



February 25, 2022

VIA EDGAR

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 0549

Re: Franklin BSP Lending Corporation

File No. 814-00821

Ladies and Gentleman:

On behalf of Franklin BSP Lending Corporation (the "Corporation"), enclosed herewith for filing, pursuant to Rule 17(g)-1(g) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), are the following:

1. A copy of the Corporation's joint insured fidelity bond in the amount of \$100,000,000 (the "Bond");
2. A copy of the resolutions approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, including a majority of the Board of Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Corporation, approving the amount, type, form and coverage of the Bond;
3. A copy of the joint fidelity bond agreement concerning the allocation of premiums and recoveries under the Bond; and
4. A chart that shows for each company covered by the Bond, each company's assets under management and the amount of a single insured bond that would have been provided and maintained had each company not been named as an insured under a joint insured bond;

The premium was paid for the period beginning June 30, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. If the Corporation had not been covered as co-insured under the Bond, the Corporation would have maintained a single insured fidelity bond in the amount of \$1,500,000 as required under paragraph (d) of Rule 17g-1(g)

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 588-6770.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michael Frick

Michael Frick

Secretary of the Corporation

FRANKLIN BSP LENDING CORPORATION

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Michael Frick, Secretary of Franklin BSP Lending Corporation (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

1. This certificate is being delivered to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in connection with the filing of the Corporation's fidelity bond (the "Bond") pursuant to Rule 17g-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the SEC is entitled to rely on this certificate for purposes of the filing.
2. The undersigned is the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Corporation, and has custody of the corporate records of the Corporation and is a proper officer to make this certification.
3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a copy of the resolutions approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, including a majority of the Board of Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Corporation, approving the amount, type, form and coverage of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate this 25th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Michael Frick

Michael Frick

Secretary of the Corporation

Exhibit A

WHEREAS, Section 17(g) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) and Rule 17g-1(a) thereunder, require an investment company, such as the Corporations, to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company, authorized to do business in the place where the bond is issued, to protect the Corporations against larceny and embezzlement, covering each officer and employee of the Corporations who may singly, or jointly with others, have access to the securities or funds of the Corporations, either directly or through authority to draw upon such funds of, or to direct generally, the disposition of such securities, unless the officer or employee has such access solely through his position as an officer or employee of a bank (each, a “covered person”);

WHEREAS, Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act (“Rule 17g-1”) specifies that the bond may be in the form of (i) an individual bond for each covered person, or a schedule or blanket bond covering such persons, (ii) a blanket bond which names the Corporations as the only insured (a “single insured bond”), or (iii) a bond which names the Corporations and one or more other parties as insureds (a “joint insured bond”), as permitted by Rule 17g-1;

WHEREAS, Rule 17g-1 requires that a majority of the directors who are not “interested persons” of the Corporations as defined in the 1940 Act (the “Independent Directors”) approve periodically (but not less than once every 12 months) the reasonableness of the form and amount of the bond, with due consideration to all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the value of the aggregate assets of the Corporations to which any covered person may have access, the type and terms of the arrangements made for the custody and safekeeping of such assets, and the nature of securities and other investments to be held by the Corporations;

WHEREAS, under Rule 17g-1, the Corporations are required to make certain filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and give certain notices to each member of the Board in connection with the bond, and designate an officer who shall make such filings and give such notices;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the expected aggregate value of the securities and funds of the Corporations to which officers or employees of the Corporations may have access (either directly or through authority to draw upon such funds or to direct generally the disposition of such securities), the type and terms of the arrangements made for the custody of such securities and funds, the nature of securities and other investments to be held by the Corporations, the accounting procedures and controls of the Corporations, the nature and method of conducting the operations of the Corporations, and the requirements of Section 17(g) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17g-1 thereunder, and has agreed that the amount, type, form, premium and coverage, covering the officers and employees of the Corporations and insuring the Corporations and other funds advised by Franklin Templeton against loss from fraudulent or dishonest acts, including larceny and embezzlement, issued by ICI Mutual Insurance Company with an aggregate coverage in the amount of \$100,000,000 would be appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Independent Directors of the Corporations have considered the expected aggregate value of the securities and funds of the Corporations to which officers or employees of the Corporations may have access (either directly or through authority to draw up on

such funds or to direct generally the disposition of such securities), the type and terms of the arrangements made for the custody of such securities and funds, the nature of securities and other investments to be held by the Corporations, the accounting procedures and controls of the Corporations, the nature and method of conducting the operations of the Corporations, and the requirements of Section 17(g) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17g-1 thereunder, and have agreed that the amount, type, form, premium and coverage, covering the officers and employees of the Corporations and insuring the Corporations and other funds advised by Franklin Templeton against loss from fraudulent or dishonest acts, including larceny and embezzlement, issued by ICI Mutual Insurance Company with an aggregate coverage in the amount of \$100,000,000 would be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received a coverage proposal for a joint insured bond, which provides bond coverage for the officers and employees of the Corporations and other funds advised by Franklin Templeton in the amount of \$100,000,000 (the “Fidelity Bond”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, hereby adopts and approves in all respects the Fidelity Bond, in substantially the form presented to the Board, with such modifications as any authorized officer shall, with the advice of counsel, approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof; and

RESOLVED, that the authorized officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, in the name of the Corporations and on its behalf, the joint insured bond Fidelity Bond; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Corporations be, and hereby is, designated as the party responsible for making the necessary filings and giving the notices with respect to the Fidelity Bond required by paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Amended and Restated Allocation Agreement by and between the Corporation and the other entities insured under the Fidelity Bond (the “Joint Insured Agreement”) in substantially the form presented to the Board, be and it hereby is, approved; and that any officer of the Corporation be, and they hereby severally are, authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute and deliver such Joint Insured Agreement, in substantially such form, with such changes as the officer or officers so acting may deem necessary or desirable, together with such other documents or instruments as he or she may deem necessary or advisable to effect the purposes of this resolution, the execution and delivery thereof to be conclusive evidence that the same has been approved by the Board.

**ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
a Risk Retention Group**

1401 H St. NW
Washington, DC 20005

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

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DECLARATIONS

NOTICE

This policy is issued by your risk retention group. Your risk retention group may not be subject to all of the insurance laws and regulations of your state. State insurance insolvency guaranty funds are not available for your risk retention group.

Item 1. Name of Insured (the "Insured") **Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds** Bond Number: **87170121B**

Principal Office:
One Franklin Parkway 970/3
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

Mailing Address:
One Franklin Parkway 970/3
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

Item 2. Bond Period: from 12:01 a.m. on June 30, 2021, to 12:01 a.m. on June 30, 2022, or the earlier effective date of the termination of this Bond, standard time at the Principal Office as to each of said dates.

Item 3. Limit of Liability—
Subject to Sections 9, 10 and 12 hereof:

		LIMIT OF LIABILITY	DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT
Insuring Agreement A-	FIDELITY	\$100,000,000	N/A
Insuring Agreement B-	AUDIT EXPENSE	\$50,000	\$10,000
Insuring Agreement C-	ON PREMISES	\$100,000,000	\$250,000
Insuring Agreement D-	IN TRANSIT	\$100,000,000	\$250,000
Insuring Agreement E-	FORGERY OR ALTERATION	\$100,000,000	\$250,000
Insuring Agreement F-	SECURITIES	\$100,000,000	\$250,000
Insuring Agreement G-	COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	\$100,000,000	\$250,000
Insuring Agreement H-	UNCOLLECTIBLE ITEMS OF DEPOSIT	\$25,000	\$5,000
Insuring Agreement I-	PHONE/ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS	\$100,000,000	\$250,000

If "Not Covered" is inserted opposite any Insuring Agreement above, such Insuring Agreement and any reference thereto shall be deemed to be deleted from this Bond.

OPTIONAL INSURING AGREEMENTS ADDED BY RIDER:

Insuring Agreement J-	COMPUTER SECURITY	\$100,000,000	\$250,000
Insuring Agreement M-	SOCIAL ENGINEERING FRAUD	\$1,000,000	\$250,000

Item 4. Offices or Premises Covered--All the Insured's offices or other premises in existence at the time this Bond becomes effective are covered under this Bond, except the offices or other premises excluded by Rider. Offices or other premises acquired or established after the effective date of this Bond are covered subject to the terms of General Agreement A.

Item 5. The liability of ICI Mutual Insurance Company, a Risk Retention Group (the "Underwriter") is subject to the terms of the following Riders attached hereto:

Riders: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11

and of all Riders applicable to this Bond issued during the Bond Period.

By: _____
Authorized Representative

By: _____
Authorized Representative

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

NOTICE

This policy is issued by your risk retention group. Your risk retention group may not be subject to all of the insurance laws and regulations of your state. State insurance insolvency guaranty funds are not available for your risk retention group.

ICI Mutual Insurance Company, a Risk Retention Group (the “Underwriter”), in consideration of an agreed premium, and in reliance upon the Application and all other information furnished to the Underwriter by the Insured, and subject to and in accordance with the Declarations, General Agreements, Provisions, Conditions and Limitations and other terms of this bond (including all riders hereto) (“Bond”), to the extent of the Limit of Liability and subject to the Deductible Amount, agrees to indemnify the Insured for the loss, as described in the Insuring Agreements, sustained by the Insured at any time but discovered during the Bond Period.

INSURING AGREEMENTS

A. FIDELITY

Loss resulting directly from any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act committed by an Employee, committed anywhere and whether committed alone or in collusion with other persons (whether or not Employees), during the time such Employee has the status of an Employee as defined herein, and even if such loss is not discovered until after he or she ceases to be an Employee; and EXCLUDING loss covered under Insuring Agreement B.

B. AUDIT EXPENSE

Expense incurred by the Insured for that part of the costs of audits or examinations required by any governmental regulatory authority or Self-Regulatory Organization to be conducted by such authority or Organization or by an independent accountant or other person, by reason of the discovery of loss sustained by the Insured and covered by this Bond.

C. ON PREMISES

Loss of Property resulting directly from any Mysterious Disappearance, or any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act committed by a person physically present in an office or on the premises of the Insured at the time the Property is surrendered, while the Property is (or reasonably supposed or believed by the Insured to be) lodged or deposited within the Insured’s offices or premises located anywhere, except those offices excluded by Rider; and EXCLUDING loss covered under Insuring Agreement A.

