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3. Exact name of investment company as specified in registration statement:

Franklin Universal Trust

4. Address of principal executive office: (number, street, city, state, zip
code)

One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Trustees of:

Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust
Templeton Global Investment Trust
Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust
Franklin Strategic Series
Franklin High Income Trust
Franklin Money Fund
Franklin Templeton Money Fund Trust
Institutional Fiduciary Trust
Franklin Global Trust
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund
Franklin Universal Trust
Templeton China World Fund
Templeton Emerging Markets Fund
Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund
Templeton Global Income Fund
Templeton Income Trust
Franklin Custodian Funds
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Investors Securities Trust
Franklin Templeton Global Trust
Franklin Value Investors Trust
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Franklin Templeton Fund Allocator Series
Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust
Templeton Institutional Funds

and the Board of Directors of

Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.
Templeton Russia and East European Fund, Inc.

The Franklin Templeton Funds:

We have examined management's assertion, included in the accompanying Management Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, that the funds (see Attachment I),

(hereafter referred to as the “Funds”) complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“the Act”) as of February 28, 2010. Management is responsible for the Funds' compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Funds' compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Funds' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Included among our procedures were the following tests performed as of February 28, 2010, and with respect to agreement of security purchases and sales, for the periods indicated in Attachment I:

- Without prior notice to management, confirmation of all securities held by Franklin Templeton Investors Services, Inc., transfer agent, as they pertain to the security positions owned by the Funds and held in book entry form.
- Reconciliation of such security positions to the books and records of the Funds and Franklin Templeton Investor Services, Inc.
- Agreement of 100 security purchases and 100 security sales, since our last report, from the books and records of the Funds to the records of the transfer agent.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Funds' compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Funds were in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of February 28, 2010 with respect to securities reflected in the investment accounts of the Funds is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of, management, the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors and the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

/S/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

San Francisco, California

July 20, 2010



Management Statement Regarding Compliance With Certain
Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940

We, as members of management of the Franklin Templeton Funds indicated in Attachment I (the “Funds”), are responsible for complying with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2, “Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies,” of the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are also responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls over compliance with those requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Funds’ compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Rule 17f-2, as interpreted in Franklin Investors Securities Trust SEC No-Action Letter (publicly available September 24, 1992), and subsection (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as of February 28, 2010, and for the periods indicated in Attachment I.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Funds were in compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Rule 17f-2, as interpreted in Franklin Investors Securities Trust SEC No-Action Letter (publicly available September 24, 1992), and subsection (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as of February 28, 2010, and for the periods indicated in Attachment I, with respect to securities reflected in the investment accounts of the Funds.

By:

/S/ GASTON GARDEY

Gaston Gardey

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Franklin Funds Board

7/13/10

Date

/S/ MARK H. OTANI

Mark H. Otani

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Templeton Funds Board

7/20/10

Date



/S/ MATTHEW T. HINKLE

Matthew T. Hinkle

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Franklin New Jersey Funds Board

7/20/10

Date

/S/ LAURA F. FERGERSON

Laura F. Ferguson

Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration

7/15/10

Date

Attachment I

| Fund | Period |
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| Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Global Investment Trust: | |
| Templeton BRIC Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Frontier Markets Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Income Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |

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Templeton Russia and East European Fund, Inc. October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust:

 Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Strategic Series:

 Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Natural Resources Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

 Franklin Strategic Income Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin High Income Trust:

 Franklin High Income Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Money Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Templeton Money Fund Trust:

 Franklin Templeton Money Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Institutional Fiduciary Trust:

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Money Market Portfolio

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Global Trust:

Franklin Large Cap Equity Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin International Growth Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

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Franklin Templeton Emerging Market
Debt Opportunities Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Universal Trust

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton China World Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton Emerging Markets Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton Global Income Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton Income Trust:

Templeton Global Bond Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton Global Total Return Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton International Bond Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Custodian Funds:

Franklin DynaTech Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Growth Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Income Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Utilities Fund

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Franklin Investors Securities Trust:

Franklin Templeton Fund Allocator Series:

Franklin Templeton 2015 Retirement Target Fund October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

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| Franklin Templeton 2025 Retirement Target Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton 2035 Retirement Target Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton 2045 Retirement Target Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Corefolio Allocation Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Founding Funds Allocation Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Perspectives Allocation Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust:

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| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Founding Funds Allocation Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Large Cap Value Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Rising Dividends Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Small Cap Value Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Franklin Strategic Income Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Developing Markets Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Foreign Securities Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |
| Templeton Global Asset Allocation Fund | October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010 |

Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Templeton Institutional Funds:

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Foreign Equity Series

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010

Emerging Markets Series

October 31, 2009 - February 28, 2010
