possible that after this date, information about officers may change.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rules adopted by the US Securities and Exchange Commission require the Fund to disclose whether the Fund's Audit Committee includes at least one member who is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of such Act and Rules. The Fund's Board has determined that there is at least one such financial expert on the Audit Committee and has designated each of Ann Torre Bates and David W. Niemiec as an audit committee financial expert. The Board believes that Ms. Bates and Mr. Niemiec qualify as such an expert in view of their extensive business background and experience. Ms. Bates has served as a member of the Fund Audit Committee since 2008. She currently serves as a director of Ares Capital Corporation (2010-present) and United Natural Foods, Inc. (2013-present) and was formerly a director of Navient Corporation from 2014 to 2016, SLM Corporation from 1997 to 2014 and Allied Capital Corporation from 2003 to 2010, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NHP Incorporated from 1995 to 1997 and Vice President and Treasurer of US Airways, Inc. until 1995. Mr. Niemiec has served as a member of the Fund Audit Committee since 2005, currently serves as an Advisor to Saratoga Partners and was formerly its Managing Director from 1998 to 2001 and serves as a director of Hess Midstream Partners LP (2017-present). Mr. Niemiec was formerly a director of Emeritus Corporation from 1999 to 2010 and OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 2006 to 2010, Managing Director of SBC Warburg Dillon Read from 1997 to 1998,

and was Vice Chairman from 1991 to 1997 and Chief Financial Officer from 1982 to 1997 of Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. As a result of such background and experience, the Board believes that Ms. Bates and Mr. Niemiec have each acquired an understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements, the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting estimates, accruals and reserves, and analyzing and evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues generally comparable to those of the Fund, as well as an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting and an understanding of audit committee functions. Ms. Bates and Mr. Niemiec are independent Board members as that term is defined under the applicable US Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Releases or the listing standards applicable to the Fund.

Shareholder Information

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The Fund's investment manager has established Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. Shareholders may view the Fund's complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at (954) 527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the US Securities and Exchange Commission's website at sec.gov and reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

Quarterly Consolidated Statement of

Investments

The Fund files a complete consolidated statement of investments with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's website at sec.gov. The filed form may also be viewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

1. Each holder of shares (a Shareholder) in Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. (the Fund) whose Fund shares are registered in his or her own name will automatically be a participant in the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the Plan), unless any such Shareholder specifically elects in writing to receive all dividends and capital gains in cash, paid by check, mailed directly to the Shareholder. A Shareholder whose shares are registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (the Nominee) will be a participant if (a) such a service is provided by the Nominee and (b) the Nominee makes an election on behalf of the Shareholder to participate in the Plan. Nominees intend to make such an election on behalf of Shareholders whose shares are registered in their names, as Nominee, unless a Shareholder specifically instructs his or her Nominee to pay dividends and capital gains in cash. American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC (AST) will act as Plan Administrator and will open an account for each participating shareholder (participant) under the Plan in the same name as that in which the participant s present shares are registered.

2. Whenever the Fund declares a distribution from capital gains or an income dividend payable in either cash or shares of the Fund (Fund shares), if the market price per share on the valuation date equals or exceeds the net asset value per share, participants will receive such dividend or distribution entirely in Fund shares, and AST shall automatically receive such Fund shares for participant accounts including aggregate fractions. The number of additional Fund shares to be credited to participant accounts shall be determined by dividing the equivalent dollar amount of the capital gains distribution or dividend payable to participants by the Fund s net asset value per share of the Fund shares on the valuation date, provided that the Fund shall not issue such shares at a price lower than 95% of the current market price per share. The valuation date will be the payable date for such distribution or dividend.

3. Whenever the Fund declares a distribution from capital gains or an income dividend payable only in cash, or if the Fund s net asset value per share exceeds the market price per share on the valuation date, AST shall apply the amount of such dividend or distribution payable to participants to the purchase of Fund shares on the open market (less their pro rata share of trading fees incurred with respect to open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of such dividend or distribution). If, before AST has completed its purchases, the market price exceeds the net asset value per share, the average per share purchase price paid by AST may exceed the net asset value of the Fund s shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer shares than if the dividend or capital gains distribution had been paid in shares issued by the Fund at net asset value per share. Such purchases will be made promptly after the payable date for such dividend or distribution, and in no event more than 30 days after such date except where temporary curtailment or suspension of purchase is necessary to comply with applicable provisions of the Federal securities laws.