D. IN TRANSIT

Loss of Property resulting directly from any Mysterious Disappearance or Dishonest or Fraudulent Act while the Property is physically (not electronically) in transit anywhere in the custody of any person authorized by an Insured to act as a messenger, except while in the mail or with a carrier for hire (other than a Security Company); and EXCLUDING loss covered under Insuring Agreement A. Property is “in transit” beginning immediately upon receipt of such Property by the transporting person and ending immediately upon delivery to the designated recipient or its agent, but only while the Property is being conveyed.

E. FORGERY OR ALTERATION

Loss resulting directly from the Insured having, in good faith, paid or transferred any Property in reliance upon any Written, Original:

- (1) bills of exchange, checks, drafts, or other written orders or directions to pay sums certain in money, acceptances, certificates of deposit, due bills, money orders, warrants, orders upon public treasuries, or letters of credit; or
- (2) instructions, requests or applications directed to the Insured, authorizing or acknowledging the transfer, payment, redemption, delivery or receipt of money or Property, or giving notice of any bank account (provided such instructions or requests or applications purport to have been signed or endorsed by (a) any customer of the Insured, or (b) any shareholder of or subscriber to shares issued by any Investment Company, or (c) any financial or banking institution or stockbroker, and further provided such instructions, requests, or applications either bear the forged signature or endorsement or have been altered without the knowledge and consent of such customer, such shareholder or subscriber to shares issued by an Investment Company, or such financial or banking institution or stockbroker); or
- (3) withdrawal orders or receipts for the withdrawal of Property, or receipts or certificates of deposit for Property and bearing the name of the Insured as issuer or of another Investment Company for which the Insured acts as agent;

which bear (a) a Forgery, or (b) an Alteration, but only to the extent that the Forgery or Alteration directly causes the loss.

Actual physical possession by the Insured or its authorized representative of the items listed in (1) through (3) above is a condition precedent to the Insured having relied upon the items.

This Insuring Agreement E does not cover loss caused by Forgery or Alteration of Securities or loss covered under Insuring Agreement A.

F. SECURITIES

Loss resulting directly from the Insured, in good faith, in the ordinary course of business, and in any capacity whatsoever, whether for its own account or for the account of others, having acquired, accepted or received, or sold or delivered, or given any value, extended any credit or assumed any liability in reliance on any Written, Original Securities, where such loss results from the fact that such Securities prove to:

- (1) be Counterfeit, but only to the extent that the Counterfeit directly causes the loss, or
- (2) be lost or stolen, or
- (3) contain a Forgery or Alteration, but only to the extent the Forgery or Alteration directly causes the loss,

and notwithstanding whether or not the act of the Insured causing such loss violated the constitution, by-laws, rules, or regulations of any Self-Regulatory Organization, whether or not the Insured was a member thereof.

This Insuring Agreement F does not cover loss covered under Insuring Agreement A.

Actual physical possession by the Insured or its authorized representative of the Securities is a condition precedent to the Insured having relied upon the Securities.

G. COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

Loss resulting directly from the receipt by the Insured, in good faith of any Counterfeit Currency.

This Insuring Agreement G does not cover loss covered under Insuring Agreement A.

H. UNCOLLECTIBLE ITEMS OF DEPOSIT

Loss resulting directly from the payment of dividends, issuance of Fund shares or redemptions or exchanges permitted from an account with the Fund as a consequence of

- (1) uncollectible Items of Deposit of a Fund's customer, shareholder or subscriber credited by the Insured or its agent to such person's Fund account, or
- (2) any Item of Deposit processed through an automated clearing house which is reversed by a Fund's customer, shareholder or subscriber and is deemed uncollectible by the Insured;

PROVIDED, that (a) Items of Deposit shall not be deemed uncollectible until the Insured's collection procedures have failed, (b) exchanges of shares between Funds with exchange privileges shall be covered hereunder only if all such Funds are insured by the Underwriter for uncollectible Items of Deposit, and (c) the Insured Fund shall have implemented and maintained a policy to hold Items of Deposit for the minimum number of days stated in its Application (as amended from time to time) before paying any dividend or permitting any withdrawal with respect to such Items of Deposit (other than exchanges between Funds). Regardless of the number of transactions between Funds in an exchange program, the minimum number of days an Item of Deposit must be held shall begin from the date the Item of Deposit was first credited to any Insured Fund.

This Insuring Agreement H does not cover loss covered under Insuring Agreement A.

I. PHONE/ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS

Loss resulting directly from a Phone/Electronic Transaction, where the request for such Phone/Electronic Transaction:

- (1) is transmitted to the Insured or its agents by voice over the telephone or by Electronic Transmission; and
- (2) is made by an individual purporting to be a Fund shareholder or subscriber or an authorized agent of a Fund shareholder or subscriber; and
- (3) is unauthorized or fraudulent and is made with the manifest intent to deceive;

PROVIDED, that the entity receiving such request generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all Phone/Electronic Transaction Security Procedures with respect to all Phone/Electronic Transactions; and

EXCLUDING loss resulting from:

- (1) the failure to pay for shares attempted to be purchased; or
- (2) any redemption of Investment Company shares which had been improperly credited to a shareholder's account where such shareholder (a) did not cause, directly or indirectly, such shares to be credited to such account, and (b) directly or indirectly received any proceeds or other benefit from such redemption; or
- (3) any redemption of shares issued by an Investment Company where the proceeds of such redemption were requested (i) to be paid or made payable to other than an Authorized Recipient or an Authorized Bank Account or (ii) to be sent to other than an Authorized Address;
- (4) the intentional failure to adhere to one or more Phone/Electronic Transaction Security Procedures; or
- (5) a Phone/Electronic Transaction request transmitted by electronic mail or transmitted by any method not subject to the Phone/Electronic Transaction Security Procedures; or
- (6) the failure or circumvention of any physical or electronic protection device, including any firewall, that imposes restrictions on the flow of electronic traffic in or out of any Computer System.

This Insuring Agreement I does not cover loss covered under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity" or Insuring Agreement J, "Computer Security".

GENERAL AGREEMENTS

A. ADDITIONAL OFFICES OR EMPLOYEES—CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER—NOTICE

1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 below, this Bond shall apply to any additional office(s) established by the Insured during the Bond Period and to all Employees during the Bond Period, without the need to give notice thereof or pay additional premiums to the Underwriter for the Bond Period.
2. If during the Bond Period an Insured Investment Company shall merge or consolidate with an institution in which such Insured is the surviving entity, or purchase substantially all the assets or capital stock of another institution, or acquire or create a separate investment portfolio, and shall within sixty (60) days notify the Underwriter thereof, then this Bond shall automatically apply to the Property and Employees resulting from such merger, consolidation, acquisition or creation from the date thereof; provided, that the Underwriter may make such coverage contingent upon the payment of an additional premium.

B. WARRANTY

No statement made by or on behalf of the Insured, whether contained in the Application or otherwise, shall be deemed to be an absolute warranty, but only a warranty that such statement is true to the best of the knowledge of the person responsible for such statement.

C. COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES

The Underwriter will indemnify the Insured against court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred and paid by the Insured in defense of any legal proceeding brought against the Insured seeking recovery for any loss which, if established against the Insured, would constitute a loss covered under the terms of this Bond; provided, however, that with respect to Insuring Agreement A this indemnity shall apply only in the event that:

1. an Employee admits to having committed or is adjudicated to have committed a Dishonest or Fraudulent Act which caused the loss; or
2. in the absence of such an admission or adjudication, an arbitrator or arbitrators acceptable to the Insured and the Underwriter concludes, after a review of an agreed statement of facts, that an Employee has committed a Dishonest or Fraudulent Act which caused the loss.

The Insured shall promptly give notice to the Underwriter of any such legal proceeding and upon request shall furnish the Underwriter with copies of all pleadings and other papers therein. At the Underwriter's election the Insured shall permit the Underwriter to conduct the defense of such legal proceeding in the Insured's name, through attorneys of the Underwriter's selection. In such event, the Insured shall give all reasonable information and assistance which the Underwriter shall deem necessary to the proper defense of such legal proceeding.

If the amount of the Insured's liability or alleged liability in any such legal proceeding is greater than the amount which the Insured would be entitled to recover under this Bond (other than pursuant to this General Agreement C), or if a Deductible Amount is applicable, or both, the indemnity liability of the Underwriter under this General Agreement C is limited to the proportion of court costs and attorneys' fees incurred and paid by the Insured or by the Underwriter that the amount which the Insured would be entitled to recover under this Bond (other than pursuant to this General Agreement C) bears to the sum of such amount plus the amount which the Insured is not entitled to recover. Such indemnity shall be in addition to the Limit of Liability for the applicable Insuring Agreement.

D. INTERPRETATION

This Bond shall be interpreted with due regard to the purpose of fidelity bonding under Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (i.e., to protect innocent third parties from harm) and to the structure of the investment management industry (in which a loss of Property resulting from a cause described in any Insuring Agreement ordinarily gives rise to a potential legal liability on the part of the Insured), such that the term "loss" as used herein shall include an Insured's legal liability for direct compensatory damages resulting directly from a misappropriation, or measurable diminution in value, of Property.

