



FRANKLIN TEMPLETON  
INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2018

# Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance



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Co-Lead Manager

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Franklin Bissett Investment Management, part of Franklin Templeton Investments Corp.

Industry Experience: 19 years

Location: Calgary, AB

Co-Lead Manager

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Franklin Bissett Investment Management, part of Franklin Templeton Investments Corp.

Industry Experience: 16 years

Location: Calgary, AB

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As at June 30, 2018, total net asset value of the Fund was \$634.2 million, a decrease of 8.5% from December 31, 2017. This was primarily driven by \$53.0 million in net redemptions and a decrease of \$3.9 million in net assets from operations. The Fund paid or made payable \$2.0 million in cash distributions to unitholders.

During the past six months, the Fund's Series A units generated a total return of -1.1%. As the Fund is composed of a blend of Canadian equities, fixed income investments and US equities, it employs a custom benchmark, the Custom Franklin Bissett Dividend Income Benchmark (the "Benchmark"), which returned 2.8%. The performance of the Fund's other series is similar to that of its Series A units, except for differences in expense structure. For the return of the Fund's other series (if applicable), please refer to the "Past Performance" section.

The Fund underperformed the Benchmark during the period, driven by negative selection and interaction effects on the Canadian equity and US equity sleeves that were partly offset by positive allocation and selection and interaction effects for the fixed income and preferred share components.

In Canada, having no representation in the strongly performing Information Technology sector detracted from returns, as the Information Technology sector substantially outperformed all other sectors of the Canadian market in the first half of 2018. Canadian equity holdings having the most positive relative impact on portfolio returns were Horizon North Logistics and WSP Global in Industrials, Vermilion and Enbridge Income Fund Holdings in Energy, Methanex and Nutrien in Materials and Metro in Consumer Staples. Detracting the most from a Canadian equity relative performance perspective in the first half of 2018 were Financials sector holdings IGM Financial, Power Financial and CIBC; Utilities sector names Brookfield Renewable Partners, Brookfield Infrastructure Partners, and Fortis; and Freehold and PrairieSky in Energy.

In the US sleeve, the Fund's overweight position in Consumer Staples and underweight position in Information Technology detracted from relative returns for the six-month period, although this effect was highly weighted to the first few months of the year and subsequently partially reversed. US equity holdings detracting the most from relative performance were General Mills and Kraft Heinz. Not holding FAANG

stocks Amazon and Netflix also detracted; these stocks do not pay a dividend but are part of the benchmark. Significant positive contributors to relative performance were the Fund's holdings in Intel, Microsoft, Merck & Co. and Union Pacific.

Performance within the fixed income and preferred share sleeves, while not a large contributor to overall portfolio results due to the relatively small weight relative to equities, was positive. The focus on corporate credit mispricing has served the Fund well as the bond market adapts to the reality of higher interest rates.

Index performance comparison information is provided for reference only. It is important to note that the Fund's return reflects the effect of fees and expenses for professional management, while an index does not have such costs.

Average net assets of the series of the Fund that bear expenses have decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2018. This has resulted in a corresponding decrease in expenses. Income received from investments held, excluding net realized and/or unrealized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives, as applicable, remained relatively flat due to the results of the Fund's investment activities, including, but not limited to, those previously discussed for the period in review.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The portfolio manager remains cautiously optimistic entering the second half of 2018. While Canadian and US equities remain in an extended bull market, suggesting some vulnerability, sector returns have substantially diverged over the past few years, providing some windows of opportunity. The Energy sector, after acting as a drag on performance in past quarters, turned positive in the second quarter of 2018, supported by strengthening commodity price fundamentals and corporate cash flows. Several Fund holdings in this sector are priced well below the portfolio manager's estimate of intrinsic value, and the gap is expected to narrow.