4. A participant has the option of submitting additional payments to AST, in any amounts of at least \$100, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per month, for the purchase of Fund shares for his or her account. These payments may be made electronically through www.astfinancial.com or by check payable to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC and sent to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC, P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10269-0560, Attention: Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. AST shall apply such payments (less a \$5.00 service charge and less a pro rata share of trading fees) to purchases of Fund shares on the open market, as discussed below in paragraph 6. AST shall make such purchases promptly on approximately the 15th of each month or, during a month in which a dividend or distribution is paid, beginning on the dividend payment date, and in no event more than 30 days after receipt, except where necessary to comply with provisions of Federal securities law. Any

voluntary payment received less than two business days before an investment date shall be invested during the following month unless there are more than 30 days until the next investment date, in which case such payment will be returned to the participant. AST shall return to the participant his or her entire voluntary cash payment upon written notice of withdrawal received by AST not less than 48 hours before such payment is to be invested. Such written

notice shall be sent to AST by the participant, as discussed below in paragraph 14.

5. For all purposes of the Plan: (a) the market price of the Fund's shares on a particular date shall be the last sale price on the New York Stock Exchange on that date if a business day and if not, on the preceding business day, or if there is no sale on such Exchange on such date, then the mean between the closing bid and asked quotations for such shares on such Exchange on such date, and (b) net asset value per share of the Fund's shares on a particular date shall be as determined by or on behalf of the Fund.

6. Open market purchases provided for above may be made on any securities exchange where Fund shares are traded, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions and may be on such terms as to price, delivery and otherwise as AST shall determine. Participant funds held by AST uninvested will not bear interest, and it is understood that, in any event, AST shall have no liability in connection with any inability to purchase Fund shares within 30 business days after the payable date for any dividend or distribution as herein provided, or with the timing of any purchases effected. AST shall have no responsibility as to the value of the Fund shares acquired for participant accounts. For the purposes of purchases in the open market, AST may aggregate purchases with those of other participants, and the average price (including trading fees) of all shares purchased by AST shall be the price per share allocable to all participants.

7. AST will hold shares acquired pursuant to this Plan, together with the shares of other participants acquired pursuant to this Plan, in its name or that of its nominee. AST will forward to participants any proxy solicitation material and will vote any shares so held for participants only in accordance with the proxies returned by participants to the Fund. Upon written request, AST will deliver to participants, without charge, a certificate or certificates for all or a portion of the full shares held by AST.

8. AST will confirm to participants each acquisition made for an account as soon as practicable but not later than 60 business days after the date thereof. AST will send to participants a detailed account statement showing total dividends and distributions, date of investment, shares acquired and price per share, and total shares of record for the account. Although participants may from time to time have an undivided fractional interest (computed to three decimal places) in a share of the Fund, no certificates for a fractional share will be issued. However, dividends and distributions on fractional shares will be credited to participant accounts. In the event of termination of an account under the Plan, AST will adjust for any such undivided fractional interest in cash at the market price of the Fund's shares on the date of termination.

9. Any share dividends or split shares distributed by the Fund on shares held by AST for participants will be credited to participant accounts. In the event that the Fund makes available to its shareholders transferable rights to purchase additional Fund shares or other securities, AST will sell such rights and apply the proceeds of the sale to the purchase of additional Fund shares for the participant accounts. The shares held for participants under the Plan will be added to underlying shares held by participants in calculating the number of rights to be issued.

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10. AST's service charge for capital gains or income dividend purchases will be paid by the Fund when shares are issued by the Fund or purchased on the open market. AST will deduct a \$5.00 service charge from each voluntary cash payment. Participants will be charged a pro rata share of trading fees on all open market purchases.

11. Participants may withdraw shares from such participant's account or terminate their participation under the Plan by notifying AST in writing. Such withdrawal or termination will be effective immediately if notice is received by AST not less than ten days prior to any dividend or distribution record date; otherwise such withdrawal or termination will be effective after the investment of any current dividend or distribution or voluntary cash payment. The Plan may be terminated by AST or the Fund upon 90 days' notice in writing mailed to participants. Upon any withdrawal or termination, AST will cause a certificate or certificates for the full shares held by AST for participants and cash adjustment for any fractional shares (valued at the market value of the shares at the time of withdrawal or termination) to be delivered to participants, less any trading fees. Alternatively, a participant may elect by written notice to AST to have AST sell part or all of the shares held for him and to remit the proceeds to him. AST is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 service charge and a trading fee of \$0.12 per share for this transaction from the proceeds. If a participant disposes of all shares registered in his name on the books of the Fund, AST may, at its option, terminate the participant's account or determine from the participant whether he wishes to continue his participation in the Plan.

