

FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST
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FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05569

Franklin Universal Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Craig S. Tyle, One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 650/312-2000

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 05/31/09

Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

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MAY 31, 2009

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

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	COUNTRY

COMMON STOCKS 34.3%	
AUTOMOBILES & COMPONENTS 0.0%(a)	
(b,c) Harvard Industries Inc.	United States
COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 0.0%	
(b,d) VS Holdings Inc.	United States
ENERGY 1.1%	
Spectra Energy Corp.	United States
UTILITIES 33.2%	
Alliant Energy Corp.	United States
Ameren Corp.	United States
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	United States
Atmos Energy Corp.	United States
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	United States
Constellation Energy Group	United States
Dominion Resources Inc.	United States
Duke Energy Corp.	United States
Edison International	United States
Entergy Corp.	United States
Exelon Corp.	United States
FirstEnergy Corp.	United States
FPL Group Inc.	United States
Great Plains Energy Inc.	United States
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	United States
Progress Energy Inc.	United States
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	United States
Sempra Energy	United States
The Southern Co.	United States
Westar Energy Inc.	United States
Wisconsin Energy Corp.	United States
Xcel Energy Inc.	United States
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (COST \$42,693,903)	
PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$214,420) 0.2%	
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS 0.2%	
(e) Preferred Blocker Inc., 9.00%, pfd., 144A	United States
(g) SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (COST \$1,356,561) 0.8%	
MATERIALS 0.8%	
Novelis Corp., US Term Loan, 3.22%, 7/07/14	United States
CORPORATE BONDS 94.1%	
AUTOMOBILES & COMPONENTS 3.8%	
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC,	
7.80%, 6/01/12	United States
senior note, 9.875%, 8/10/11	United States
(e) TRW Automotive Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 3/15/17	United States

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	COUNTRY

CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED)	
CAPITAL GOODS 5.1%	
(e) Allison Transmission Inc., senior note, 144A, 11.00%, 11/01/15	United States
Case New Holland Inc., senior note, 7.125%, 3/01/14	United States
L-3 Communications Corp., senior sub. note, 6.375%, 10/15/15	United States
RBS Global & Rexnord Corp., senior note, 9.50%, 8/01/14	United States
RSC Equipment Rental Inc., senior note, 9.50%, 12/01/14	United States
COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2.1%	
ARAMARK Corp., senior note, 8.50%, 2/01/15	United States
Iron Mountain Inc., senior sub. note, 8.75%, 7/15/18	United States
JohnsonDiversey Inc., senior sub. note, B, 9.625%, 5/15/12	United States
CONSUMER DURABLES & APPAREL 3.4%	
Jarden Corp., senior sub. note, 7.50%, 5/01/17	United States
Jostens IH Corp., senior sub. note, 7.625%, 10/01/12	United States
KB Home, senior note,	
6.25%, 6/15/15	United States
7.25%, 6/15/18	United States
Visant Holding Corp., senior note, 8.75%, 12/01/13	United States
CONSUMER SERVICES 4.2%	
(d,h) Atherton Franchise Capital, 13.073%, 12/01/08	United States
(e,h) Fontainebleau Las Vegas, 144A, 10.25%, 6/15/15	United States
(e,i) Harrah's Operating Escrow, senior secured note, 144A, 11.25%, 6/01/17	United States
Host Hotels & Resorts LP, senior note, M, 7.00%, 8/15/12	United States
MGM MIRAGE, senior note,	
6.875%, 4/01/16	United States
7.50%, 6/01/16	United States
Pinnacle Entertainment Inc., senior sub. note, 8.25%, 3/15/12	United States
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., senior note, 6.875%, 12/01/13	United States
(h) Station Casinos Inc.,	
senior note, 7.75%, 8/15/16	United States
senior sub. note, 6.50%, 2/01/14	United States
senior sub. note, 6.875%, 3/01/16	United States

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DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS 1.9%		
(e) GMAC LLC, senior note, 144A, 6.875%, 8/28/12		United States
ENERGY 13.5%		
Berry Petroleum Co., senior note, 10.25%, 6/01/14		United States
Chesapeake Energy Corp., senior note, 6.25%, 1/15/18		United States
Compagnie Generale de Geophysique-Veritas, senior note,		
7.50%, 5/15/15		France
7.75%, 5/15/17		France
Copano Energy LLC, senior note, 8.125%, 3/01/16		United States