**THIS BOND, INCLUDING THE FOREGOING INSURING AGREEMENTS
AND GENERAL AGREEMENTS, IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS:**

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms used in this Bond shall have the meanings stated in this Section:

- A. **“Alteration”** means the marking, changing or altering in a material way of the terms, meaning or legal effect of a document with the intent to deceive.
- B. **“Application”** means the Insured’s application (and any attachments and materials submitted in connection therewith) furnished to the Underwriter for this Bond.
- C. **“Authorized Address”** means (1) any Officially Designated address to which redemption proceeds may be sent, (2) any address designated in writing (not to include Electronic Transmission) by the Shareholder of Record and received by the Insured at least one (1) day prior to the effective date of such designation, or (3) any address designated by voice over the telephone or by Electronic Transmission by the Shareholder of Record at least 15 days prior to the effective date of such designation.
- D. **“Authorized Bank Account”** means any Officially Designated bank account to which redemption proceeds may be sent.
- E. **“Authorized Recipient”** means (1) the Shareholder of Record, or (2) any other Officially Designated person to whom redemption proceeds may be sent.
- F. **“Computer System”** means (1) computers with related peripheral components, including storage components, (2) systems and applications software, (3) terminal devices, (4) related communications networks or customer communication systems, and (5) related electronic funds transfer systems; by which data or monies are electronically collected, transmitted, processed, stored or retrieved.
- G. **“Counterfeit”** means a Written imitation of an actual valid Original which is intended to deceive and to be taken as the Original.
- H. **“Cryptocurrency”** means a digital or electronic medium of exchange, operating independently of a central bank, in which encryption techniques are used to regulate generation of units and to verify transfer of units from one person to another.
- I. **“Currency”** means a medium of exchange in current use authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government as part of its official currency.
- J. **“Deductible Amount”** means, with respect to any Insuring Agreement, the amount set forth under the heading “Deductible Amount” in Item 3 of the Declarations or in any Rider for such Insuring Agreement, applicable to each Single Loss covered by such Insuring Agreement.
- K. **“Depository”** means any “securities depository” (other than any foreign securities depository) in which an Investment Company may deposit its Securities in accordance with Rule 17f-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

- L. “Dishonest or Fraudulent Act”** means any dishonest or fraudulent act, including “larceny and embezzlement” as defined in Section 37 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, committed with the conscious manifest intent (1) to cause the Insured to sustain a loss and (2) to obtain an improper financial benefit for the perpetrator or any other person or entity. A Dishonest or Fraudulent Act does not mean or include a reckless act, a negligent act, or a grossly negligent act. As used in this definition, “improper financial benefit” does not include any employee benefits received in the course of employment, including salaries, commissions, fees, bonuses, promotions, awards, profit sharing or pensions.
- M. “Electronic Transmission”** means any transmission effected by electronic means, including but not limited to a transmission effected by telephone tones, Telefacsimile, wireless device, or over the Internet.
- N. “Employee”** means:
- (1) each officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of the Insured, and
 - (2) each officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of any predecessor of the Insured whose principal assets are acquired by the Insured by consolidation or merger with, or purchase of assets or capital stock of, such predecessor, and
 - (3) each attorney performing legal services for the Insured and each employee of such attorney or of the law firm of such attorney while performing services for the Insured, and
 - (4) each student who is an authorized intern of the Insured, while in any of the Insured’s offices, and
 - (5) each officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of
 - (a) an investment adviser,
 - (b) an underwriter (distributor),
 - (c) a transfer agent or shareholder accounting recordkeeper, or
 - (d) an administrator authorized by written agreement to keep financial and/or other required records,

for an Investment Company named as an Insured, BUT ONLY while (i) such officer, partner or employee is performing acts coming within the scope of the usual duties of an officer or employee of an Insured, or (ii) such officer, director, trustee, partner or employee is acting as a member of any committee duly elected or appointed to examine or audit or have custody of or access to the Property of the Insured, or (iii) such director or trustee (or anyone acting in a similar capacity) is acting outside the scope of the usual duties of a director or trustee; PROVIDED, that the term “Employee” shall not include any officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a transfer agent, shareholder accounting recordkeeper or administrator (x) which is not an “affiliated person” (as defined in Section 2(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940) of an Investment Company named as an Insured or of the adviser or underwriter of such Investment Company, or (y) which is a “Bank” (as defined in Section 2(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940), and
 - (6) each individual assigned, by contract or by any agency furnishing temporary personnel, in either case on a contingent or part-time basis, to perform the usual duties of an employee in any office of the Insured, and

- (7) each individual assigned to perform the usual duties of an employee or officer of any entity authorized by written agreement with the Insured to perform services as electronic data processor of checks or other accounting records of the Insured, but excluding a processor which acts as transfer agent or in any other agency capacity for the Insured in issuing checks, drafts or securities, unless included under subsection (5) hereof, and
- (8) each officer, partner or employee of
 - (a) any Depository or Exchange,
 - (b) any nominee in whose name is registered any Security included in the systems for the central handling of securities established and maintained by any Depository, and
 - (c) any recognized service company which provides clerks or other personnel to any Depository or Exchange on a contract basis,while such officer, partner or employee is performing services for any Depository in the operation of systems for the central handling of securities, and
- (9) in the case of an Insured which is an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”)) for officers, directors or employees of another Insured (“In-House Plan”), any “fiduciary” or other “plan official” (within the meaning of Section 412 of ERISA) of such In-House Plan, provided that such fiduciary or other plan official is a director, partner, officer, trustee or employee of an Insured (other than an In-House Plan).

Each employer of temporary personnel and each entity referred to in subsections (6) and (7) and their respective partners, officers and employees shall collectively be deemed to be one person for all the purposes of this Bond.

Brokers, agents, independent contractors, or representatives of the same general character shall not be considered Employees, except as provided in subsections (3), (6), and (7).

- O. “Exchange”** means any national securities exchange registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- P. “Forgery”** means the physical signing on a document of the name of another person with the intent to deceive. A Forgery may be by means of mechanically reproduced facsimile signatures as well as handwritten signatures. Forgery does not include the signing of an individual’s own name, regardless of such individual’s authority, capacity or purpose.
- Q. “Items of Deposit”** means one or more checks or drafts.
- R. “Investment Company” or “Fund”** means an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- S. “Limit of Liability”** means, with respect to any Insuring Agreement, the limit of liability of the Underwriter for any Single Loss covered by such Insuring Agreement as set forth under the heading “Limit of Liability” in Item 3 of the Declarations or in any Rider for such Insuring Agreement.
- T. “Mysterious Disappearance”** means any disappearance of Property which, after a reasonable investigation has been conducted, cannot be explained.

- U. **“Non-Fund”** means any corporation, business trust, partnership, trust or other entity which is not an Investment Company.
- V. **“Officially Designated”** means designated by the Shareholder of Record:
- (1) in the initial account application,
 - (2) in writing accompanied by a signature guarantee, or
 - (3) in writing or by Electronic Transmission, where such designation is verified via a callback to the Shareholder of Record by the Insured at a predetermined telephone number provided by the Shareholder of Record to the Insured in writing at least 30 days prior to such callback.
- W. **“Original”** means the first rendering or archetype and does not include photocopies or electronic transmissions even if received and printed.
- X. **“Phone/Electronic Transaction”** means any (1) redemption of shares issued by an Investment Company, (2) election concerning dividend options available to Fund shareholders, (3) exchange of shares in a registered account of one Fund into shares in an identically registered account of another Fund in the same complex pursuant to exchange privileges of the two Funds, or (4) purchase of shares issued by an Investment Company, which redemption, election, exchange or purchase is requested by voice over the telephone or through an Electronic Transmission.
- Y. **“Phone/Electronic Transaction Security Procedures”** means security procedures for Phone/Electronic Transactions as set forth in the Application and/or as otherwise provided in writing to the Underwriter.
- Z. **“Property”** means the following tangible items: money, postage and revenue stamps, precious metals, Securities, bills of exchange, acceptances, checks, drafts, or other written orders or directions to pay sums certain in money, certificates of deposit, due bills, money orders, letters of credit, financial futures contracts, conditional sales contracts, abstracts of title, insurance policies, deeds, mortgages, and assignments of any of the foregoing, and other valuable papers, including books of account and other records used by the Insured in the conduct of its business, and all other instruments similar to or in the nature of the foregoing (but excluding all data processing records), (1) in which the Insured has a legally cognizable interest, (2) in which the Insured acquired or should have acquired such an interest by reason of a predecessor’s declared financial condition at the time of the Insured’s consolidation or merger with, or purchase of the principal assets of, such predecessor or (3) which are held by the Insured for any purpose or in any capacity.
- AA. **“Securities”** means original negotiable or non-negotiable agreements or instruments which represent an equitable or legal interest, ownership or debt (including stock certificates, bonds, promissory notes, and assignments thereof), which are in the ordinary course of business transferable by physical delivery with appropriate endorsement or assignment. “Securities” does not include bills of exchange, acceptances, certificates of deposit, checks, drafts, or other written orders or directions to pay sums certain in money, due bills, money orders, or letters of credit.
- BB. **“Security Company”** means an entity which provides or purports to provide the transport of Property by secure means, including, without limitation, by use of armored vehicles or guards.

CC. “Self-Regulatory Organization” means any association of investment advisers or securities dealers registered under the federal securities laws, or any Exchange.

DD. “Shareholder of Record” means the record owner of shares issued by an Investment Company or, in the case of joint ownership of such shares, all record owners, as designated (1) in the initial account application, or (2) in writing accompanied by a signature guarantee, or (3) pursuant to procedures as set forth in the Application and/or as otherwise provided in writing to the Underwriter.

EE. “Single Loss” means:

- (1) all loss caused by any one act (other than a Dishonest or Fraudulent Act) committed by one person, or
- (2) all loss caused by Dishonest or Fraudulent Acts committed by one person, or
- (3) all expenses incurred with respect to any one audit or examination, or
- (4) all loss caused by any one occurrence or event other than those specified in subsections (1) through (3) above.

All acts or omissions of one or more persons which directly or indirectly aid or, by failure to report or otherwise, permit the continuation of an act referred to in subsections (1) and (2) above of any other person shall be deemed to be the acts of such other person for purposes of this subsection.

All acts or occurrences or events which have as a common nexus any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction or series of facts, circumstances, situations, or transactions shall be deemed to be one act, one occurrence, or one event.

FF. “Telefacsimile” means a system of transmitting and reproducing fixed graphic material (as, for example, printing) by means of signals transmitted over telephone lines or over the Internet.

GG. “Written” means expressed through letters or marks placed upon paper and visible to the eye.

SECTION 2. EXCLUSIONS

THIS BOND DOES NOT COVER:

- A. Loss resulting from (1) riot or civil commotion outside the United States of America and Canada, or (2) war, revolution, insurrection, action by armed forces, or usurped power, wherever occurring; except if such loss occurs while the Property is in transit, is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement D, and when such transit was initiated, the Insured or any person initiating such transit on the Insured’s behalf had no knowledge of such riot, civil commotion, war, revolution, insurrection, action by armed forces, or usurped power.
- B. Loss in time of peace or war resulting from nuclear fission or fusion or radioactivity, or biological or chemical agents or hazards, or fire, smoke, or explosion, or the effects of any of the foregoing.
- C. Loss resulting from any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act committed by any person while acting in the capacity of a member of the Board of Directors or any equivalent body of the Insured or of any other entity.