12. These terms and conditions may be amended or supplemented by AST or the Fund at any time or times, except when necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law or the rules or policies of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, only by mailing to participants appropriate written notice at least 90 days prior to the effective date thereof. The amendment or supplement shall be deemed to be accepted by participants unless, prior to the effective date thereof, AST receives written notice of the termination of a participant account under the Plan. Any such amendment may include an appointment by AST in its place and stead of a successor Plan Administrator under these terms and conditions, with full power and authority to perform all or any of the acts to be performed by AST under these terms and conditions. Upon any such appointment of a Plan Administrator for the purpose of receiving dividends and distributions, the Fund will be authorized to pay to such successor Plan Administrator, for a participant's account, all dividends and distributions payable on Fund shares held in a participant's name or under the Plan for retention or application by such successor Plan Administrator as provided in these terms and conditions.

13. AST shall at all times act in good faith and agree to use its best efforts within reasonable limits to ensure the accuracy of all services performed under this Agreement and to comply with applicable law, but shall assume no responsibility and shall not be liable for loss or damage due to errors unless such error is caused by AST's negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct or that of its employees.

14. Any notice, instruction, request or election which by any provision of the Plan is required or permitted to be given or made by the participant to AST shall be in writing addressed to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC, P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10269-0560, or www.astfinancial.com or such other address as AST shall furnish to the participant, and shall have been deemed to be given or made when received by AST.

15. Any notice or other communication which by any provision of the Plan is required to be given by AST to the participant shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given for all purposes by being

deposited postage prepaid in a post office letter box addressed to the participant at his or her address as it shall last appear on AST's records. The participant agrees to notify AST promptly of any change of address.

16. These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as they may be amended from time to time.

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Investors should be aware that the value of investments made for the Fund may go down as well as up. Like any investment in securities, the value of the Fund's portfolio will be subject to the risk of loss from market, currency, economic, political and other factors. The Fund and its investors are not protected from such losses by the investment manager. Therefore, investors who cannot accept this risk should not invest in shares of the Fund.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

(a) The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

(c) N/A

(d) N/A

(f) Pursuant to Item 12(a)(1), the Registrant is attaching as an exhibit a copy of its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

(a) (1) The Registrant has an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee.

(2) The audit committee financial expert is David W. Niemiec and he is independent as defined under the relevant Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Releases.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

(a) Audit Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or for services that are normally provided by the principal accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements were \$51,036 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and \$50,883 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

(b) Audit-Related Fees

The aggregate fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of Item 4 were \$6,953 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and \$6,817 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The services for which these fees were paid included attestation services.

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for assurance and related services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of their financial statements.

(c) Tax Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for professional services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

(d) All Other Fees

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for products and services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant not reported in paragraphs (a)-(c) of Item 4.

There were no fees paid to the principal accountant for products and services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant other than services reported in paragraphs (a)-(c) of Item 4.

(e) (1) The registrant's audit committee is directly responsible for approving the services to be provided by the auditors, including:

(i) pre-approval of all audit and audit related services;

(ii) pre-approval of all non-audit related services to be provided to the Fund by the auditors;

(iii) pre-approval of all non-audit related services to be provided to the registrant by the auditors to the registrant's investment adviser or to any entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the registrant's investment adviser and that provides ongoing services to the registrant where the non-audit services relate directly to the operations or financial reporting of the registrant; and

(iv) establishment by the audit committee, if deemed necessary or appropriate, as an alternative to committee pre-approval of services to be provided by the auditors, as required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above, of policies and procedures to permit such services to be pre-approved by other means, such as through establishment of guidelines or by action of a designated member or members of the committee; provided the policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service and the committee is informed of each service and such policies and procedures do not include delegation of audit committee responsibilities, as contemplated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to management; subject, in the case of (ii) through (iv), to any waivers, exceptions or exemptions that may be available under applicable law or rules.

(e) (2) None of the services provided to the registrant described in paragraphs (b)-(d) of Item 4 were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of regulation S-X.

(f) No disclosures are required by this Item 4(f).

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees paid to the principal accountant for services rendered by the principal accountant to the registrant and the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant were \$6,953 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and \$6,817 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

(h) The registrant's audit committee of the board has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants

Members of the Audit Committee are: Ann Torre Bates, J. Michael Luttig, David W. Niemiec and Constantine D. Tseretopoulos

Item 6. Schedule of Investments. N/A

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

The board of directors of the Fund has delegated the authority to vote proxies related to the portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's investment manager Templeton Asset Management Ltd. in accordance with the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) adopted by the investment manager.