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CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED)	
ENERGY (CONTINUED)	
El Paso Corp., senior note, 12.00%, 12/12/13	United States
Mariner Energy Inc., senior note, 7.50%, 4/15/13	United States
MarkWest Energy Partners LP, senior note, 6.875%, 11/01/14	United States
(e) Petroplus Finance Ltd., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 5/01/14	Switzerland
Plains Exploration & Production Co., senior note, 7.625%, 6/01/18	United States
Quicksilver Resources Inc., senior note, 8.25%, 8/01/15	United States
(e) SandRidge Energy Inc., senior note, 144A, 8.00%, 6/01/18	United States
Tesoro Corp., senior note, 6.50%, 6/01/17	United States
The Williams Cos. Inc., senior note, 8.75%, 3/15/32	United States
FOOD & STAPLES RETAILING 0.9%	
SUPERVALU Inc., senior note, 8.00%, 5/01/16	United States
FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO 3.6%	
Altria Group Inc., senior bond, 9.25%, 8/06/19	United States
Dean Foods Inc., senior note, 7.00%, 6/01/16	United States
(e) Dole Food Co. Inc, senior note, 144A, 13.875%, 3/15/14	United States
(e) JBS USA LLC, senior note, 144A, 11.625%, 5/01/14	United States
Smithfield Foods Inc., senior note, 7.75%,	
5/15/13	United States
7/01/17	United States
(e) Tyson Foods Inc., senior note, 144A, 10.50%, 3/01/14	United States
HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES 8.7%	
FMC Finance III SA, senior note, 6.875%, 7/15/17	Germany
(e) Fresenius US Finance II, senior note, 144A, 9.00%, 7/15/15	Germany
HCA Inc.,	

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	senior note, 6.50%, 2/15/16	United States
(j)	senior secured note, PIK, 9.625%, 11/15/16	United States
	Tenet Healthcare Corp., senior note, 7.375%, 2/01/13	United States
(g, j)	U.S. Oncology Holdings Inc., senior note, PIK, FRN, 6.904%, 3/15/12	United States
(j)	United Surgical Partners International Inc., senior sub. note, PIK, 9.25%, 5/01/17	United States
	Vanguard Health Holding Co. II LLC, senior sub. note, 9.00%, 10/01/14	United States
MATERIALS 11.3%		
(e)	Anglo American Capital PLC, senior note, 144A, 9.375%, 4/08/14	United Kingdom
	ArcelorMittal, senior note, 9.85%, 6/01/19	Luxembourg
	Crown Americas Inc., senior note, 7.75%, 11/15/15	United States
	Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., senior note, 8.375%, 4/01/17	United States
	Huntsman International LLC, senior sub. note, 7.875%, 11/15/14	United States
(e)	Ineos Group Holdings PLC, senior secured note, 144A, 8.50%, 2/15/16	United Kingdom
(e)	MacDermid Inc., senior sub. note, 144A, 9.50%, 4/15/17	United States

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CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED)		
MATERIALS (CONTINUED)		
	Nalco Co., senior sub. note, 8.875%, 11/15/13	United States
	NewPage Corp., senior secured note, 10.00%, 5/01/12	United States
	Owens-Brockway Glass Container Inc., senior note, 6.75%, 12/01/14	United States
	Solo Cup Co., senior sub. note, 8.50%, 2/15/14	United States
(e)	Teck Resources Ltd., secured senior note, 144A, 10.75%, 5/15/19	Canada
MEDIA 11.8%		
(h)	CanWest Media Inc., senior sub. note, 8.00%, 9/15/12	Canada
(h, k)	CCH I LLC, senior secured note, 11.00%, 10/01/15	United States
(h, k)	CCH II LLC, senior note, 10.25%, 9/15/10	United States
	CSC Holdings Inc., senior note, 6.75%, 4/15/12	United States
(e)	144A, 8.50%, 4/15/14	United States
(h, k)	Dex Media Inc., senior disc. note, 9.00%, 11/15/13	United States
	senior note, B, 8.00%, 11/15/13	United States
(h, k)	Dex Media West Finance, senior sub. note, 9.875%, 8/15/13	United States
	DIRECTV Holdings LLC, senior note, 7.625%, 5/15/16	United States
	EchoStar DBS Corp., senior note, 7.125%, 2/01/16	United States
(h)	Idearc Inc., senior note, 8.00%, 11/15/16	United States
	Lamar Media Corp., senior sub. note, B, 6.625%, 8/15/15	United States
	LIN Television Corp., senior sub. note, 6.50%, 5/15/13	United States
	Quebecor Media Inc., senior note, 7.75%, 3/15/16	Canada

