

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 JOHNSON CHARLES B

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 09/30/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$10 | 04/18/2007 | Â | J4 ⁽¹⁾ | 600,000 D \$ ⁽¹⁾ | 2,400,000 ⁽⁷⁾ | I | <u> </u> ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock, par value \$10 | 04/18/2007 | Â | J4 ⁽²⁾ | 272,300 A \$ 132.99 | 272,300 ⁽⁷⁾ | I | <u> </u> ⁽⁴⁾ |

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| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 36,073,594 (7) | D | ^ |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 60 (7) | I | _(5) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 3,363,675 (7) | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 6,764.239 (6) | I | By 401(k) |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I |
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| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | (A) (D) | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON CHARLES B C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403 | ^ X | ^ X | ^ Chairman of the Board | ^ |

Signatures

/s/ Charles B.
Johnson

12/26/2007

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Pro-rata distribution to its partners by a limited partnership of which the general partner is a corporation that was owned by the Reporting Person. No consideration was received in respect thereof.
- (2) Acquisition in good faith in connection with a debt previously contracted, and therefore exempt under Section 16(b). The acquisition was by an entity for which the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Held by limited partnership of which the general partner is a corporation owned by a trust of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee and beneficiary. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (4) Held by a trust of which the Reporting Person's spouse is the lifetime beneficiary. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (5) Held by a corporation owned by a trust of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee and beneficiary. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (6) Reporting Person holds shares in Franklin Templeton Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of September 15, 2007.
- (7) Beneficial ownership at end of Issuer's fiscal year, September 30, 2007.

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