The investment manager has delegated its administrative duties with respect to the voting of proxies for securities to the Proxy Group within Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC (Proxy Group), an affiliate and wholly owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. All proxies received by the Proxy Group will be voted based upon the investment manager's instructions and/or policies. The investment manager votes proxies solely in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

To assist it in analyzing proxies of equity securities, the investment manager subscribes to Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. (ISS), an unaffiliated third-party corporate governance research service that provides in-depth analyses of shareholder meeting agendas, vote recommendations, vote execution services, ballot reconciliation services, recordkeeping and vote disclosure services. In addition, the investment manager subscribes to Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis), an unaffiliated third-party analytical research firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations on the shareholder meetings of publicly held U.S. companies, as well as a limited subscription to its international research. Also, the investment manager has a supplemental subscription to Egan-Jones Proxy Services (Egan-Jones), an unaffiliated

third party proxy advisory firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations. Although analyses provided by ISS, Glass Lewis, Egan-Jones, and/or another independent third party proxy service provider (each a Proxy Service) are thoroughly reviewed and considered in making a final voting decision, the investment manager does not consider recommendations from a Proxy Service or any third party to be determinative of the investment manager's ultimate decision. Rather, the investment manager exercises its independent judgment in making voting decisions. For most proxy proposals, the investment manager's evaluation should result in the same position being taken for all Funds. In some cases, however, the evaluation may result in a Fund voting differently, depending upon the nature and objective of the Fund, the composition of its portfolio and other factors. As a matter of policy, the officers, directors/trustees and employees of the investment manager and the Proxy Group will not be influenced by outside sources whose interests conflict with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. Efforts are made to resolve all conflicts in the best interests of the investment manager's clients. Material conflicts of interest are identified by the Proxy Group based upon analyses of client, distributor, broker-dealer and vendor lists, information periodically gathered from directors and officers, and information derived from other sources, including public filings. In situations where a material conflict of interest is identified, the Proxy Group may vote consistent with the voting recommendation of a Proxy Service; or send the proxy directly to the Fund's board or a committee of the board with the investment manager's recommendation regarding the vote for approval.

Where a material conflict of interest has been identified, but the items on which the investment manager's vote recommendations differ from a Proxy Service and relate specifically to (1) shareholder proposals regarding social or environmental issues, (2) Other Business without describing the matters that might be considered, or (3) items the investment manager wishes to vote in opposition to the recommendations of an issuer's management, the Proxy Group may defer to the vote recommendations of the investment manager rather than sending the proxy directly to the Fund's board or a board committee for approval.

To avoid certain potential conflicts of interest, the investment manager will employ echo voting, if possible, in the following instances: (1) when the Fund invests in an underlying fund in reliance on any one of Sections 12(d) (1) (E), (F), or (G) of the 1940 Act, the rules thereunder, or pursuant to a SEC exemptive order thereunder; (2) when the Fund invests uninvested cash in affiliated money market funds pursuant to the rules under the 1940 Act or any exemptive orders thereunder (/ cash sweep arrangement); or (3) when required pursuant to the Fund's governing documents or applicable law. Echo voting means that the investment manager will vote the shares in the same proportion as the vote of all of the other holders of the underlying fund's shares.

The recommendation of management on any issue is a factor that the investment manager considers in determining how proxies should be voted. However, the investment manager does not consider recommendations from management to be determinative of the investment

manager's ultimate decision. As a matter of practice, the votes with respect to most issues are cast in accordance with the position of the company's management. Each issue, however, is considered on its own merits, and the investment manager will not support the position of the company's management in any situation where it deems that the ratification of management's position would adversely affect the investment merits of owning that company's shares.

Engagement with issuers. The investment manager believes that engagement with issuers is important to good corporate governance and to assist in making proxy voting decisions. The investment manager may engage with issuers to discuss specific ballot items to be voted on in advance of an annual or special meeting to obtain further information or clarification on the proposals. The investment manager may also engage with management on a range of environmental, social or corporate governance issues throughout the year.

Investment manager's proxy voting policies and principles The investment manager has adopted general proxy voting guidelines, which are summarized below. These guidelines are not an exhaustive list of all the issues that may arise and the investment manager cannot anticipate all future situations. In all cases, each proxy and proposal (including both management and shareholder proposals) will be considered based on the relevant facts and circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Board of directors. The investment manager supports an independent, diverse board of directors, and prefers that key committees such as audit, nominating, and compensation committees be comprised of independent directors. The investment manager supports boards with strong risk management oversight. The investment manager will generally vote against management efforts to classify a board and will generally support proposals to declassify the board of directors. The investment manager will consider withholding votes from directors who have attended less than 75% of meetings without a valid reason. While generally in favor of separating Chairman and CEO positions, the investment manager will review this issue as well as proposals to restore or provide for cumulative voting on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration factors such as the company's corporate governance guidelines or provisions and performance. The investment manager generally will support non-binding shareholder proposals to require a majority vote standard for the election of directors; however, if these proposals are binding, the investment manager will give careful review on a case-by-case basis of the potential ramifications of such implementation.

