



FRANKLIN TEMPLETON
INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2017

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance



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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

FT Balanced Growth Pool (the “Fund”) seeks a balance of current income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified mix of equity and income securities, with a bias towards capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund has an optimal asset mix of 20–60% fixed income and 40–80% equities. The portfolio advisor (the “portfolio manager”) may review and adjust the optimal asset mix, in its sole discretion, depending on economic conditions and the relative value of income and equity securities.

RISK

The risks of investing in the Fund remain as stated in the prospectus. The Fund is suitable for investors who are willing to accept low to medium investment risk for the part of their portfolio invested in the Fund, seeking a core balanced holding diversified by asset class, investment style, geography and market capitalization, and planning to hold their investment for the medium to long term.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As at December 31, 2017, total net asset value of the Fund was \$18.8 million.

For the performance period from the Fund’s inception date of April 24, 2017, to December 31, 2017, the Fund’s Series O units returned 4.2%. As the Fund is composed of a diversified mix of fixed income and equity investments, it employs a custom benchmark, the Custom FT Balanced Growth Benchmark, which returned 3.7% for the period in review. Over the same time period, the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index returned 0.0%. The performance of the Fund’s other series is similar to that of its Series O 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.

From a broad asset class perspective, the Fund’s underweighted domestic fixed income exposure, plus international equity holdings—the Fund was overweighted in this asset class—contributed to relative returns, while Canadian equity holdings were detractors. US equity holdings had a fairly neutral impact on relative performance.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The portfolio manager believes the non-inflation-driven growth conditions that led to the rally in North American equities during 2017 could continue to persist into 2018. However, the portfolio manager’s valuation metrics indicate that forecasted long-term returns from these markets are expected to be significantly lower than what investors have experienced over the past few years. Excessive optimism at this stage creates room for potential disappointment. Based on this analysis, the portfolio manager has been reducing exposure to North American equities as these markets continue to rally.

With respect to international equities, the portfolio manager sees considerable opportunity in this asset class. This is particularly the case for Europe, as the portfolio manager has observed signs that growth in the region is becoming more sustainable, with European monetary policy also continuing to be fairly accommodative. Similarly, the export-driven economies of the Australasia region will benefit from a synchronized global recovery and expansionary monetary policy, in the portfolio manager’s view. The Fund continues to be overweighted in international equities.

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.

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 0.15% plus applicable taxes, applied against the average daily net assets of the Fund (“Administration Fee”), except for 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 year ended December 31, 2017, the Manager waived fund costs of \$1,000.

Portfolio Advisor

Fiduciary Trust Company of Canada (the “Portfolio Advisor”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Manager, provides investment analysis and recommendations to the Manager. A portion of the management fee payable by the Fund to the Manager is paid to the Portfolio Advisor with respect to portfolio advisory services.

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 shares the Fund.

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

For acting as a principal distributor of the applicable series, FTC ISI receives an intercompany service fee of 0.20% of the assets under management of the applicable.

Registrar and Transfer Agent

In addition to its management and portfolio advisory services, the Manager acts as the registrar and transfer agent of the Fund. These services are provided by the Manager in the normal course of operations and are part of the services provided by the Manager in exchange for 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 (%)
PF	0.70	–	100.00

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

The management and administration fee for Series O is paid for by the unitholder 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—0.75%
- C\$5 million and over—0.65%

FT BALANCED GROWTH POOL
MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Certain institutional and ultra-high-net-worth investors may negotiate the management and administration fee. Ultra-high-net-worth investors generally have more than C\$10 million in investable assets.

MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Summary of Investment Portfolio (AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017)

REGIONAL WEIGHTINGS (%)*

North America	73.62
Europe	15.62
Asia	6.55
Australia & New Zealand	0.87
Middle East & Africa	0.43
Latin America & Caribbean	0.25

ASSET CLASS WEIGHTINGS (%)

Equity (Exposure from Underlying Funds)	56.30
Fixed Income (Exposure from Underlying Funds)	41.04
Other assets (of Underlying Funds)	2.15
Short-term securities and all other assets, net	0.51

TOP 25 HOLDINGS (%)

Franklin Bissett Canadian Bond Fund, Series O	33.55
Franklin Bissett Canadian Equity Fund, Series O	17.04
Templeton International Stock Fund, Series O	15.35
Franklin U.S. Rising Dividends Fund, Series O	11.12
Franklin Bissett Money Market Fund, Series O	7.59
Franklin ActiveQuant U.S. Fund, Series O	6.17
Franklin Mutual European Fund, Series O	3.97
Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund, Series O	2.77
Templeton Emerging Markets Fund, Series O	1.94
Cash and cash equivalents**	0.27

TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE: \$18,848,000

As at December 31, 2017, there are 10 holdings in the portfolio.

