

FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST
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June 13, 2013

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 26, 2011

2. State Identification Number:

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| 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

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

and the Board of Directors of

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

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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 September 30, 2010. Management is responsible for the Funds' compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Funds' compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Funds' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Included among our procedures were the following tests performed as of September 30, 2010 and with respect to agreement of security purchases and sales, for the periods indicated in Attachment I:

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

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

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Funds were in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of September 30, 2010 with respect to securities reflected in the investment accounts of the Funds is fairly stated, in all material respects.

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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 26, 2011

**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 September 30, 2010, and for the periods indicated in Attachment I.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Funds were in compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Rule 17f-2, as interpreted in Franklin Investors Securities Trust SEC No-Action Letter (publicly available September 24, 1992), and subsection (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as of September 30, 2010, and for the periods indicated in Attachment I, with respect to securities reflected in the investment accounts of the Funds.

By:

/s/GASTON GARDEY

Gaston Gardey

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Franklin Funds Board

Date _____

/s/MARK H. OTANI

Mark H. Otani

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Templeton Funds Board

Date _____

/s/MATTHEW T. HINKLE

Matthew T. Hinkle

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Franklin New Jersey Funds Board

Date _____

/s/LAURA F. FERGERSON

Laura F. Ferguson

Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration

Date _____

| <i>Fund</i> | <i>Period</i> |
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| Franklin Templeton Limited Duration Income Trust | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Global Investment Trust: | |
| Templeton BRIC Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Frontier Markets Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Russia and East European Fund, Inc. | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust: | |
| Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Strategic Series: | |
| Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Focused Core Equity Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Natural Resources Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Strategic Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin High Income Trust: | |
| Franklin High Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Money Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Money Fund Trust: | |
| Franklin Templeton Money Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Institutional Fiduciary Trust: | |
| Money Market Portfolio | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Global Trust: | |
| Fiduciary Large Cap Equity Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin International Growth Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Emerging Market Debt Opportunities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |

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| Franklin Universal Trust | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton China World Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Global Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Income Trust: | |
| Templeton Global Bond Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Global Total Return Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton International Bond Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Custodian Funds: | |
| Franklin DynaTech Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Growth Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Utilities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Investors Securities Trust: | |
| Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Balanced Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Convertible Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Equity Income Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Limited Maturity U.S. Government Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Total Return Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Global Trust: | |
| Franklin Templeton Hard Currency | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton International Trust: | |
| Franklin India Growth Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Value Investors Trust: | |
| Franklin All Cap Value Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Balance Sheet Investment Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |

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| Franklin Large Cap Value Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin MicroCap Value Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin MidCap Value Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Small Cap Value Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |

Templeton Developing Markets Trust June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

Franklin Templeton Fund Allocator Series:

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| Franklin Templeton 2015 Retirement Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton 2025 Retirement Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton 2035 Retirement Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton 2045 Retirement Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Conservative Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Corefolio Allocation Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Founding Funds Allocation Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Growth Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Moderate Target Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Templeton Perspectives Allocation Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust:

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| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Founding Funds Allocation Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Large Cap Value Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Rising Dividends Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Small Cap Value Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Franklin Strategic Income Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Developing Markets Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |
| Templeton Foreign Securities Fund | June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 |

Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc. June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

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Templeton International Emerging Markets
Fund

June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

Templeton Institutional Funds:

Foreign Equity Series

June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

Emerging Markets Series

June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

Franklin Managed Trust:

Rising Dividends Fund

June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

**Franklin Templeton Founding Funds 529
Portfolio**