In the event of a contested election, the investment manager will review a number of factors in making a decision including management's track record, the company's financial performance, qualifications of candidates on both slates, and the strategic plan of the dissidents and/or shareholder nominees.

Ratification of auditors of portfolio companies. The investment manager will closely scrutinize the independence, role and performance of auditors. On a case-by-case basis, the investment manager will examine proposals relating to non-audit

relationships and non-audit fees. The investment manager will also consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals to rotate auditors, and will vote against the ratification of auditors when there is clear and compelling evidence of a lack of independence, accounting irregularities or negligence. The investment manager may also consider whether the ratification of auditors has been approved by an appropriate audit committee that meets applicable composition and independence requirements.

Management and director compensation. A company's equity-based compensation plan should be in alignment with the shareholders' long-term interests. The investment manager believes that executive compensation should be directly linked to the performance of the company. The investment manager evaluates plans on a case-by-case basis by considering several factors to determine whether the plan is fair and reasonable, including the ISS quantitative model utilized to assess such plans and/or the Glass Lewis evaluation of the plans. The investment manager will generally oppose plans that have the potential to be excessively dilutive, and will almost always oppose plans that are structured to allow the repricing of underwater options, or plans that have an automatic share replenishment "evergreen" feature. The investment manager will generally support employee stock option plans in which the purchase price is at least 85% of fair market value, and when potential dilution is 10% or less.

Severance compensation arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, although the investment manager will generally oppose "golden parachutes" that are considered to be excessive. The investment manager will normally support proposals that require a percentage of directors' compensation to be in the form of common stock, as it aligns their interests with those of shareholders.

The investment manager will review non-binding say-on-pay proposals on a case-by-case basis, and will generally vote in favor of such proposals unless compensation is misaligned with performance and/or shareholders' interests, the company has not provided reasonably clear disclosure regarding its compensation practices, or there are concerns with the company's remuneration practices.

Anti-takeover mechanisms and related issues. The investment manager generally opposes anti-takeover measures since they tend to reduce shareholder rights. However, as with all proxy issues, the investment manager conducts an independent review of each anti-takeover proposal. On occasion, the investment manager may vote with management when the research analyst has concluded that the proposal is not onerous and would not harm the Fund or its shareholders' interests. The investment manager generally supports proposals that require shareholder rights plans ("poison pills") to be subject to a shareholder vote and will closely evaluate such plans on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not they warrant support. In addition, the investment manager will generally vote against any proposal to issue stock that has unequal or subordinate voting rights. The investment manager generally opposes any supermajority voting requirements as well as the payment of "greenmail." The investment manager generally supports "fair price" provisions and confidential voting. The investment manager will review a company's proposal to reincorporate to a different state or country on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration financial

benefits such as tax treatment as well as comparing corporate governance provisions and general business laws that may result from the change in domicile.

Changes to capital structure. The investment manager realizes that a company's financing decisions have a significant impact on its shareholders, particularly when they involve the issuance of additional shares of common or preferred stock or the assumption of additional debt. The investment manager will review, on a case-by-case basis, proposals by companies to increase authorized shares and the purpose for the increase. The investment manager will generally not vote in favor of dual-class capital structures to increase the number of authorized shares where that class of stock would have superior voting rights. The investment manager will generally vote in favor of the issuance of preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock issuance are deemed reasonable. The investment manager will review proposals seeking preemptive rights on a case-by-case basis.

Mergers and corporate restructuring. Mergers and acquisitions will be subject to careful review by the research analyst to determine whether they would be beneficial to shareholders. The investment manager will analyze various economic and strategic factors in making the final decision on a merger or acquisition. Corporate restructuring proposals are also subject to a thorough examination on a case-by-case basis.

Environmental and social issues. The investment manager considers environmental and social issues alongside traditional financial measures to provide a more comprehensive view of the value, risk and return potential of an investment. Companies may face significant financial, legal and reputational risks resulting from poor environmental and social practices, or negligent oversight of environmental or social issues. Franklin Templeton's Responsible Investment Principles and Policies describes the investment manager's approach to consideration of environmental, social and governance issues within the investment manager's processes and ownership practices.