- D. Loss resulting from any nonpayment or other default of any loan or similar transaction made by the Insured or any of its partners, directors, officers or employees, whether or not authorized and whether procured in good faith or through a Dishonest or Fraudulent Act, unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A, E, or F.
- E. Loss resulting from any violation by the Insured or by any Employee of any law, or any rule or regulation pursuant thereto or adopted by a Self-Regulatory Organization, regulating the issuance, purchase or sale of securities, securities transactions upon security exchanges or over the counter markets, Investment Companies, or investment advisers, unless such loss, in the absence of such law, rule or regulation, would be covered under Insuring Agreement A, E, or F.
- F. Loss resulting from Property that is the object of a Dishonest or Fraudulent Act or Mysterious Disappearance while in the custody of any Security Company, unless such loss is covered under this Bond and is in excess of the amount recovered or received by the Insured under (1) the Insured's contract with such Security Company, and (2) insurance or indemnity of any kind carried by such Security Company for the benefit of, or otherwise available to, users of its service, in which case this Bond shall cover only such excess, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability and Deductible Amount.
- G. Potential income, including but not limited to interest and dividends, not realized by the Insured because of a loss covered under this Bond, except when covered under Insuring Agreement H.
- H. Loss in the form of (1) damages of any type for which the Insured is legally liable, except direct compensatory damages, or (2) taxes, fines, or penalties, including without limitation two-thirds of treble damage awards pursuant to judgments under any statute or regulation.
- I. Loss resulting from the surrender of Property away from an office of the Insured as a result of kidnap, ransom, or extortion, or a threat
 - (1) to do bodily harm to any person, except where the Property is in transit in the custody of any person acting as messenger as a result of a threat to do bodily harm to such person, if the Insured had no knowledge of such threat at the time such transit was initiated, or
 - (2) to do damage to the premises or Property of the Insured,unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A.
- J. All costs, fees, and other expenses incurred by the Insured in establishing the existence of or amount of loss covered under this Bond, except to the extent certain audit expenses are covered under Insuring Agreement B.
- K. Loss resulting from payments made to or withdrawals from any account, involving funds erroneously credited to such account, unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A.
- L. Loss resulting from uncollectible Items of Deposit which are drawn upon a financial institution outside the United States of America, its territories and possessions, or Canada.
- M. Loss resulting from the Dishonest or Fraudulent Acts or other acts or omissions of an Employee primarily engaged in the sale of shares issued by an Investment Company to persons other than (1) a person registered as a broker under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or (2) an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933, which is not an individual.

- N. Loss resulting from the use of credit, debit, charge, access, convenience, identification, cash management or other cards, whether such cards were issued or purport to have been issued by the Insured or by anyone else, unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A.
- O. Loss resulting from any purchase, redemption or exchange of securities issued by an Investment Company or other Insured, or any other instruction, request, acknowledgement, notice or transaction involving securities issued by an Investment Company or other Insured or the dividends in respect thereof, when any of the foregoing is requested, authorized or directed or purported to be requested, authorized or directed by voice over the telephone or by Electronic Transmission, unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A or Insuring Agreement I.
- P. Loss resulting from any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act or committed by an Employee as defined in Section 1.N(2), unless such loss (1) could not have been reasonably discovered by the due diligence of the Insured at or prior to the time of acquisition by the Insured of the assets acquired from a predecessor, and (2) arose out of a lawsuit or valid claim brought against the Insured by a person unaffiliated with the Insured or with any person affiliated with the Insured.
- Q. Loss resulting from the unauthorized entry of data into, or the deletion or destruction of data in, or the change of data elements or programs within, any Computer System, unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A.
- R. Loss resulting from the theft, disappearance, destruction, disclosure, or unauthorized use of confidential or personal information (including, but not limited to, trade secrets, personal shareholder or client information, shareholder or client lists, personally identifiable financial or medical information, intellectual property, or any other type of non-public information), whether such information is owned by the Insured or held by the Insured in any capacity (including concurrently with another person); provided, however, this exclusion shall not apply to loss arising out of the use of such information to support or facilitate the commission of an act otherwise covered by this Bond.
- S. All costs, fees, and other expenses arising from a data security breach or incident, including, but not limited to, forensic audit expenses, fines, penalties, expenses to comply with federal and state laws and expenses related to notifying affected individuals.
- T. Loss resulting from vandalism or malicious mischief.
- U. Loss resulting from the theft, disappearance, or destruction of Cryptocurrency or from the change in value of Cryptocurrency, unless such loss (1) is sustained by any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that is named as an Insured and (2) is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A.

SECTION 3. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Upon payment to the Insured hereunder for any loss, the Underwriter shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the Insured's rights and claims in connection with such loss; provided, however, that the Underwriter shall not be subrogated to any such rights or claims one named Insured under this Bond may have against another named Insured under this Bond. At the request of the Underwriter, the Insured shall execute all assignments or other documents and take such action as the Underwriter may deem necessary or desirable to secure and perfect such rights and claims, including the execution of documents necessary to enable the Underwriter to bring suit in the name of the Insured.

Assignment of any rights or claims under this Bond shall not bind the Underwriter without the Underwriter's written consent.

SECTION 4. LOSS—NOTICE—PROOF—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

This Bond is for the use and benefit only of the Insured and the Underwriter shall not be liable hereunder to anyone other than the Insured. As soon as practicable and not more than sixty (60) days after discovery of any loss covered hereunder, the Insured shall give the Underwriter written notice thereof and, as soon as practicable and within one year after such discovery, shall also furnish to the Underwriter affirmative proof of loss with full particulars. The Underwriter may extend the sixty-day notice period or the one-year proof of loss period if the Insured requests an extension and shows good cause therefor.

The Insured shall provide the Underwriter with such information, assistance, and cooperation as the Underwriter may reasonably request.

See also General Agreement C (Court Costs and Attorneys' Fees).

The Underwriter shall not be liable hereunder for loss of Securities unless each of the Securities is identified in such proof of loss by a certificate or bond number or by such identification means as the Underwriter may require. The Underwriter shall have a reasonable period after receipt of a proper affirmative proof of loss within which to investigate the claim, but where the Property is Securities and the loss is clear and undisputed, settlement shall be made within forty-eight (48) hours even if the loss involves Securities of which duplicates may be obtained.

The Insured shall not bring legal proceedings against the Underwriter to recover any loss hereunder prior to sixty (60) days after filing such proof of loss or subsequent to twenty-four (24) months after the discovery of such loss or, in the case of a legal proceeding to recover hereunder on account of any judgment against the Insured in or settlement of any suit mentioned in General Agreement C or to recover court costs or attorneys' fees paid in any such suit, twenty-four (24) months after the date of the final judgment in or settlement of such suit. If any limitation in this Bond is prohibited by any applicable law, such limitation shall be deemed to be amended to be equal to the minimum period of limitation permitted by such law.

Notice hereunder shall be given to Manager, Professional Liability Claims, ICI Mutual Insurance Company, RRG, 1401 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20005, with an electronic copy to LegalSupport@icimutual.com.

SECTION 5. DISCOVERY

For all purposes under this Bond, a loss is discovered, and discovery of a loss occurs, when the Insured

- (1) becomes aware of facts, or
- (2) receives notice of an actual or potential claim by a third party which alleges that the Insured is liable under circumstances,

which would cause a reasonable person to assume that a loss of a type covered by this Bond has been or is likely to be incurred, regardless of when the act or acts causing or contributing to such loss occurred, even though the exact amount or details of the loss may not be known.

SECTION 6. VALUATION OF PROPERTY

For the purpose of determining the amount of any loss hereunder, the value of any Property shall be the market value of such Property at the close of business on the first business day before the discovery of such loss; except that

- (1) the value of any Property replaced by the Insured prior to the payment of a claim therefor shall be the actual market value of such Property at the time of replacement, but not in excess of the market value of such Property on the first business day before the discovery of the loss of such Property;
- (2) the value of Securities which must be produced to exercise subscription, conversion, redemption or deposit privileges shall be the market value of such privileges immediately preceding the expiration thereof if the loss of such Securities is not discovered until after such expiration, but if there is no quoted or other ascertainable market price for such Property or privileges referred to in clauses (1) and (2), their value shall be fixed by agreement between the parties or by arbitration before an arbitrator or arbitrators acceptable to the parties; and
- (3) the value of books of accounts or other records used by the Insured in the conduct of its business shall be limited to the actual cost of blank books, blank pages or other materials if the books or records are reproduced plus the cost of labor for the transcription or copying of data furnished by the Insured for reproduction.

SECTION 7. LOST SECURITIES

The maximum liability of the Underwriter hereunder for lost Securities shall be the payment for, or replacement of, such Securities having an aggregate value not to exceed the applicable Limit of Liability. If the Underwriter shall make payment to the Insured for any loss of Securities, the Insured shall assign to the Underwriter all of the Insured's right, title and interest in and to such Securities. In lieu of such payment, the Underwriter may, at its option, replace such lost Securities, and in such case the Insured shall cooperate to effect such replacement. To effect the replacement of lost Securities, the Underwriter may issue or arrange for the issuance of a lost instrument bond. If the value of such Securities does not exceed the applicable Deductible Amount (at the time of the discovery of the loss), the Insured will pay the usual premium charged for the lost instrument bond and will indemnify the issuer of such bond against all loss and expense that it may sustain because of the issuance of such bond.

If the value of such Securities exceeds the applicable Deductible Amount (at the time of discovery of the loss), the Insured will pay a proportion of the usual premium charged for the lost instrument bond, equal to the percentage that the applicable Deductible Amount bears to the value of such Securities upon discovery of the loss, and will indemnify the issuer of such bond against all loss and expense that is not recovered from the Underwriter under the terms and conditions of this Bond, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability.

