

FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST  
Form 40-17F2  
June 08, 2009

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-17F-2**

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTING OF SECURITIES AND SIMILAR INVESTMENTS IN THE  
CUSTODY OF MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

**PURSUANT TO RULE N-17F-2**

**1. Investment Company Act File Number: 811- 05569**

**Date Examination completed: May 29, 2009**

**2. State Identification Number:**

**AL AK AZ AR CA CO  
CT DE DC FL GA HI  
ID IL IN IA KS KY  
LA ME MD MA MI MN  
MS MO MT NE NV NH  
NJ NM NY NC ND OH  
OK OR PA RI SC SD  
TN TX UT VT VA WA  
WV WI WY PUERTO RICO**

**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**

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Trustees of

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Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust  
Templeton Global Investment Trust  
Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust  
Franklin Strategic Series  
Franklin High Income Trust  
Franklin Capital Growth Fund  
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 Templeton International 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.

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, 2009. 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, 2009, and with respect to agreement of security purchases and sales, for the periods indicated in Attachment I:

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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 101 security purchases and 101 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, 2009 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

May 29, 2009



**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, 2009, 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, 2009, 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* 5/18/09  
Date

By: /s/MARK H. OTANI  
Mark H. Otani  
*Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer  
Templeton Funds Board* 5/18/09  
Date

/s/MATTHEW T. HINKLE  
*Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer  
Franklin New Jersey Funds Board* 5/18/09  
Date

/s/LAURA F. FERGERSON  
Laura F. Ferguson  
*Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration* 5/18/09  
Date

| <b>Fund</b>   | <b>Period</b>                        |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust</b> | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Global Investment Trust:</b>               |                                      |
| Templeton BRIC Fund                                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Frontier Markets Fund                         | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Income Fund                                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Russia and East European Fund, Inc.</b>    | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust:</b>           |                                      |
| Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund                    | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Strategic Series:</b>                       |                                      |
| Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund                           | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund                       | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund                      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Natural Resources Fund                         | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund                          | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund                      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Strategic Income Fund                          | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin High Income Trust:</b>                      |                                      |
| Franklin High Income Fund                               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Capital Growth Fund</b>                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Money Fund</b>                              | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Templeton Money Fund Trust:</b>             |                                      |
| Franklin Templeton Money Fund                           | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Institutional Fiduciary Trust:</b>                   |                                      |
| Franklin Cash Reserves Fund                             | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Money Market Portfolio                                  |                                      |

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|  | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Global Trust:</b>                              |                                      |
| Fiduciary Large Capitalization Growth and Income Fund      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin International Growth Fund                         | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Emerging Market Debt Opportunities Fund | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund</b>              | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Universal Trust</b>                            | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton China World Fund</b>                          | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Emerging Markets Fund</b>                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund</b>              | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Global Income Fund</b>                        | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Income Trust:</b>                             |                                      |
| Templeton Global Bond Fund                                 | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Global Total Return Fund                         | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton International Bond Fund                          | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Custodian Funds:</b>                           |                                      |
| Franklin DynaTech Fund                                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Growth Fund                                       | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Income Fund                                       | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Utilities Fund                                    | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio</b>               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Investors Securities Trust:</b>                |                                      |
| Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund        | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Balanced Fund                                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Convertible Securities Fund                       | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Equity Income Fund                                | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |

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|  | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Limited Maturity U.S. Government Securities Fund    | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund                      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Total Return Fund                                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Templeton Global Trust:</b>                      |                                      |
| Franklin Templeton Hard Currency                             | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Templeton International Trust:</b>               |                                      |
| Franklin India Growth Fund                                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Value Investors Trust:</b>                       |                                      |
| Franklin All Cap Value Fund                                  | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund                       | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Large Cap Value Fund                                | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin MicroCap Value Fund                                 | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin MidCap Value Fund                                   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Small Cap Value Fund                                | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Developing Markets Trust</b>                    |                                      |
| <b>Franklin Templeton Fund Allocator Series:</b>             |                                      |
| Franklin Templeton 2015 Retirement Target Fund               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton 2025 Retirement Target Fund               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton 2035 Retirement Target Fund               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton 2045 Retirement Target Fund               | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund                  | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Corefolio Allocation Fund                 | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Founding Funds Allocation Fund            | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund                        | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund                      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Templeton Perspectives Allocation Fund              | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust:</b> |                                      |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Securities Fund                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Founding Funds Allocation Fund                      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Large Cap Value Securities Fund                     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |



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|   | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Rising Dividends Securities Fund     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Small Cap Value Securities Fund      | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Securities Fund | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Franklin Strategic Income Securities Fund     | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Developing Markets Securities Fund  | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Foreign Securities Fund             | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Templeton Global Asset Allocation Fund        | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.</b>            | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| <b>Templeton Institutional Funds:</b>         |                                      |
| Foreign Equity Series                         | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |
| Emerging Markets Series                       | October 31, 2008 - February 28, 2009 |