In the investment manager's experience, those companies that are managed well are often effective in dealing with the relevant environmental and social issues that pertain to their business. As such, the investment manager will generally give management discretion with regard to environmental and social issues. However, in cases where management and the board have not demonstrated adequate efforts to mitigate material environmental or social risks, have engaged in inappropriate or illegal conduct, or have failed to adequately address current or emergent risks that threaten shareholder value, the investment manager may choose to support well-crafted shareholder proposals that serve to promote or protect shareholder value. This may include seeking appropriate disclosure regarding material environmental and social issues. The investment manager will review shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis and may support those that serve to enhance value or mitigate risk, are drafted appropriately, and do not

disrupt the course of business or require a disproportionate or inappropriate use of company resources.

The investment manager will consider supporting a shareholder proposal seeking disclosure and greater board oversight of lobbying and corporate political contributions if the investment manager believes that there is evidence of inadequate oversight by the company's board, if the company's current disclosure is significantly deficient, or if the disclosure is notably lacking in comparison to the company's peers.

Governance matters. The investment manager generally supports the right of shareholders to call special meetings and act by written consent. However, the investment manager will review such shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis in an effort to ensure that such proposals do not disrupt the course of business or require a disproportionate or inappropriate use of company resources.

Proxy access. In cases where the investment manager is satisfied with company performance and the responsiveness of management, it will generally vote against shareholder proxy access proposals not supported by management. In other instances, the investment manager will consider such proposals on a case-by-case basis, taking into account factors such as the size of the company, ownership thresholds and holding periods, nomination limits (e.g., number of candidates that can be nominated), the intentions of the shareholder proponent, and shareholder base.

Global corporate governance. Many of the tenets discussed above are applied to the investment manager's proxy voting decisions for international investments. However, the investment manager must be flexible in these worldwide markets. Principles of good corporate governance may vary by country, given the constraints of a country's laws and acceptable practices in the markets. As a result, it is on occasion difficult to apply a consistent set of governance practices to all issuers. As experienced money managers, the investment manager's analysts are skilled in understanding the complexities of the regions in which they specialize and are trained to analyze proxy issues germane to their regions.

The investment manager will generally attempt to process every proxy it receives for all domestic and foreign securities. However, there may be situations in which the investment manager may be unable to successfully vote a proxy, or may choose not to vote a proxy, such as where: (i) a proxy ballot was not received from the custodian bank; (ii) a meeting notice was received too late; (iii) there are fees imposed upon the exercise of a vote and it is determined that such fees outweigh the benefit of voting; (iv) there are legal encumbrances to voting, including blocking restrictions in certain markets that preclude the ability to dispose of a security if the investment manager votes a proxy or where the investment manager is prohibited from voting by applicable law, economic or other sanctions, or other regulatory or market requirements, including but not limited to, effective Powers of Attorney; (v) additional documentation or the disclosure of beneficial owner details is required; (vi) the investment manager held shares on the record date but has sold them prior to the meeting date; (vii) a proxy voting service is not offered by the custodian in the market;

(viii) due to either system error or human error, the investment manager's intended vote is not correctly submitted; (ix) the investment manager believes it is not in the best interest of the Fund or its shareholders to vote the proxy for any other reason not enumerated herein; or (x) a security is subject to a securities lending or similar program that has transferred legal title to the security to another person.

In some non-U.S. jurisdictions, even if the investment manager uses reasonable efforts to vote a proxy on behalf of the Fund, such vote or proxy may be rejected because of (a) operational or procedural issues experienced by one or more third parties involved in voting proxies in such jurisdictions; (b) changes in the process or agenda for the meeting by the issuer for which the investment manager does not have sufficient notice; or (c) the exercise by the issuer of its discretion to reject the vote of the investment manager. In addition, despite the best efforts of the Proxy Group and its agents, there may be situations where the investment manager's votes are not received, or properly tabulated, by an issuer or the issuer's agent.

The investment manager or its affiliates may, on behalf of one or more of the proprietary registered investment companies advised by the investment manager or its affiliates, determine to use its best efforts to recall any security on loan where the investment manager or its affiliates (a) learn of a vote on a material event that may affect a security on loan and (b) determine that it is in the best interests of such proprietary registered investment companies to recall the security for voting purposes.