SECTION 8. SALVAGE

If any recovery is made, whether by the Insured or the Underwriter, on account of any loss within the applicable Limit of Liability hereunder, the Underwriter shall be entitled to the full amount of such recovery to reimburse the Underwriter for all amounts paid hereunder with respect to such loss. If any recovery is made, whether by the Insured or the Underwriter, on account of any loss in excess of the applicable Limit of Liability hereunder plus the Deductible Amount applicable to such loss from any source other than suretyship, insurance, reinsurance, security or indemnity taken by or for the

benefit of the Underwriter, the amount of such recovery, net of the actual costs and expenses of recovery, shall be applied to reimburse the Insured in full for the portion of such loss in excess of such Limit of Liability, and the remainder, if any, shall be paid first to reimburse the Underwriter for all amounts paid hereunder with respect to such loss and then to the Insured to the extent of the portion of such loss within the Deductible Amount. The Insured shall execute all documents which the Underwriter deems necessary or desirable to secure to the Underwriter the rights provided for herein.

SECTION 9. NON-REDUCTION AND NON-ACCUMULATION OF LIABILITY AND TOTAL LIABILITY

Prior to its termination, this Bond shall continue in force up to the Limit of Liability for each Insuring Agreement for each Single Loss, notwithstanding any previous loss (other than such Single Loss) for which the Underwriter may have paid or be liable to pay hereunder; PROVIDED, however, that regardless of the number of years this Bond shall continue in force and the number of premiums which shall be payable or paid, the liability of the Underwriter under this Bond with respect to any Single Loss shall be limited to the applicable Limit of Liability irrespective of the total amount of such Single Loss and shall not be cumulative in amounts from year to year or from period to period.

SECTION 10. MAXIMUM LIABILITY OF UNDERWRITER; OTHER BONDS OR POLICIES

The maximum liability of the Underwriter for any Single Loss covered by any Insuring Agreement under this Bond shall be the Limit of Liability applicable to such Insuring Agreement, subject to the applicable Deductible Amount and the other provisions of this Bond. Recovery for any Single Loss may not be made under more than one Insuring Agreement. If any Single Loss covered under this Bond is recoverable or recovered in whole or in part because of an unexpired discovery period under any other bonds or policies issued by the Underwriter to the Insured or to any predecessor in interest of the Insured, the maximum liability of the Underwriter shall be the greater of either (1) the applicable Limit of Liability under this Bond, or (2) the maximum liability of the Underwriter under such other bonds or policies.

SECTION 11. OTHER INSURANCE

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if any loss covered by this Bond shall also be covered by other insurance or suretyship for the benefit of the Insured, the Underwriter shall be liable hereunder only for the portion of such loss in excess of the amount recoverable under such other insurance or suretyship, but not exceeding the applicable Limit of Liability of this Bond.

SECTION 12. DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT

The Underwriter shall not be liable under any Insuring Agreement unless the amount of the loss covered thereunder, after deducting the net amount of all reimbursement and/or recovery received by the Insured with respect to such loss (other than from any other bond, suretyship or insurance policy or as an advance by the Underwriter hereunder) shall exceed the applicable Deductible Amount; in such case the Underwriter shall be liable only for such excess, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability and the other terms of this Bond.

No Deductible Amount shall apply to any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A sustained by any Investment Company named as an Insured.

SECTION 13. TERMINATION

The Underwriter may terminate this Bond as to any Insured or all Insureds only by written notice to such Insured or Insureds and, if this Bond is terminated as to any Investment Company, to each such Investment Company terminated thereby and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., in all cases not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

The Insured may terminate this Bond only by written notice to the Underwriter not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the termination specified in such notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Insured terminates this Bond as to any Investment Company, the effective date of termination shall be not less than sixty (60) days from the date the Underwriter provides written notice of the termination to each such Investment Company terminated thereby and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C.

This Bond will terminate as to any Insured that is a Non-Fund immediately and without notice upon (1) the takeover of such Insured's business by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator, or (2) the filing of a petition under any State or Federal statute relative to bankruptcy or reorganization of the Insured, or assignment for the benefit of creditors of the Insured.

Premiums are earned until the effective date of termination. The Underwriter shall refund the unearned premium computed at short rates in accordance with the Underwriter's standard short rate cancellation tables if this Bond is terminated by the Insured or pro rata if this Bond is terminated by the Underwriter.

Upon the detection by any Insured that an Employee has committed any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s), the Insured shall immediately remove such Employee from a position that may enable such Employee to cause the Insured to suffer a loss by any subsequent Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s). The Insured, within two (2) business days of such detection, shall notify the Underwriter with full and complete particulars of the detected Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s).

For purposes of this section, detection occurs when any partner, officer, or supervisory employee of any Insured, who is not in collusion with such Employee, becomes aware that the Employee has committed any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s).

This Bond shall terminate as to any Employee by written notice from the Underwriter to each Insured and, if such Employee is an Employee of an Insured Investment Company, to the Securities and Exchange Commission, in all cases not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

SECTION 14. RIGHTS AFTER TERMINATION

At any time prior to the effective date of termination of this Bond as to any Insured, such Insured may, by written notice to the Underwriter, elect to purchase the right under this Bond to an additional period of twelve (12) months within which to discover loss sustained by such Insured prior to the effective date of such termination and shall pay an additional premium therefor as the Underwriter may require.

Such additional discovery period shall terminate immediately and without notice upon the takeover of such Insured's business by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator. Promptly after such termination the Underwriter shall refund to the Insured any unearned premium.

The right to purchase such additional discovery period may not be exercised by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator, acting or appointed to take over the Insured's business.

SECTION 15. CENTRAL HANDLING OF SECURITIES

The Underwriter shall not be liable for loss in connection with the central handling of securities within the systems established and maintained by any Depository ("Systems"), unless the amount of such loss exceeds the amount recoverable or recovered under any bond or policy or participants' fund insuring the Depository against such loss (the "Depository's Recovery"); in such case the Underwriter shall be liable hereunder only for the Insured's share of such excess loss, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability, the Deductible Amount and the other terms of this Bond.

For determining the Insured's share of such excess loss, (1) the Insured shall be deemed to have an interest in any certificate representing any security included within the Systems equivalent to the interest the Insured then has in all certificates representing the same security included within the Systems; (2) the Depository shall have reasonably and fairly apportioned the Depository's Recovery among all those having an interest as recorded by appropriate entries in the books and records of the Depository in Property involved in such loss, so that each such interest shall share in the Depository's Recovery in the ratio that the value of each such interest bears to the total value of all such interests; and (3) the Insured's share of such excess loss shall be the amount of the Insured's interest in such Property in excess of the amount(s) so apportioned to the Insured by the Depository.

This Bond does not afford coverage in favor of any Depository or Exchange or any nominee in whose name is registered any security included within the Systems.

SECTION 16. ADDITIONAL COMPANIES INCLUDED AS INSURED

If more than one entity is named as the Insured:

- A. the total liability of the Underwriter hereunder for each Single Loss shall not exceed the Limit of Liability which would be applicable if there were only one named Insured, regardless of the number of Insured entities which sustain loss as a result of such Single Loss,
- B. the Insured first named in Item 1 of the Declarations shall be deemed authorized to make, adjust, and settle, and receive and enforce payment of, all claims hereunder as the agent of each other Insured for such purposes and for the giving or receiving of any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder; provided, that the Underwriter shall promptly furnish each named Insured Investment Company with (1) a copy of this Bond and any amendments thereto, (2) a copy of each formal filing of a claim hereunder by any other Insured, and (3) notification of the terms of the settlement of each such claim prior to the execution of such settlement,
- C. the Underwriter shall not be responsible or have any liability for the proper application by the Insured first named in Item 1 of the Declarations of any payment made hereunder to the first named Insured,
- D. for the purposes of Sections 4 and 13, knowledge possessed or discovery made by any partner, officer or supervisory Employee of any Insured shall constitute knowledge or discovery by every named Insured,

- E. if the first named Insured ceases for any reason to be covered under this Bond, then the Insured next named shall thereafter be considered as the first named Insured for the purposes of this Bond, and
- F. each named Insured shall constitute “the Insured” for all purposes of this Bond.

SECTION 17. NOTICE AND CHANGE OF CONTROL

Within thirty (30) days after learning that there has been a change in control of an Insured by transfer of its outstanding voting securities the Insured shall give written notice to the Underwriter of:

- A. the names of the transferors and transferees (or the names of the beneficial owners if the voting securities are registered in another name), and
- B. the total number of voting securities owned by the transferors and the transferees (or the beneficial owners), both immediately before and after the transfer, and
- C. the total number of outstanding voting securities.

As used in this Section, “control” means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of the Insured.

SECTION 18. CHANGE OR MODIFICATION

This Bond may only be modified by written Rider forming a part hereof over the signature of the Underwriter’s authorized representative. Any Rider which modifies the coverage provided by Insuring Agreement A, Fidelity, in a manner which adversely affects the rights of an Insured Investment Company shall not become effective until at least sixty (60) days after the Underwriter has given written notice thereof to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., and to each Insured Investment Company affected thereby.

SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE TRADE AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

This Bond shall not be deemed to provide any coverage, and the Underwriter shall not be required to pay any loss or provide any benefit hereunder, to the extent that the provision of such coverage, payment of such loss or provision of such benefit would cause the Underwriter to be in violation of any applicable trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, any sanctions, laws or regulations administered and enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

SECTION 20. ANTI-BUNDLING

If any Insuring Agreement requires that an enumerated type of document be Counterfeit, or contain a Forgery or Alteration, the Counterfeit, Forgery, or Alteration must be on or of the enumerated document itself, not on or of some other document submitted with, accompanying or incorporated by reference into the enumerated document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Underwriter has caused this Bond to be executed on the Declarations Page.

**ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 1

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

NAMED INSURED COMPANY RIDER (FUNDS-ONLY OMNIBUS)

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that Item 1 of the Declarations, Name of Insured, shall include the following:

- (1) any Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) existing as of the Effective Date of this Bond that is advised, distributed, or administered by Franklin Resources, Inc. ("FRI") or any Existing Subsidiary and which FRI has made a good faith effort to identify as a proposed Insured in the Application or any attachments thereto;
- (2) any Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) newly-created after the Effective Date of this Bond that is advised, distributed, or administered by FRI or any Existing Subsidiary (provided, in each case, that FRI or an Existing Subsidiary has responsibility for placing insurance coverage for such newly-created Investment Company); and
- (3) any Inactive Investment Company (or portfolio thereof);

provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, Item 1 of the Declarations, Name of Insured, shall in no event include any Investment Company (or any portfolio of any Investment Company) that is insured under the Royce Bond.