Within Financials, the Fund continues to have an overweight position within Canadian banks that has served investors well. In the normal course of portfolio rebalancing, share price appreciation within the Canadian banks has resulted in trimming exposure, but the portfolio manager remains positive on the outlook for financial services, especially if interest rates should continue to rise from today's very low levels. Among US holdings, the portfolio manager has taken profits by trimming the Fund's substantial positions in Microsoft and Intel and reinvested them in Apple. The US Consumer Staples sector has seen weakness in the last 18 months but has experienced some relative strength recently as other sectors adjust to international trade disputes. In the opinion of the portfolio manager, sufficient opportunity exists within the Canadian and US equity markets to construct a dividend-oriented portfolio that meets or exceeds the Fund's long-term equity return objectives.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Investors should take note that certain statements in this report about a fund, including its strategy and expected future performance, are forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are statements that are

predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” or “estimate” or other similar expressions. Any statement that is made concerning future strategies or performance is also a forward-looking statement. Statements that look forward in time or include anything other than historical information are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results, actions or events could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Fund can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Any number of factors could contribute to differing results, including, among other things, general economic, political and market factors, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events. This list of factors is not exhaustive. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information and should be aware that the Fund may not update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Manager is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc., a global investment management organization known as Franklin Templeton Investments. The Manager is the manager, registrar and transfer agent and a principal distributor of the Fund. The Manager provides or arranges for the provision of these services for day-to-day Fund operations, including the marketing, promotion and distribution of the Fund and portfolio advisory services. In consideration of these management and portfolio advisory services, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly management fee plus applicable taxes, based on the average net asset value of each series of the Fund (except Series O and OT, as applicable), calculated daily, as set out under Management Fees below. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Fund paid management fees of \$2.7 million (2017–\$3.3 million), after management fee waivers of \$5,000 (2017–\$6,000).

Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FTS) provides the Manager with fund accounting and portfolio valuation services in connection with the Fund, and provides certain back office administration services to the Manager. The Administration Fee, as discussed below, covers the cost of the services provided by FTS.

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund, other than certain fund costs—which include, but are not limited to, the cost of compliance with new governmental and regulatory requirements, fees and expenses of the Fund’s Independent Review Committee (IRC), borrowing and interest costs and investor meeting costs (as permitted by Canadian securities regulation)—in exchange for the payment by the Fund of an annual fixed-rate administration fee of 0.16% plus applicable taxes, applied against the average daily net assets of the Fund (“Administration Fee”), except for Series PF and PFT, which have an annual Administration Fee of 0.15%, and Series O and OT, which have no annual Administration Fee. The Manager will pay all operating expenses of Series O and OT, as applicable, as part of its agreement with each investor. The Manager may, at its discretion, waive a portion of a series’ Administration Fee or absorb certain fund costs. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Fund paid Administration Fees of \$247,000 (2017–\$293,000).

#### **Portfolio Advisor**

Franklin Bissett Investment Management (the “Portfolio Advisor”), part of the Manager, provides investment analysis and recommendations and executes or arranges for brokers to execute portfolio transactions.

#### **Principal Distributor**

As a principal distributor of the Fund, the Manager markets the Fund and arranges for the sale of the Fund through dealers across Canada. The Manager may retain companies to assist in the sale of certain series of units of the Fund.

The Manager’s affiliate, FTC Investor Services Inc. (“FTC ISI”), also acts as a principal distributor for Series F, O, OT, FT, PF and PF (Hedged) units of the Fund, as applicable.

For acting as a principal distributor of the applicable series, FTC ISI receives an inter-company service fee of 0.20% of the assets under management of the applicable series from the Manager with respect to those series of units.

#### **Registrar and Transfer Agent**

In addition to management and portfolio advisory services, the Manager acts as the registrar and transfer agent of the Fund. These services are in the normal course of operations and are covered by the Administration Fee paid by the Fund to the Manager.

#### **Standing Instructions from the Independent Review Committee**

The Manager relied on standing instructions from the IRC with respect to the allocation of any operating expenses not covered by the Administration Fee. The Manager relied, or may rely, on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of securities trades amongst mutual funds, investment funds or managed accounts managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager. In both cases, the standing instructions require the Manager to comply with the policies and procedures presented to the IRC with respect to the above matters and to provide periodic reports to the IRC in accordance with NI 81-107.

**MANAGEMENT FEES**

A portion of the management fee paid by the Fund to the Manager is for trail fees and sales commissions the Manager pays to dealers (“Dealer Compensation”). The trail fees are a percentage of the daily average net asset value of each series of the Fund, which is held by the dealer’s clients. The remaining portion of the management fee is used to pay for portfolio advisory and administrative services related to the provision of portfolio advisory services. The table below outlines the Fund’s annual management fee, as well as the portion of the management fee used to pay for Dealer Compensation and for portfolio advisory services as an approximate percentage of the management fee for each series:

| Series | Management Fee (%) | Dealer Compensation (%)* | Investment management, investment management expenses, and other (%) |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| A      | 1.95               | 53.31                    | 46.69  |
| F**    | 0.95               | –                        | 100.00   |
| I      | 1.45               | 51.76                    | 48.24  |
| PF     | 0.70               | –                        | 100.00   |
| PFT    | 0.70               | –                        | 100.00   |
| T      | 1.95               | 54.44                    | 45.56  |

\*Dealer compensation may include other fees related to distribution, which are not payable directly to dealers.