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

** Cash and cash equivalents may include bonds that have a remaining term to maturity of 365 days or less that are issued by certain governments, supranational agencies or financial institutions and have a "designated rating" (as defined in Canadian securities law).

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.

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 fiscal periods ended December 31.

Net assets per unit (1)	2017
Net assets – initial offering price*	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	0.36
Total expenses	–
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.19
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.54
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.03)
From dividends	(0.09)
From capital gains	–
Returns of capital	–
Total annual distributions (3)	(0.12)
Net assets – end of period	\$10.61
Ratios and supplemental data:	2017
Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)	\$18.74
Number of units outstanding	1,766,737
Management expense ratio (2)	–
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.02%
Trading expense ratio (3)	0.09%
Portfolio turnover rate (4)	5.24%
Net asset value per unit	\$10.61

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

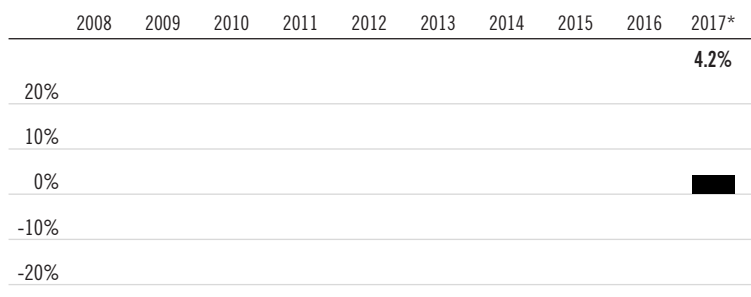
*The Series was launched on April 17, 2017 (available for sale April 24, 2017)

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 annual performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the investment Fund's performance has changed from year to year. In percentage terms, the bar chart indicates how much an investment made on January 1 would have grown or decreased by the December 31 of each year shown.



*2017 Series 0 return: April 24 to December 31

Annual Compound Returns

The table shows the annual compound total returns for each of the periods shown ended December 31, 2017. The returns are compared against the benchmark(s) over the same period.‡

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Series 0 Units	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.2%
Custom FT Balanced Growth Benchmark	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.7%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%

‡ For a definition of the benchmarks, please refer to “Benchmarks Information” at the end of the section.

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Net assets per unit (1)	2017
Net assets – initial offering price*	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	0.20
Total expenses	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.37
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.50
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.03)
From dividends	(0.09)
From capital gains	–
Returns of capital	–
Total annual distributions (3)	(0.12)
Net assets – end of period	\$9.93
Ratios and supplemental data:	2017
Total net asset value (\$ millions) (1)	\$0.11
Number of units outstanding	10,958
Management expense ratio (2)	0.99%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.99%
Trading expense ratio (3)	0.09%
Portfolio turnover rate (4)	5.24%
Net asset value per unit	\$9.93

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	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
										0.4%
20%										
10%										
0%										
-10%										
-20%										

*2017 Series PF return: June 1 to December 31

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	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Series PF Units	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4%
Custom FT Balanced Growth Benchmark	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.4%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.0%

‡ For a definition of the benchmark(s), please refer to “Benchmark(s) Information” at the end of the section.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Net Assets per Unit:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's 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.

BENCHMARK(S) INFORMATION

Custom FT Balanced Growth Benchmark is a customized benchmark made up of the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index (38%), MSCI EAFE TR Index (20%), S&P/TSX Composite TR Index (20%), S&P 500 TR Index (20%) and FTSE TMX Canada 91-Day T-Bill Index (2%).

FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index tracks the total return for all Canadian provincial, municipal and corporate issues that have a maturity of over one year.