It is further understood and agreed that notwithstanding the foregoing, and regardless of how many times this Bond (or this rider) may hereafter be renewed, an Inactive Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) shall automatically cease to be an Insured eight years following its Inactive Date.

It is further understood and agreed that:

- (a) "Existing Subsidiary," shall mean any entity wholly-owned (directly or indirectly) by FRI as of the Effective Date of this Bond which FRI has made a good faith effort to identify in the Application or any attachment thereto;
- (b) "Inactive Investment Company" shall mean any Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) (1) that has no active operations of its own, either by reason of previously (i) having had substantially all of its assets acquired by an Investment Company that is an

Insured, (ii) having been merged into another Investment Company that is an Insured, or (iii) having been liquidated; and (2) that was an Insured under any prior Predecessor FRI/LM Bond issued by the Underwriter under which bond such Investment Company was an Insured;

- (c) “Inactive Date” as regards an Inactive Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) is the Date that such Inactive Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) ceased operations by reason of subpart (1)(i), (ii), or (iii) of the definition of “Inactive Investment Company;”
- (d) “Predecessor FRI/LM Bond” shall mean any Investment Company Blanket Bond (i) that incepted prior to the Effective Date of this Bond and (ii) under which any Investment Company (or portfolio thereof) that was advised, distributed, or administered by FRI or an Existing Subsidiary was an Insured, but a Predecessor FRI/LM Bond shall in no event include any Royce Bond; and
- (e) “Royce Bond” shall mean ICI Mutual Investment Company Blanket Bond No. 87091121B (or any predecessor to, or any renewal or replacement thereof).

It is further understood and agreed that the title in this rider is included solely for convenience and shall not itself be deemed to be a term or condition of coverage, or a description or interpretation thereof.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 2

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that notwithstanding Section 2.Q of this Bond, this Bond is amended by adding an additional Insuring Agreement J as follows:

J. COMPUTER SECURITY

Loss (including loss of Property) resulting directly from Computer Fraud; provided, that the Insured has adopted in writing and generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all Computer Security Procedures. The isolated failure of the Insured to maintain and follow a particular Computer Security Procedure in a particular instance will not preclude coverage under this Insuring Agreement, subject to the specific exclusions herein and in the Bond.

1. Definitions. The following terms used in this Insuring Agreement shall have the following meanings:
 - a. “Authorized User” means any person or entity designated by the Insured (through contract, assignment of User Identification, or otherwise) as authorized to use a Covered Computer System, or any part thereof. An individual who invests in an Insured Fund shall not be considered to be an Authorized User solely by virtue of being an investor.
 - b. “Computer Fraud” means the unauthorized entry of data into, or the deletion or destruction of data in, or change of data elements or programs within, a Covered Computer System which:
 - (1) is committed by any Unauthorized Third Party anywhere, alone or in collusion with other Unauthorized Third Parties; and
 - (2) is committed with the conscious manifest intent (a) to cause the Insured to sustain a loss, and (b) to obtain financial benefit for the perpetrator or any other person; and

- (3) causes (x) Property to be transferred, paid or delivered; or (y) an account of the Insured, or of its customer, to be added, deleted, debited or credited; or (z) an unauthorized or fictitious account to be debited or credited.
- c. "Computer Security Procedures" means procedures for prevention of unauthorized computer access and use and administration of computer access and use as provided in writing to the Underwriter.
- d. "Covered Computer System" means any Computer System as to which the Insured has possession, custody and control.
- e. "Unauthorized Third Party" means any person or entity that, at the time of the Computer Fraud, is not an Authorized User.
- f. "User Identification" means any unique user name (*i.e.*, a series of characters) that is assigned to a person or entity by the Insured.
2. Exclusions. It is further understood and agreed that this Insuring Agreement J shall not cover:
- a. Any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity," of this Bond; and
- b. Any loss resulting from the intentional failure to adhere to one or more Computer Security Procedures; and
- c. Any loss resulting from a Computer Fraud committed by or in collusion with:
- (1) any Authorized User (whether a natural person or an entity); or
- (2) in the case of any Authorized User which is an entity, (a) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Authorized User, or (b) any entity which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Authorized User ("Related Entity"), or (c) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Related Entity; or
- (3) in the case of any Authorized User who is a natural person, (a) any entity for which such Authorized User is a director, officer, partner, employee or agent ("Employer Entity"), or (b) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Employer Entity, or (c) any entity which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Employer Entity ("Employer-Related Entity"), or (d) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Employer-Related Entity;
- and
- d. Any loss resulting from physical damage to or destruction of any Covered Computer System, or any part thereof, or any data, data elements or media associated therewith; and

- e. Any loss not directly and proximately caused by Computer Fraud (including, without limitation, disruption of business and extra expense); and
- f. Payments made to any person(s) who has threatened to deny or has denied authorized access to a Covered Computer System or otherwise has threatened to disrupt the business of the Insured.

For purposes of this Insuring Agreement, "Single Loss," as defined in Section 1.EE of this Bond, shall also include all loss caused by Computer Fraud(s) committed by one person, or in which one person is implicated, whether or not that person is specifically identified. A series of losses involving unidentified individuals, but arising from the same method of operation, may be deemed by the Underwriter to involve the same individual and in that event shall be treated as a Single Loss.

It is further understood and agreed that nothing in this Rider shall affect the exclusion set forth in Section 2.O of this Bond.

Coverage under this Insuring Agreement shall terminate upon termination of this Bond. Coverage under this Insuring Agreement may also be terminated without terminating this Bond as an entirety:

- (a) by written notice from the Underwriter not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice; or
- (b) immediately by written notice from the Insured to the Underwriter.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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RIDER NO. 3

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that the exclusion set forth at Section 2.M of this Bond shall not apply with respect to loss resulting from the Dishonest or Fraudulent Acts or other acts or omissions of an Employee in connection with offers or sales of securities issued by an Insured Fund if such Employee (a) is an employee of that Fund or of its investment adviser, principal underwriter, or affiliated transfer agent, and (b) who is communicating with purchasers of such securities only in person in an office of an Insured or by telephone or in writing, and (c) does not receive commissions on such sales; provided, that such Dishonest or Fraudulent Acts or other acts or omissions do not involve, and such loss does not arise from, a statement or representation which is not (1) contained in a currently effective prospectus regarding such securities, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or (2) made as part of a scripted response to a question regarding that Fund or such securities, if the script has been filed with, and not objected to by, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and if the entire scripted response has been read to the caller, and if any response concerning the performance of such securities is not outdated.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 4

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that this Bond does not cover any loss resulting from or in connection with the acceptance of any Third Party Check, unless

- (1) such Third Party Check is used to open or increase an account which is registered in the name of one or more of the payees on such Third Party Check, and
- (2) reasonable efforts are made by the Insured, or by the entity receiving Third Party Checks on behalf of the Insured, to verify all endorsements on all Third Party Checks made payable in amounts greater than \$100,000 (provided, however, that the isolated failure to make such efforts in a particular instance will not preclude coverage, subject to the exclusions herein and in the Bond),

and then only to the extent such loss is otherwise covered under this Bond.

For purposes of this Rider, "Third Party Check" means a check made payable to one or more parties and offered as payment to one or more other parties.

It is further understood and agreed that notwithstanding anything to the contrary above or elsewhere in the Bond, this Bond does not cover any loss resulting from or in connection with the acceptance of a Third Party Check where:

- (1) any payee on such Third Party Check reasonably appears to be a corporation or other entity; or
- (2) such Third Party Check is made payable in an amount greater than \$100,000 and does not include the purported endorsements of all payees on such Third Party Check.

It is further understood and agreed that this Rider shall not apply with respect to any coverage that may be available under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity."

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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RIDER NO. 5

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

AMENDED DEFINITION OF “EMPLOYEE” RIDER

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that the definition of “Employee” in Section 1.N(6) of this Bond shall be amended to include any individual assigned, on a contingent or part-time basis, to perform the usual duties of an employee in any office of the Insured, provided that in the case of an individual assigned other than by an agency furnishing temporary personnel, such individual has passed a Successful Background Check conducted by or on behalf of the Insured.

It is further understood and agreed that for purposes of this rider, a “Successful Background Check” shall mean a background check (including contact with the individual’s previous employers and personal references and utilization of a private investigation agency), which results in a determination by the Insured that the individual has satisfied the security criteria established by the Insured for hiring employees on a permanent basis.

It is further understood and agreed that the title in this rider is included solely for convenience and shall not itself be deemed to be a term or condition of coverage, or a description or interpretation thereof.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 6

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that the references in Section 13, Termination, to “not less than sixty (60) days” shall be modified to read “not less than ninety (90) days.”

It is further understood and agreed that the sixth paragraph of Section 13, Termination, is amended to read as follows:

“For purposes of this section, detection occurs when any professional employee of the Legal, Compliance or Risk Management Departments of the Insured, who is not in collusion with such Employee, becomes aware that the Employee has committed any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s).”

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 7

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration for the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Bond (including Insuring Agreement I), this Bond does not cover any loss resulting from any Online Redemption(s) or Online Purchase(s) involving an aggregate amount in excess of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per shareholder account per day, unless before such redemption(s) or purchase(s), in a procedure initiated by the Insured or by the entity receiving the request for such Online Redemption(s) or Online Purchase(s):

- (a) the Shareholder of Record verifies, by some method other than an Electronic Transmission effected over the Internet, that each such redemption or purchase has been authorized, and
- (b) if such redemption or purchase is to be effected by wire to or from a particular bank account, a duly authorized employee of the bank verifies the account number to or from which funds are being transferred, and that the name on the account is the same as the name of the intended recipient of the proceeds.

It is further understood and agreed that, notwithstanding the Limit of Liability set forth herein or any other provision of this Bond, the Limit of Liability with respect to any Single Loss caused by an Online Transaction shall be Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and the Deductible Amount applicable to any such Single Loss is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

It is further understood and agreed that, notwithstanding Section 9, Non-Reduction and Non-Accumulation of Liability and Total Liability, or any other provision of this Bond, the Aggregate Limit of Liability of the Underwriter under this Bond with respect to any and all loss or losses caused by Online Transactions shall be an aggregate of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) for the Bond Period, irrespective of the total amount of such loss or losses.

For purposes of this Rider, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Online Purchase” means any purchase of shares issued by an Investment Company, which purchase is requested through an Electronic Transmission over the Internet.