\*\* Management Fee waiver is applied to the following series at the specified rates—  
 Series F—0.06%;

The management and administration fees for Series O and OT are paid for by the unitholder directly to the Manager as follows:

- First C\$200,000 to under \$2.5 million—0.85%
- Next C\$2.5 million to under \$5 million—0.80%
- C\$5 million and over—0.70%

Certain institutional investors may negotiate the management and administration fees by written agreement with Franklin Templeton Investments.

FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND  
**MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**  
**Summary of Investment Portfolio** (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

**REGIONAL WEIGHTINGS (%)\***

North America 98.38

**SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%)\***

Financials 26.26  
 Energy 18.06  
 Utilities 7.68  
 Consumer Staples 6.15  
 Industrials 5.99  
 Telecommunication Services 4.94  
 Health Care 3.70  
 Information Technology 3.37  
 Materials 3.25  
 Consumer Discretionary 2.87  
 Real Estate 2.76

**ASSET CLASS WEIGHTINGS (%)**

Common Stocks 80.47  
 Canadian Corporate Bonds 11.82  
 Preferred Stocks 4.56  
 Foreign Corporate Bonds 1.40  
 Canadian Government Bonds 0.13  
 Short-term securities and all other assets, net 1.62

**TOP 25 HOLDINGS (%)**

Royal Bank of Canada 3.59  
 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 3.14  
 The Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.13  
 Canadian National Railway Co. 2.85  
 Enbridge Inc. 2.51  
 Bank of Montreal 2.40  
 Bank of Nova Scotia 2.38  
 IGM Financial Inc. 2.26  
 Power Financial Corp. 2.10  
 Inter Pipeline Ltd. 1.99  
 Rogers Communications Inc., B 1.92  
 TELUS Corp. 1.83  
 Brookfield Renewable Partners LP 1.78  
 Nutrien Ltd. 1.76  
 Vermilion Energy Inc. 1.65  
 Fortis Inc. 1.61  
 Brookfield Property Partners LP 1.52  
 Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP 1.48  
 Restaurant Brands International Inc. 1.48  
 McDonald's Corp. 1.39  
 Pfizer Inc. 1.39  
 JPMorgan Chase & Co. 1.39  
 Metro Inc., A 1.37  
 Wells Fargo & Co. 1.30  
 Freehold Royalties Ltd. 1.29

**TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE: \$634,232,000**

\*Excluding short-term securities and all other assets, net.

Above is an outline of the investments held in the Fund as a percentage of the Fund's net assets. Due to ongoing portfolio transactions, the investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of the Fund. The top 25 holdings are made available quarterly, 60 days after the quarter-end. To obtain a copy, please contact a member of our client services team at 1.800.387.0830 or visit [www.franklintempleton.ca](http://www.franklintempleton.ca).

## FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series A (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal periods ended December 31.

| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           | 2016           | 2015           | 2014           | 2013            |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$28.75</b>       | <b>\$28.59</b> | <b>\$24.96</b> | <b>\$29.08</b> | <b>\$30.39</b> | <b>\$27.71†</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |                |                |                |                 |
| Total revenue  | 0.53                 | 1.10           | 1.08           | 1.18           | 1.27           | 1.23            |
| Total expenses   | (0.31)               | (0.67)         | (0.61)         | (0.65)         | (0.72)         | (0.70)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.66                 | 0.68           | (0.55)         | 1.66           | 2.36           | 2.08            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (1.26)               | (0.15)         | 4.47           | (4.30)         | (1.57)         | 1.56            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(0.38)</b>        | <b>0.96</b>    | <b>4.39</b>    | <b>(2.11)</b>  | <b>1.34</b>    | <b>4.17</b>     |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |                |                |                |                 |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –               |
| From dividends   | (0.35)               | (0.82)         | (0.86)         | (0.84)         | (0.87)         | (0.74)          |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              | –              | (1.10)         | (1.75)         | (0.76)          |
| Returns of capital                                     | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –               |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.35)</b>        | <b>(0.82)</b>  | <b>(0.86)</b>  | <b>(1.94)</b>  | <b>(2.62)</b>  | <b>(1.50)</b>   |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$28.08</b>       | <b>\$28.75</b> | <b>\$28.59</b> | <b>\$24.96</b> | <b>\$29.08</b> | <b>\$30.39</b>  |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    | <b>2016</b>    | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    | <b>2013</b>     |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$207.94             | \$237.19       | \$271.51       | \$281.92       | \$388.45       | \$396.13        |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 7,406,565            | 8,250,507      | 9,497,222      | 11,294,414     | 13,358,770     | 13,035,886      |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | 2.32%                | 2.32%          | 2.32%          | 2.32%          | 2.32%          | 2.39%           |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | 2.32%                | 2.32%          | 2.32%          | 2.32%          | 2.32%          | 2.73%           |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          | 0.03%          | 0.05%          | 0.05%          | 0.06%           |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         | 9.51%          | 32.24%         | 27.76%         | 28.30%          |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$28.08              | \$28.75        | \$28.59        | \$24.96        | \$29.08        | \$30.39         |