Procedures for meetings involving fixed income securities. From time to time, certain custodians may process events for fixed income securities through their proxy voting channels rather than corporate action channels for administrative convenience. In such cases, the Proxy Group will receive ballots for such events on the ISS voting platform. The Proxy Group will solicit voting instructions from the investment manager for each Fund involved. If the Proxy Group does not receive voting instructions from the investment manager, the Proxy Group will take no action on the event. The investment manager may be unable to vote a proxy for a fixed income security, or may choose not to vote a proxy, for the reasons described under the section entitled Proxy Procedures.

The Proxy Group will monitor such meetings involving fixed income securities for conflicts of interest in accordance with these procedures for fixed income securities. If a fixed income issuer is flagged as a potential conflict of interest, the investment manager may nonetheless vote as it deems in the best interests of the Fund. The investment manager will report such decisions on an annual basis to the Fund board as may be required.

Shareholders may view the complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at (954) 527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are

available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. The proxy voting records are updated each year by August 31 to reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

(a) (1) As of February 26, 2017, the portfolio managers of the Fund are as follows:

Eddie Chow, *Investment Analyst of Templeton Asset Management Ltd.*

Mr. Chow has primary responsibility for the investments of the Fund. He has final authority over all aspects of the Fund's investment portfolio, including but not limited to, purchases and sales of individual securities, portfolio risk assessment, and the management of daily cash balances in accordance with anticipated management requirements. The degree to which he may perform these functions, and the nature of these functions, may change from time to time. Mr. Chow joined Franklin Templeton Investments in 1994.

(a)(2) This section reflects information about the portfolio managers as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The following table shows the number of other accounts managed by each portfolio manager and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category:

Name	Number of Other Registered Investment Companies Managed	Assets of Other Registered Investment Companies Managed (x \$1 million)	Number of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed ¹	Assets of Other Pooled Investment Vehicles Managed (x \$1 million) ¹	Number of Other Accounts Managed ¹	Assets of Other Accounts Managed (x \$1 million) ¹
Eddie Chow	1	317.4	1	546.1	3	23.0

1. The various pooled investment vehicles and accounts listed are managed by a team of investment professionals. Accordingly, the portfolio manager listed would not be solely responsible for managing such listed amounts. Portfolio managers that provide investment services to the Fund may also provide services to a variety of other investment products, including other funds, institutional accounts and private accounts. The advisory fees for some of such other products and accounts may be different than that charged to the Fund and may include performance based compensation (as noted, in the chart above, if any). This may result in fees that are higher (or lower) than the advisory fees paid by the Fund. As a matter of policy, each fund or account is managed solely for the benefit of the beneficial owners thereof. As discussed below, the separation of the trading execution function from the portfolio management function and the application of objectively based trade allocation procedures help to mitigate potential conflicts of interest that may arise as a result of the portfolio managers managing accounts with different advisory fees.

Conflicts. The management of multiple funds, including the Fund, and accounts may also give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and other accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons, and fees as the portfolio manager must allocate his or her time and investment ideas across multiple funds and accounts. The investment manager seeks to manage such competing interests for the time and attention of portfolio managers by having portfolio managers focus on a particular investment discipline. Most other accounts managed by a portfolio manager are managed using the same investment strategies that are used in connection with the management of the Fund. Accordingly, portfolio holdings, position sizes, and industry and sector exposures tend to be similar across similar portfolios, which may minimize the potential for conflicts of interest. As noted above, the separate management of the trade execution and valuation functions from the portfolio management process also helps to reduce potential conflicts of interest. However, securities selected for funds or accounts other than the Fund may outperform the securities selected for the Fund. Moreover, if a portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for more than one fund or other account, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to an allocation of that opportunity across all eligible funds and other accounts. The investment manager seeks to manage such potential conflicts by using procedures intended to provide a fair allocation of buy and sell opportunities among funds and other accounts.

The structure of a portfolio manager's compensation may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. A portfolio manager's base pay and bonus tend to increase with additional and more complex responsibilities that include increased assets under management. As such, there may be a relationship between a portfolio manager's marketing or sales efforts and his or her bonus.

Finally, the management of personal accounts by a portfolio manager may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. While the funds and the investment manager have adopted a code of ethics which they believe contains provisions designed to prevent a wide range of prohibited activities by portfolio managers and others with respect to their personal trading activities, there can be no assurance that the code of ethics addresses all individual conduct that could result in conflicts of interest.

The investment manager and the Fund have adopted certain compliance procedures that are designed to address these, and other, types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation where a conflict arises.