“Online Redemption” means any redemption of shares issued by an Investment Company, which redemption is requested through an Electronic Transmission over the Internet.

“Online Transaction” means any Phone/Electronic Transaction requested through an Electronic Transmission over the Internet.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive, or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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RIDER NO. 8

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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Most property and casualty insurers, including ICI Mutual Insurance Company, a Risk Retention Group (“ICI Mutual”), are subject to the requirements of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, as amended (the “Act”). The Act establishes a federal insurance backstop under which ICI Mutual and these other insurers may be partially reimbursed by the United States Government for future **“insured losses”** resulting from certified **“acts of terrorism.”** (Each of these **bolded terms** is defined by the Act.) The Act also places certain disclosure and other obligations on ICI Mutual and these other insurers.

Pursuant to the Act, any future losses to ICI Mutual caused by certified **“acts of terrorism”** may be partially reimbursed by the United States government under a formula established by the Act. Under this formula, the United States government would generally reimburse ICI Mutual for the Federal Share of Compensation of ICI Mutual’s **“insured losses”** in excess of ICI Mutual’s **“insurer deductible”** until total **“insured losses”** of all participating insurers reach \$100 billion (the “Cap on Annual Liability”). If total **“insured losses”** of all property and casualty insurers reach the Cap on Annual Liability in any one calendar year, the Act limits U.S. Government reimbursement and provides that the insurers will not be liable under their policies for their portions of such losses that exceed such amount. Amounts otherwise payable under this Bond may be reduced as a result.

This Bond has no express exclusion for **“acts of terrorism.”** However, coverage under this Bond remains subject to all applicable terms, conditions, and limitations of the Bond (including exclusions) that are permissible under the Act.

The portion of the premium that is attributable to any coverage potentially available under the Bond for **“acts of terrorism”** is one percent (1%) and does not include any charges for the portion of loss that may be covered by the U.S. Government under the Act.

As used herein, “Federal Share of Compensation” shall mean 80% beginning on January 1, 2020.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 9

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that the Underwriter shall use its best efforts to enter into an agreement with each Facultative Reinsurer on this Bond, regarding the Insureds' rights against such Facultative Reinsurer ("Cut Through Agreement"), in substantially the form(s) reviewed and agreed to by the Insureds.

It is further understood and agreed that as used in this rider, "Facultative Reinsurer" means any entity providing reinsurance for this Bond to the Underwriter on a facultative basis (and always excluding any entity providing reinsurance for this Bond to the Underwriter pursuant to treaty).

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of this Bond other than as above stated.

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RIDER NO. 10

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

SOCIAL ENGINEERING FRAUD RIDER

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that this Bond is amended by adding an additional Insuring Agreement M, as follows:

M. Social Engineering Fraud

Loss resulting directly from the Insured, in good faith, transferring, paying, or delivering money from its own account as a direct result of a Social Engineering Fraud;

PROVIDED, that the entity receiving such request generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all Social Engineering Security Procedures.

The Limit of Liability for a Single Loss under this Insuring Agreement M shall be the lesser of (a) 50% of the amount by which such Single Loss exceeds the Deductible Amount or (b) \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars), and the Insured shall bear the remainder of any such Single Loss. The Deductible Amount for this Insuring Agreement M is \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond, the aggregate Limit of Liability under this Bond with respect to any and all loss or losses under this Insuring Agreement M shall be \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) for the Bond Period, irrespective of the total amount of such loss or losses.

This Insuring Agreement M does not cover loss covered under any other Insuring Agreement of this Bond.

It is further understood and agreed that for purposes of this rider:

1. "Communication" means an instruction that (a) directs an Employee to transfer, pay, or deliver money from the Insured's own account, (b) contains a material misrepresentation of fact, and (c) is relied upon by the Employee, believing it to be true.

2. "Social Engineering Fraud" means the intentional misleading of an Employee through the use of a Communication, where such Communication:
 - (a) is transmitted to the Employee in writing, by voice over the telephone, or by Electronic Transmission;
 - (b) is made by an individual who purports to be (i) an Employee who is duly authorized by the Insured to instruct another Employee to transfer, pay, or deliver money, or (ii) an officer or employee of a Vendor who is duly authorized by the Insured to instruct an Employee to transfer, pay, or deliver money; and
 - (c) is unauthorized, dishonest or fraudulent and is made with the manifest intent to deceive.
3. "Social Engineering Security Procedures" means security procedures intended to prevent Social Engineering Fraud as set forth in the Application and/or as otherwise provided in writing to the Underwriter.
4. "Vendor" means any entity or individual that provides goods or services to the Insured under a pre-existing, written agreement.

It is further understood and agreed that the title in this rider is included solely for convenience and shall not itself be deemed to be a term or condition of coverage, or a description or interpretation thereof.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive, or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 11

INSURED		BOND NUMBER
Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds		87170121B
EFFECTIVE DATE	BOND PERIOD	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022	/S/ Maggie Sullivan

ENHANCED AUTHENTICATION MEASURES RIDER

In consideration for the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS is amended by deleting the definition of “Officially Designated” in paragraph V in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

V. “**Officially Designated**” means designated by the Shareholder of Record or the Retirement Plan Participant:

- (1) in the initial account application,
- (2) in writing accompanied by a signature guarantee,
- (2) in writing or by Electronic Transmission, where such designation is verified via a callback to the Shareholder of Record by the Insured at a predetermined telephone number provided by the Shareholder of Record in writing to the Insured at least thirty (30) days prior to such callback, or
- (3) in writing, by voice over the telephone, or by Electronic Transmission, where the identity of the Shareholder of Record is contemporaneously confirmed using Enhanced Authentication Measures.

It is further understood and agreed that “Enhanced Authentication Measures” shall mean Authenticate service provided by GIACT Systems, LLC, as described in the email dated May 9, 2019, from Franklin Templeton Investments to the Underwriter.

It is further understood and agreed that the title in this rider is included solely for convenience and shall not itself be deemed to be a term or condition of coverage, or a description or interpretation thereof.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

Amended and Restated Allocation Agreement

This Amended and Restated Allocation Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of the 23rd day of February, 2022, by and among the funds listed on Schedule A1, Schedule A2 and Schedule A3 of this Agreement (hereafter collectively referred to as the “Funds”) and the non-funds described on Schedule B of this Agreement (hereafter collectively referred to as the “Non-Funds”). The Funds and Non-Funds are hereafter collectively referred to as the “Insured.”

This Agreement is entered into under the following circumstances:

- A. Section 17(g) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) provides that the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) is authorized to require that the officers and employees of registered management investment companies be bonded against larceny and embezzlement, and the SEC has promulgated rules and regulations dealing with this subject (“Rule 17g-1”);
- B. The Funds and the Non-Funds are named as insured’s under the terms of certain bonds or policies of insurance which insure against larceny and embezzlement of officers and employees (the “Fidelity Bonds”);
- C. A majority of those members of the Board of Directors/Trustees of each of the Funds, who are not “interested persons” as defined by Section 2(a)(19) of the Act, have given due consideration to all factors relevant to the form, amount and apportionment of premiums and recoveries on the Fidelity Bonds and each such Board of Directors/Trustees of each Fund has approved the term and amount of the Fidelity Bonds, the portion of the premiums payable by that party, and the manner in which recovery of said Fidelity Bonds, if any, shall be shared by and among the parties hereto as hereinafter set forth; and
- D. The Insured’s now desire to enter into the agreement required by Rule 17g-1(f) to establish the manner in which payment of premiums and recovery on said Fidelity Bonds, if any, shall be shared.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and among the parties hereto as follows:

1. Payment of Premiums

The premium shall be allocated between the Insured in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17g-1(e). The portion of the premium which is allocated to the Funds shall be divided among the Funds as follows: each Fund shall pay that percentage of each premium when due under the Fidelity Bonds which is derived by a fraction, (i) the denominator of which is the total assets of all of the Funds combined at the time any premium is due; and (ii) the numerator of which is the total assets of each of the Funds individually at the time any premium is due.

2. Allocation of Recoveries

- (a) If more than one of the parties hereto is damaged in a single loss for which recovery is received under the Fidelity Bonds, each such party shall receive that

portion of the recovery which represents the loss sustained by that party, unless the recovery is inadequate fully to indemnify each such party sustaining a loss.

(b) If the recovery is inadequate fully to indemnify each such party hereto sustaining a loss, the recovery shall be allocated among such parties in the following order:

(i) Each Insured sustaining a loss shall be allocated an amount equal to the lesser of its actual loss or an amount in the proportion that each such Insured's last payment of premium bears to the sum of the last such premium payments of all such Insured's, except that if this allocation would result in any Fund, including those Fund(s) created during the policy term that have paid no premium as provided for in paragraph 4 of this Agreement, receiving less than the minimum amount of recovery under the Fidelity Bonds which would be required to be maintained by such party under a single insured fidelity bond in accordance with the provision of Rule 17g-1(d)(1) (determined as of the time of the loss) (the "Single Insured Minimum"), then first from the share allocated to the non-Funds, sufficient monies shall be re-allocated to the Funds to bring the share of each Fund up to the Single Insured Minimum (determined as of the time of the loss).

The basis of each reallocation from each of the non-Funds sustaining a loss to Funds sustaining a loss shall be the proportion that each such non-Fund's last payment of premium bears to the sum of the last such premium payments of all such non-Funds.

To the extent this reallocation from non-Funds to Funds is still insufficient to bring the share of each Fund sustaining a loss up to the Single Insured Minimum (determined as of the time of the loss), then second, from the share allocated to Funds sustaining a loss whose allocation exceeds the Single Insured Minimum amount for the Fund, sufficient monies will be reallocated, to the extent possible, to the other Funds sustaining a loss to bring the share of each Fund sustaining a loss up to the Single Insured Minimum (determined as of the time of loss).

The basis of such reallocation from Funds sustaining a loss to other Funds sustaining a loss shall be the proportion that each such Fund's last payment of premium bears to the last such premium payments of all such Funds.