For explanatory notes, please refer to “Explanatory Notes to Financial Highlights” at the end of the section.

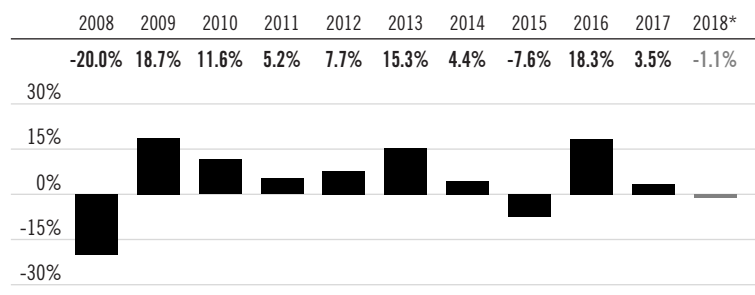
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following information assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart shows the Fund's performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2018, and for each of the previous 12-month periods ended December 31. In percentage terms, the bar chart indicates how much an investment made on January 1 would have grown or decreased by the end of the period.



\*For the period January 1 to June 30, 2018

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series F (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal periods ended December 31.

| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           | 2016           | 2015           | 2014           | 2013                        |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$35.29</b>       | <b>\$34.67</b> | <b>\$29.92</b> | <b>\$34.44</b> | <b>\$35.57</b> | <b>\$32.03</b> <sup>†</sup> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |                |                |                |                             |
| Total revenue  | 0.66                 | 1.35           | 1.27           | 1.40           | 1.50           | 1.43                        |
| Total expenses   | (0.19)               | (0.40)         | (0.36)         | (0.38)         | (0.42)         | (0.39)                      |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.82                 | 0.88           | (0.71)         | 1.98           | 2.79           | 2.41                        |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (1.51)               | (0.19)         | 5.51           | (5.21)         | (1.93)         | 1.79                        |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(0.22)</b>        | <b>1.64</b>    | <b>5.71</b>    | <b>(2.21)</b>  | <b>1.94</b>    | <b>5.24</b>                 |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |                |                |                |                             |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –                           |
| From dividends   | (0.43)               | (1.00)         | (1.04)         | (1.01)         | (1.02)         | (0.87)                      |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              | –              | (1.32)         | (2.08)         | (0.89)                      |
| Returns of capital                                     | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –                           |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.43)</b>        | <b>(1.00)</b>  | <b>(1.04)</b>  | <b>(2.33)</b>  | <b>(3.10)</b>  | <b>(1.76)</b>               |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$34.67</b>       | <b>\$35.29</b> | <b>\$34.67</b> | <b>\$29.92</b> | <b>\$34.44</b> | <b>\$35.57</b>              |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    | <b>2016</b>    | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    | <b>2013</b>                 |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$17.72              | \$17.11        | \$17.46        | \$41.41        | \$52.79        | \$45.34                     |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 511,179              | 484,703        | 503,557        | 1,384,309      | 1,532,755      | 1,274,765                   |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | 1.15%                | 1.14%          | 1.14%          | 1.14%          | 1.14%          | 1.15%                       |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | 1.15%                | 1.14%          | 1.14%          | 1.14%          | 1.14%          | 1.34%                       |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          | 0.03%          | 0.05%          | 0.05%          | 0.06%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         | 9.51%          | 32.24%         | 27.76%         | 28.30%                      |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$34.67              | \$35.29        | \$34.67        | \$29.92        | \$34.44        | \$35.57                     |