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Radio One Inc., senior sub. note, 6.375%, 2/15/13	United States
(e, j) Univision Communications Inc., senior note, 144A, PIK, 10.50%, 3/15/15 ...	United States
(e) UPC Holding BV, senior note, 144A, 9.875%, 4/15/18	Netherlands
(e) WMG Acquisition Corp., senior secured note, 144A, 9.50%, 6/15/16	United States
REAL ESTATE 0.2%	
Forest City Enterprises Inc., senior note, 7.625%, 6/01/15	United States
RETAILING 1.4%	
Michaels Stores Inc., senior note, 10.00%, 11/01/14	United States
SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT 0.3%	
Freescale Semiconductor Inc., senior note, 8.875%, 12/15/14	United States
SOFTWARE & SERVICES 2.3%	
First Data Corp., senior note, 9.875%, 9/24/15	United States
SunGard Data Systems Inc.,	
senior note, 9.125%, 8/15/13	United States
senior sub. note, 10.25%, 8/15/15	United States

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	COUNTRY

CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED)	
TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & EQUIPMENT 2.0%	
Celestica Inc., senior sub. note, 7.625%, 7/01/13	Canada
(e, h) Nortel Networks Ltd., senior note, 144A, 10.75%, 7/15/16	Canada
Sanmina-SCI Corp.,	
(e, g) senior note, 144A, FRN, 4.07%, 6/15/14	United States
senior sub. note, 6.75%, 3/01/13	United States
senior sub. note, 8.125%, 3/01/16	United States
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 9.0%	
(e) CC Holdings GS V LLC, senior secured note, 144A, 7.75%, 5/01/17	United States
Crown Castle International Corp., senior note, 9.00%, 1/15/15	United States
(e) Digicel Group Ltd., senior note, 144A, 8.875%, 1/15/15	Jamaica
Inmarsat Finance PLC, senior note, 10.375%, 11/15/12	United Kingdom
Intelsat Bermuda Ltd., senior note, 11.25%, 6/15/16	Bermuda
(e) Intelsat Subsidiary Holding Co. Ltd., senior note, 144A, 8.50%, 1/15/13 ..	Bermuda
MetroPCS Wireless Inc., senior note, 9.25%, 11/01/14	United States
Qwest Communications International Inc., senior note, 7.50%, 2/15/14	United States
(e) Wind Acquisition Finance SA, senior note, 144A, 10.75%, 12/01/15	Italy

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TRANSPORTATION 0.7%		
(e) Ceva Group PLC, senior note, 144A, 10.00%, 9/01/14		United Kingdom
UTILITIES 7.9%		
The AES Corp., senior note, 8.00%, 6/01/20		United States
Ameren Corp., senior note, 8.875%, 5/15/14		United States
Aquila Inc., senior note, 11.875%, 7/01/12		United States
Dynegy Holdings Inc., senior note, 8.75%, 2/15/12		United States
Edison Mission Energy, senior note, 7.00%, 5/15/17		United States
NRG Energy Inc., senior note, 7.375%, 2/01/16		United States
1/15/17		United States
Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co. LLC, senior note, A, 10.25%, 11/01/15		United States
TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (COST \$151,234,667)		
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES (COST \$216,713) 0.1%		
Eskom Holdings Ltd., 11.00%, 6/01/09		South Africa
TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$195,716,264)		

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	COUNTRY

SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$993,662) 0.8%	
MONEY MARKET FUNDS 0.8%	
(1) Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio, 0.02%	United States
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$196,709,926) 130.3%	
NOTES PAYABLE (32.2)%	
OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 1.9%	
NET ASSETS 100.0%	

See Abbreviations on page 12.

- (a) Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.
- (b) Non-income producing.
- (c) Security has been deemed illiquid because it may not be able to be sold

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within seven days. At May 31, 2009, the value of this security was \$1,096, representing less than 0.01% of net assets.

- (d) See Note 4 regarding restricted and illiquid securities.
- (e) Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At May 31, 2009, the aggregate value of these securities was \$25,879,473, representing 19.84% of net assets.
- (f) The principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.
- (g) The coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end.
- (h) Defaulted security or security for which income has been deemed uncollectible.
- (i) Security purchased on a when-issued basis.
- (j) Income may be received in additional securities and/or cash.
- (k) See Note 5 regarding other considerations.
- (l) The Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio is managed by the Fund's investment manager. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

See Notes to Statement of Investments.

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. ORGANIZATION

Franklin Universal Trust (Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end investment company.