Compensation. The investment manager seeks to maintain a compensation program that is competitively positioned to attract, retain and motivate top-quality investment professionals. Portfolio managers receive a base salary, a cash incentive bonus opportunity, an equity compensation opportunity, and a benefits package. Portfolio manager compensation is reviewed annually and the level of compensation is based on individual performance, the salary range for a portfolio manager's level of responsibility and Franklin Templeton guidelines. Portfolio managers are provided no financial incentive to favor one

fund or account over another. Each portfolio manager's compensation consists of the following three elements:

Base salary Each portfolio manager is paid a base salary.

Annual bonus Annual bonuses are structured to align the interests of the portfolio manager with those of the Fund's shareholders. Each portfolio manager is eligible to receive an annual bonus. Bonuses generally are split between cash and equity which vest over a three-year period. The deferred equity-based compensation is intended to build a vested interest of the portfolio manager in the mutual funds they advise. The bonus plan seeks to provide a competitive level of annual bonus compensation, commensurate with the portfolio manager's consistently strong investment performance. In accordance with Franklin Templeton guidelines, the Chief Investment Officer and/or other officers of the investment manager who also bear responsibility for the account, have discretion in the granting of annual bonuses. The following factors are generally considered when determining bonuses:

Stock selection. The quality and success of a portfolio manager's purchase and sale recommendations are considered when granting bonus awards.

Investment performance. Primary consideration is given to the performance of their portfolios relative to those portfolios with similar objectives and restrictions.

Non-investment performance. The more qualitative contributions of a portfolio manager to the company's business and the investment management team, such as superior client service, are evaluated in determining the amount of any bonus award.

Responsibilities. The characteristics and complexity of accounts managed by the portfolio manager are factored in the manager's appraisal.

Research. Where the portfolio management team also has research responsibilities, each portfolio manager is evaluated on productivity and quality of recommendations over time.

Additional long-term equity-based compensation Portfolio managers may also be awarded restricted shares or units of Franklin Resources stock or restricted shares or units of one or more mutual funds. Vesting of such deferred equity-based compensation awards is subject to achievement of key corporate and investment management metrics, designed to retain key talent through attractive incentives, whilst maintaining line of sight to both corporate and Fund performance.

Portfolio managers also participate in benefit plans and programs available generally to all employees of the investment manager.

Ownership of Fund shares. The investment manager has a policy of encouraging portfolio managers to invest in the funds they manage. Exceptions arise when, for example, a fund is closed to new investors or when tax considerations or jurisdictional constraints cause such an

investment to be inappropriate for the portfolio manager. The following is the dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by each portfolio manager (such amounts may change from time to time):

Portfolio Manager	Dollar Range of Fund Shares Beneficially Owned
Eddie Chow	None

Note: Because the portfolio manager is a foreign national, they do not hold shares in this U.S. registered fund, however they own shares in other similar Franklin Templeton funds managed by them, registered offshore and appropriate for foreign nationals.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Program	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
Month #1 (7/1/17 - 7/31/17)				34,228,891.00
Month #2 (8/1/17 - 8/29/17)				34,228,891.00
Month #3 (9/1/17 - 9/30/17)				34,228,891.00
Month #4 (10/1/17 - 10/31/17)				34,228,891.00
Month #5 (11/1/17 - 11/30/17)				34,228,891.00
Month #6 (12/1/17 - 12/31/17)	70,665.000	21.13	70,665.000	34,228,891.00
Total	70,665.000		70,665.000	34,158,226.00

- The Board previously authorized an open-market share repurchase program pursuant to which the Fund may purchase, from time to time, Fund shares in open-market transactions, at the discretion of management. Effective February 26, 2013, the Board approved a modification to the Fund's previously announced open-market share repurchase program to authorize the Fund to repurchase up to 10% of the Fund's shares outstanding in open market transactions as of that date, at the discretion of management. Since the inception of the program, the Fund had repurchased a total of 8,981,101 shares.

Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

There have been no changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's Board of Directors that would require disclosure herein.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

(a) **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.** The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) **Changes in Internal Controls.** There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could materially affect the internal controls over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR.

Item 12. Exhibits.

(a) (1) Code of Ethics

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Matthew T. Hinkle, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Robert G. Kubilis, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Matthew T. Hinkle, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Robert G. Kubilis, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.

By /s/ MATTHEW T. HINKLE
Matthew T. Hinkle
Chief Executive Officer
Finance and Administration

Date February 26, 2018

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/ MATTHEW T. HINKLE
Matthew T. Hinkle
Chief Executive Officer
Finance and Administration

Date February 26, 2018

By /s/ ROBERT G. KUBILIS
Robert G. Kubilis
Chief Financial Officer and
Chief Accounting Officer

Date February 26, 2018