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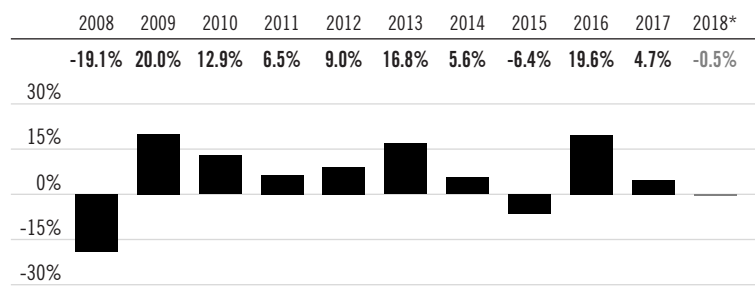
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\*For the period January 1 to June 30, 2018

## FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series I (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal periods ended December 31.

| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           | 2016           | 2015           | 2014           | 2013            |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$32.00</b>       | <b>\$31.65</b> | <b>\$27.48</b> | <b>\$31.84</b> | <b>\$33.10</b> | <b>\$30.02†</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |                |                |                |                 |
| Total revenue  | 0.59                 | 1.22           | 1.21           | 1.30           | 1.43           | 1.37            |
| Total expenses   | (0.27)               | (0.56)         | (0.52)         | (0.55)         | (0.62)         | (0.60)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.74                 | 0.73           | (0.59)         | 1.79           | 2.56           | 2.44            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (1.40)               | (0.13)         | 5.11           | (4.84)         | (2.15)         | 1.77            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(0.34)</b>        | <b>1.26</b>    | <b>5.21</b>    | <b>(2.30)</b>  | <b>1.22</b>    | <b>4.98</b>     |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |                |                |                |                 |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –               |
| From dividends   | (0.39)               | (0.91)         | (0.95)         | (0.93)         | (0.95)         | (0.81)          |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              | –              | (1.21)         | (1.92)         | (0.82)          |
| Returns of capital                                     | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –               |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.39)</b>        | <b>(0.91)</b>  | <b>(0.95)</b>  | <b>(2.14)</b>  | <b>(2.87)</b>  | <b>(1.63)</b>   |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$31.34</b>       | <b>\$32.00</b> | <b>\$31.65</b> | <b>\$27.48</b> | <b>\$31.84</b> | <b>\$33.10</b>  |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    | <b>2016</b>    | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    | <b>2013</b>     |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$8.74               | \$10.01        | \$11.54        | \$8.56         | \$8.70         | \$3.48          |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 279,044              | 312,896        | 364,544        | 311,446        | 273,154        | 105,059         |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | 1.77%                | 1.77%          | 1.78%          | 1.78%          | 1.81%          | 1.87%           |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | 1.77%                | 1.77%          | 1.78%          | 1.78%          | 1.81%          | 1.94%           |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          | 0.03%          | 0.05%          | 0.05%          | 0.06%           |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         | 9.51%          | 32.24%         | 27.76%         | 28.30%          |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$31.34              | \$32.00        | \$31.65        | \$27.48        | \$31.84        | \$33.10         |

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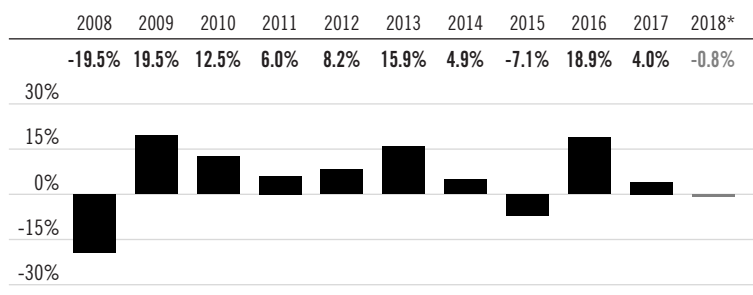
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\*For the period January 1 to June 30, 2018



## FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series 0 (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal periods ended December 31.

| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           | 2016           | 2015           | 2014           | 2013                       |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$43.78</b>       | <b>\$42.54</b> | <b>\$36.29</b> | <b>\$41.31</b> | <b>\$42.18</b> | <b>\$37.55<sup>†</sup></b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |                |                |                |                            |
| Total revenue  | 0.81                 | 1.66           | 1.59           | 1.71           | 1.79           | 1.68                       |
| Total expenses   | 0.01                 | –              | –              | –              | –              | –                          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 1.01                 | 1.07           | (0.81)         | 2.36           | 3.31           | 2.89                       |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (1.87)               | (0.29)         | 6.62           | (6.35)         | (2.30)         | 2.20                       |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(0.04)</b>        | <b>2.44</b>    | <b>7.40</b>    | <b>(2.28)</b>  | <b>2.80</b>    | <b>6.77</b>                |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |                |                |                |                            |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –                          |
| From dividends   | (0.54)               | (1.24)         | (1.27)         | (1.21)         | (1.22)         | (1.02)                     |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              | –              | (1.60)         | (2.49)         | (1.05)                     |
| Returns of capital                                     | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –                          |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.54)</b>        | <b>(1.24)</b>  | <b>(1.27)</b>  | <b>(2.81)</b>  | <b>(3.71)</b>  | <b>(2.07)</b>              |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$43.26</b>       | <b>\$43.78</b> | <b>\$42.54</b> | <b>\$36.29</b> | <b>\$41.31</b> | <b>\$42.18</b>             |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    | <b>2016</b>    | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    | <b>2013</b>                |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$360.21             | \$385.61       | \$386.53       | \$361.83       | \$347.05       | \$305.02                   |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 8,326,616            | 8,807,157      | 9,086,161      | 9,969,933      | 8,401,730      | 7,231,857                  |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | –                          |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | –                    | –              | –              | –              | –              | 0.10%                      |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          | 0.03%          | 0.05%          | 0.05%          | 0.06%                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         | 9.51%          | 32.24%         | 27.76%         | 28.30%                     |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$43.26              | \$43.78        | \$42.54        | \$36.29        | \$41.31        | \$42.18                    |

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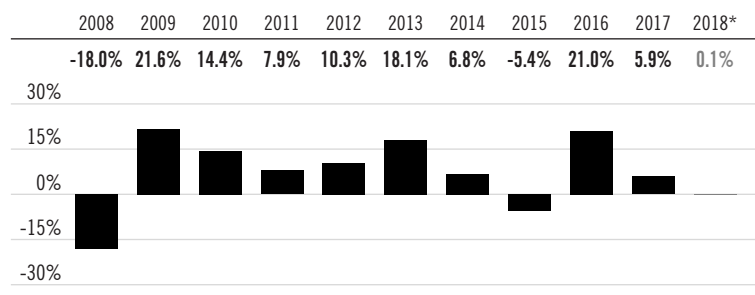
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## FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series OT (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal periods ended December 31.

| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           |
|--|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$14.64</b>       | <b>\$15.00</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |
| Total revenue  | 0.23                 | 0.56           |
| Total expenses   | –                    | –              |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.31                 | 0.43           |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (1.79)               | (0.44)         |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(1.25)</b>        | <b>0.55</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              |
| From dividends   | (0.18)               | (0.37)         |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              |
| Returns of capital                                     | (0.41)               | (0.73)         |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.59)</b>        | <b>(1.10)</b>  |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$14.07</b>       | <b>\$14.64</b> |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$0.01               | \$0.12         |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 336                  | 8,494          |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | –                    | –              |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | –                    | –              |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$14.07              | \$14.64        |

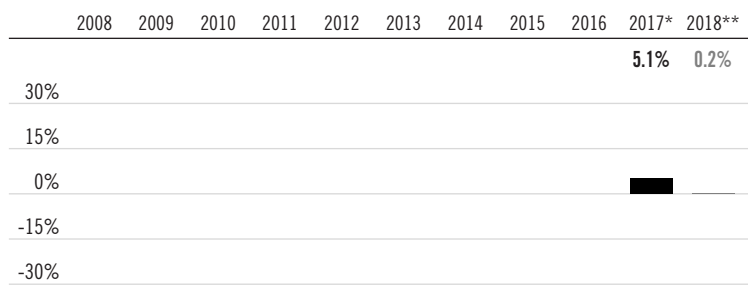
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\* 2017 Series OT return: February 3 to December 31

\*\* For the period January 1 to June 30, 2018

## FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series PF (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal periods ended December 31.

| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           | 2016           |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$10.69</b>       | <b>\$10.49</b> | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |                |
| Total revenue  | 0.20                 | 0.41           | 0.18           |
| Total expenses   | (0.05)               | (0.10)         | (0.03)         |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.25                 | 0.27           | 0.03           |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (0.46)               | (0.10)         | 0.30           |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(0.06)</b>        | <b>0.48</b>    | <b>0.48</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |                |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              | –              |
| From dividends   | (0.13)               | (0.30)         | (0.10)         |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              | –              |
| Returns of capital                                     | –                    | –              | –              |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.13)</b>        | <b>(0.30)</b>  | <b>(0.10)</b>  |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$10.52</b>       | <b>\$10.69</b> | <b>\$10.49</b> |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    | <b>2016</b>    |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$30.06              | \$31.63        | \$28.50        |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 2,858,053            | 2,957,727      | 2,718,230      |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | 0.92%                | 0.92%          | 0.96%          |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | 0.92%                | 0.92%          | 0.96%          |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          | 0.03%          |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         | 9.51%          |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$10.52              | \$10.69        | \$10.49        |

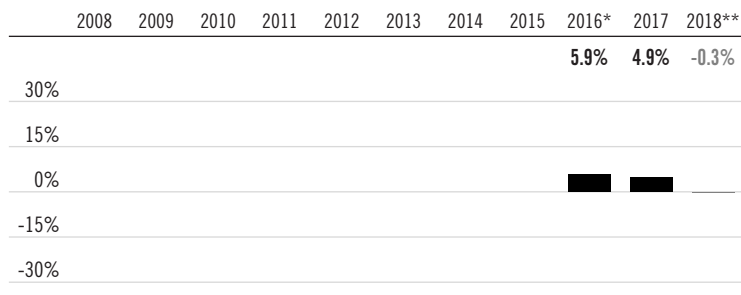
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\* 2016 Series PF return: October 3 to December 31

\*\* For the period January 1 to June 30, 2018

## FRANKLIN BISSETT DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Series PFT (AS AT JUNE 30, 2018)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017           | 2016           |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$14.96</b>       | <b>\$15.56</b> | <b>\$15.00</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |                |                |
| Total revenue  | 0.28                 | 0.62           | 0.15           |
| Total expenses   | (0.06)               | (0.14)         | (0.04)         |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.35                 | 0.65           | (0.04)         |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (0.46)               | (0.24)         | 1.04           |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>0.11</b>          | <b>0.89</b>    | <b>1.11</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |                |                |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –              | –              |
| From dividends   | (0.18)               | (0.44)         | (0.03)         |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –              | –              |
| Returns of capital                                     | (0.42)               | (0.90)         | (0.17)         |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.60)</b>        | <b>(1.34)</b>  | <b>(0.20)</b>  |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$14.28</b>       | <b>\$14.96</b> | <b>\$15.56</b> |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>    | <b>2016</b>    |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$0.22               | \$0.20         | \$0.04         |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 15,715               | 13,038         | 2,467          |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | 0.95%                | 0.90%          | 0.96%          |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | 0.95%                | 0.90%          | 0.96%          |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%          | 0.03%          |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%         | 9.51%          |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$14.28              | \$14.96        | \$15.56        |