2. SECURITY VALUATION

Securities listed on a securities 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. Over-the-counter securities and listed securities for which there is no reported sale 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. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value.

Corporate debt securities and government securities generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund may utilize independent pricing services, quotations from bond dealers, and information with respect to bond and note transactions, to assist in determining a current market value for each security. The Fund's pricing services may use

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valuation models or matrix pricing which considers information with respect to comparable bond and note transactions, quotations from bond dealers, or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as rating, interest rate and maturity date, option adjusted spread models, prepayment projections, interest rate spreads and yield curves, to determine current value.

Foreign securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded, or the NYSE, whichever is earlier. If no sale is reported at that time, the foreign security will be valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at the close of the NYSE on the day that the value of the foreign security is determined. Occasionally, events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert to 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 Fund's Board of Trustees.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of individual securities and other assets for which market prices are not readily available or which may not be reliably priced. Methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis, matrix pricing, discounts from market prices of similar securities, or discounts applied due to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such securities, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

2. SECURITY VALUATION (CONTINUED)

question the availability (including the reliability) of the value of a portfolio security 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. All security valuation procedures are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

3. INCOME TAXES

At May 31, 2009, the cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$197,134,589
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Unrealized appreciation	\$ 11,770,977
Unrealized depreciation	(38,845,779)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$(27,074,802)
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4. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

At May 31, 2009, the Fund held investments in restricted securities, excluding 144A securities deemed to be liquid, valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees as reflecting fair value, as follows:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT/ SHARES	ISSUER	ACQUISITION DATE	COST
721,603	Atherton Franchise Capital, 13.073%, 12/1/08	4/28/94	\$721,603
181,875	VS Holdings Inc.	12/06/01	181,875
TOTAL RESTRICTED SECURITIES (0.01% of Net Assets)			

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

From time to time, officers, directors or employees of the Fund's Investment manager may have discussions or enter into agreements with issuers, underwriters or creditors' committees which, pursuant to the Fund's policies and requirements of applicable securities laws, could prevent the Fund from trading in the securities of such company for limited or extended periods of time.

6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement" (SFAS 157), on September 1, 2008. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The Fund has determined that the implementation of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements.

SFAS 157 establishes 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 investments and are summarized in the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speed, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own

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assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of May 31, 2009, in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities carried at fair value:

	LEVEL 1 -----	LEVEL 2 -----	LEVEL 3 -----	TOTAL -----
ASSETS:				
Investments in Securities	\$45,837,309	\$124,214,166	\$8,312	\$170,059,787
LIABILITIES:				
Senior Fixed Rate Notes	--	42,000,000	--	42,000,000

At May 31, 2009, the reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value, is as follows:

	INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES -----
Beginning Balance - September 1, 2008	\$ 7,611
Net realized gain (loss)	(3,384,733)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	3,388,384
Net purchases (sales)	(4,046)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	1,096
Ending Balance	\$ 8,312
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) attributable to assets still held at end of period	\$ --

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7. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In April 2009, FASB issued FASB Staff Position FSP FAS 157-4, "Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly" (FSP FAS 157-4), which provides additional guidance when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability measured at fair value have significantly decreased. Additionally, FSP FAS 157-4 amends SFAS 157, expanding disclosure requirements by reporting entities surrounding the major categories of assets and liabilities carried at fair value. FSP FAS 157-4 is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Fund believes applying FSP FAS 157-4 will not have a material impact on its financial statements.

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In May 2009, FASB issued Statement No. 165, "Subsequent Events", which is intended to establish general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the statements are issued or are available to be issued. FASB 165 is effective for interim or annual financial periods ending after June 15, 2009, the adoption of FASB 165 will not have a material impact on the financial statements.

ABBREVIATIONS

CURRENCY

ZAR - South African Rand

SELECTED PORTFOLIO

FRN - Floating Rate Note

PIK - Payment-In-Kind

For information on the Fund's policy regarding other significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semiannual or annual shareholder report.

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Item 2. 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 Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings on Form N-Q, 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 significant changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings on Form N-Q.

Item 3. Exhibits.

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(a) Certification pursuant to Section 30a-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 of Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Gaston Gardey, 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.

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By /s/LAURA F. FERGERSON

Laura F. Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer -
Finance and Administration
Date July 27, 2009

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/LAURA F. FERGERSON

Laura F. Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer -
Finance and Administration
Date July 27, 2009

By /s/GASTON GARDEY

Gaston Gardey
Chief Financial Officer and
Chief Accounting Officer
Date July 27, 2009