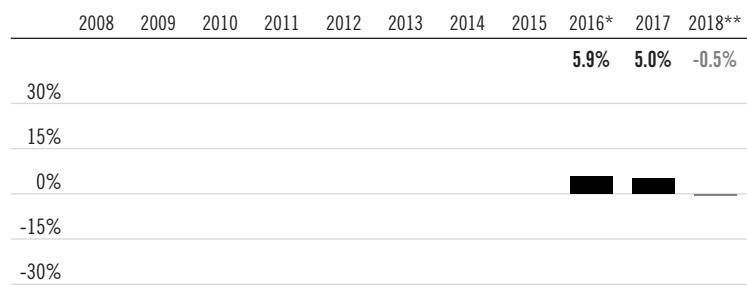
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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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| Net assets per unit (1)                                | Jun. 30, 2018        | 2017          | 2016          | 2015          | 2014           | 2013                        |
|--|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Net assets – beginning of period</b>                | <b>\$8.03</b>        | <b>\$8.48</b> | <b>\$7.80</b> | <b>\$9.69</b> | <b>\$10.75</b> | <b>\$10.36</b> <sup>†</sup> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>            |                      |               |               |               |                |                             |
| Total revenue  | 0.15                 | 0.32          | 0.33          | 0.38          | 0.44           | 0.45                        |
| Total expenses   | (0.09)               | (0.19)        | (0.19)        | (0.21)        | (0.25)         | (0.25)                      |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                 | 0.18                 | 0.18          | (0.17)        | 0.54          | 0.82           | 0.76                        |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period               | (0.35)               | (0.03)        | 1.36          | (1.38)        | (0.53)         | 0.57                        |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>   | <b>(0.11)</b>        | <b>0.28</b>   | <b>1.33</b>   | <b>(0.67)</b> | <b>0.48</b>    | <b>1.53</b>                 |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                  |                      |               |               |               |                |                             |
| From income (excluding dividends)                      | –                    | –             | –             | –             | –              | –                           |
| From dividends   | (0.10)               | (0.24)        | (0.26)        | (0.27)        | (0.30)         | (0.27)                      |
| From capital gains                                     | –                    | –             | –             | (0.35)        | (0.59)         | (0.27)                      |
| Returns of capital                                     | (0.22)               | (0.49)        | (0.43)        | (0.57)        | (0.64)         | (0.60)                      |
| <b>Total annual distributions (3)</b>                  | <b>(0.32)</b>        | <b>(0.73)</b> | <b>(0.69)</b> | <b>(1.19)</b> | <b>(1.53)</b>  | <b>(1.14)</b>               |
| <b>Net assets – end of period</b>                      | <b>\$7.61</b>        | <b>\$8.03</b> | <b>\$8.48</b> | <b>\$7.80</b> | <b>\$9.69</b>  | <b>\$10.75</b>              |
| <b>Ratios and supplemental data:</b>                   | <b>Jun. 30, 2018</b> | <b>2017</b>   | <b>2016</b>   | <b>2015</b>   | <b>2014</b>    | <b>2013</b>                 |
| Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)                | \$9.33               | \$11.24       | \$14.33       | \$16.26       | \$25.70        | \$27.27                     |
| Number of units outstanding                            | 1,225,631            | 1,400,380     | 1,689,848     | 2,083,157     | 2,653,160      | 2,537,075                   |
| Management expense ratio (2)                           | 2.32%                | 2.32%         | 2.31%         | 2.31%         | 2.30%          | 2.37%                       |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions | 2.32%                | 2.32%         | 2.31%         | 2.31%         | 2.30%          | 2.62%                       |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                              | 0.09%                | 0.03%         | 0.03%         | 0.05%         | 0.05%          | 0.06%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                            | 10.07%               | 16.92%        | 9.51%         | 32.24%        | 27.76%         | 28.30%                      |
| Net asset value per unit                               | \$7.61               | \$8.03        | \$8.48        | \$7.80        | \$9.69         | \$10.75                     |

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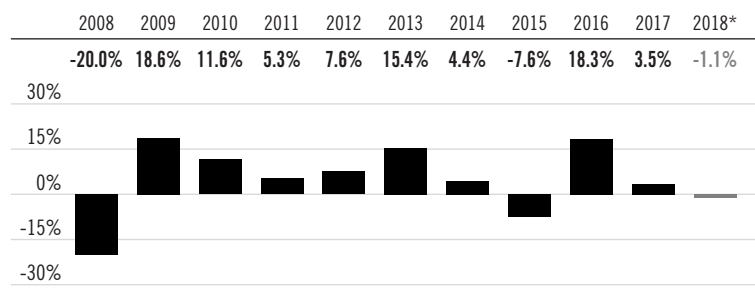
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### **Net Assets per Unit:**

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements. In the period a fund or series is established, the financial information is provided from the date of inception to the end of the period. In cases where the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements differ from the net asset value calculated for Fund pricing purposes, an explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease in net assets from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the fiscal period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of opening and closing net assets per unit.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund or both, and exclude distributions of management fee reductions to unitholders.

### **Ratios and Supplemental Data:**

- (1) This information is provided as at the period-end of the year shown.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of net asset value during the period.
- (4) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling each security in its portfolio once in the course of the relevant period. The higher the portfolio turnover rate in the period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

## **OTHER FUND INFORMATION**

Reported year-by-year returns for past years may be revised, based on the results of recalculations, audits and/or other historical review processes. Such revisions are considered immaterial to performance disclosure unless otherwise stated.

Series I and V, as applicable, are presently capped (closed to new investors). Investors who currently own units of Series I and Series V may continue to purchase additional units in those series. These series may become available for purchase by new investors at the discretion of the Manager.