(ii) The remaining portion of the proceeds shall be allocated to each party sustaining a loss not fully covered by the allocation under subparagraph (i) in the proportion that each such party's last payment of premium bears to the sum of the last such premium payment of all such parties. If such allocation would result in any party sustaining a loss receiving a portion of the recovery in excess of the loss actually sustained by such party, the aggregate of each excess portion shall be allocated among the other parties whose losses would not be fully indemnified in the same proportion that each such party's last payment of premium bears to the sum of the last such premium payments of all parties entitled to receive a

share of the excess. Any allocation in excess of a loss actually sustained by any such party shall be reallocated in the same manner.

3. Obligation to Maintain Minimum Coverage

Each of the Funds represents and warrants to each of the other parties hereto that it has determined the amount of its Single Insured Minimum as of the date hereof and that such Single Insured Minimum is included in the coverage of the Fidelity Bonds. Each of the Funds agrees that it will determine, no less often than at the end of each calendar quarter, the Single Insured Minimum which would be required of it if a determination with respect to the adequacy of the coverage were then currently being made. In the event that the total amount of the minimum coverage thus determined exceeds the total amount of coverage of then effective Fidelity Bonds, management of each of the Funds will be notified and will determine whether it is necessary or appropriate to increase the total amount of coverage of the Fidelity Bonds to an amount not less than the total amount of such minimums, or to secure such excess coverage for one or more of the parties hereto, which, when added to the total coverage of the Fidelity Bonds, will equal an amount not less than the total amount of such minimums. Each Fund agrees to pay its fair (taking into account all of the then existing circumstances) portion of the new or additional premium; provided that in the event that a Fund elects to terminate this Agreement (as to itself as a party hereto pursuant to paragraph 5) and its participation in the insured Fidelity Bonds on or prior to the effective date of the new or additional premium, such party shall not pay any portion of the new or additional premium.

4. Newly Created Funds or Non-Funds

The parties hereto agree that during the policy term any newly created Fund(s) or non-Fund(s) can be added as Insured on the Fidelity Bonds and can be added as parties to this Agreement, as then currently amended or restated, in the case of this Agreement, by attaching a revised Schedule A1 and/or Schedule A2 and/or Schedule B, as applicable, to this Agreement that reflects the addition of such newly created Fund(s) or non-Fund(s); provided that such revised Schedule A1 and/or Schedule A2 and/or Schedule B is signed by the proper officers of the Insured that are authorized to execute this Agreement and is dated with the as of date upon which such addition(s) is effective. The newly created Fund(s) or non-Fund(s) that are added as Insured on the Fidelity Bonds and to this Agreement, as then currently amended or restated, will not be required to pay any premium during the then current policy term of the Fidelity Bonds, unless, pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Agreement, an increase in the total amount of coverage is required. Each of such newly created Fund(s) or non-Fund(s) that are added as Insured agrees to pay its proportionate share of any new or additional premium, as outlined in paragraph 3 to this Agreement, and to be bound by all other terms and conditions of this Agreement.

5. Successors

This Agreement shall apply to the present Fidelity Bond coverage and any renewal or replacement thereof and shall continue until terminated as to any party by such party hereto giving not less than sixty days' notice to the other parties hereto in writing. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and any successor or successors to a party hereto resulting from a change in domicile or form of corporate, trust or similar organization of such party.

6. Authorization to Execute; Counterparts

The parties hereby agree that the proper officers of the Insured are authorized to execute this Agreement, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the parties to this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

THE FUNDS LISTED ON SCHEDULE A1 OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND
THE NON-FUND FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ON SCHEDULE B OF THIS AGREEMENT

By: /s/ Craig S. Tyle
Name: Craig S. Tyle

THE FUNDS LISTED ON SCHEDULE A2 OF THIS AGREEMENT

By: /s/ Leeor Avigdor
Name: Leeor Avigdor

THE FUNDS LISTED ON SCHEDULE A3 OF THIS AGREEMENT

By: /s/ Jane Trust
Name: Jane Trust

SCHEDULE A1
Funds

Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds
Franklin California Tax-Free Income Fund
Franklin California Tax-Free Trust
Franklin Custodian Funds
Franklin ETF Trust
Franklin Federal Tax-Free Income Fund
Franklin Floating Rate Master Trust
Franklin Fund Allocator Series
Franklin Global Trust
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund
Franklin High Income Trust
Franklin Investors Securities Trust
Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust
Franklin Managed Trust
Franklin Municipal Securities Trust
Franklin Mutual Series Funds
Franklin New York Tax-Free Income Fund
Franklin New York Tax-Free Trust
Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust
Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio
Franklin Strategic Series
Franklin Tax-Free Trust
Franklin Templeton ETF Trust
Franklin Templeton Trust
Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust
Franklin U.S. Government Money Fund
Franklin Universal Trust
Franklin Value Investors Trust
Institutional Fiduciary Trust
The Money Market Portfolios
Templeton China World Fund
Templeton Developing Markets Trust
Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.
Templeton Emerging Markets Fund
Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund
Templeton Funds
Templeton Global Income Fund
Templeton Global Investment Trust
Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund
Templeton Growth Fund, Inc.
Templeton Income Trust
Templeton Institutional Funds
Legg Mason ETF Investment Trust
ActiveShares® ETF Trust

SCHEDULE A2
Fund

Broadstone Real Estate Access Fund

SCHEDULE A3
Funds

Legg Mason Partners Investment Trust
Legg Mason Partners Variable Equity Trust
LMP Capital and Income Fund Inc.
ClearBridge Energy Midstream Opportunity Fund Inc.
BrandywineGLOBAL - Global Income Opportunities Fund Inc.
Western Asset Intermediate Muni Fund Inc.
Western Asset Managed Municipals Fund Inc.
Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc.
Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc.
Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.
Western Asset Global Corporate Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.
Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.
Western Asset Investment Grade Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.
Western Asset Global High Income Fund Inc.
Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
ClearBridge MLP and Midstream Fund, Inc.
ClearBridge MLP and Midstream Total Return Fund Inc.
Western Asset Middle Market Income Fund Inc.
Clarion Partners Real Estate Income Fund Inc.
Legg Mason Global Asset Management Trust
Legg Mason Partners Income Trust
Legg Mason Partners Institutional Trust
Legg Mason Partners Money Market Trust
Legg Mason Partners Premium Money Market Trust
Master Portfolio Trust
Legg Mason Partners Variable Income Trust
Western Asset Funds, Inc.
Western Asset Inflation-Linked Income Fund
Western Asset Inflation-Linked Opportunities & Income Fund
Western Asset Investment Grade Income Fund
Western Asset Premier Bond Fund
Western Asset Diversified Income Fund

SCHEDULE B
Non-Funds

Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

List of Funds insured under Joint Fidelity Bond					
and 17g-1 Bond Limit Calculation					
As Of 06/30/2021					
OneTIS #	Fund Name	Fund AUM (In \$ Millions)	Trust AUM (In \$ Millions)		17g-1 Required Bond Limit
TEMPLETON FUNDS					
37	Templeton Foreign Fund	3,790.1			
27103	Templeton International Climate Change Fund	2.8			
31	Templeton World Fund	3,274.9			
	Templeton Funds (3)		7,067.8		2,500,000
4398	Templeton Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund	546.2			
4290	Templeton Global Balanced Fund	691.0			
	Templeton Global Investment Trust (2)		1,237.2		1,250,000
17283	Templeton Emerging Markets Bond Fund	23.1			
97	Templeton Global Bond Fund	11,494.9			
12801	Templeton Global Total Return Fund	1,480.1			
12052	Templeton International Bond Fund	306.1			

		Templeton Income Trust (4)		13,304.2	2,500,000
4562	Foreign Smaller Companies Series	751.9			
243	International Equity Series	468.0			
		Templeton Institutional Funds (2)		1,219.9	1,250,000
		<u>INDIVIDUAL TEMPLETON FUNDS THAT ARE NOT PART OF A MULTI SERIES TRUST</u>			
4473	Templeton China World Fund	281.0	281.0		750,000
505	Templeton Developing Markets Trust	1,778.2	1,778.2		1,500,000
581	Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc.	890.5	890.5		1,000,000
111	Templeton Emerging Markets Fund	349.6	349.6		750,000
555	Templeton Emerging Markets Income Fund	404.8	404.8		750,000
146	Templeton Global Income Fund	782.0	782.0		1,000,000
30	Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund	1,349.3	1,349.3		1,250,000
105	Templeton Growth Fund, Inc.	10,082.6	10,082.6		2,500,000
		TEMPLETON FUNDS TOTAL		38,747.0	17,000,000
	<u>FRANKLIN FUNDS</u>				

	4308	Franklin DynaTech Fund	26, 711 .3			
	21293	Franklin Focused Growth Fund	96. 6			
	4306	Franklin Growth Fund	21, 839 .6			
	4309	Franklin Income Fund	72, 897 .7			
	4110	Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund	4,8 09. 3			
	4307	Franklin Utilities Fund	6,1 41. 0			
		Franklin Custodian Funds (6)		132, 495. 4		2,500, 000
	4021	Franklin Floating Rate Master Series	395 .4			
	20794	Franklin Floating Rate Income Fund	0.4			
		Franklin Floating Rate Master Trust (2)		395. 7		750,0 00
	4484	Franklin Conservative Allocation Fund	115 .7			
	4467	Franklin Corefolio Allocation Fund	0.6			
	28663	Franklin Emerging Market Core Equity (IU) Fund	123 .1			
	4468	Franklin Global Allocation Fund	3,1 54. 8			
	4486	Franklin Growth Allocation Fund	131 .4			
	28662	Franklin International Core Equity (IU) Fund	353 .9			
	17743	Franklin LifeSmart 2020 retirement Target Fund	4.9			

	4390	Franklin LifeSmart 2025 retirement Target Fund	13.9			
	17740	Franklin LifeSmart 2030 retirement Target Fund	7.9			
	4391	Franklin LifeSmart 2035 retirement Target Fund	15.0			
	17742	Franklin LifeSmart 2040 retirement Target Fund	7.0			
	4392	Franklin LifeSmart 2045 retirement Target Fund	11.0			
	17741	Franklin LifeSmart 2050 retirement Target Fund	6.4			
	20078	Franklin LifeSmart 2055 retirement Target Fund	3.9			
	30761	Franklin LifeSmart 2060 Retirement Target Fund	0.1			
	4389	Franklin LifeSmart Retirement Income Fund	20.8			
	4485	Franklin Moderate Allocation Fund	187.0			
	20111	Franklin Payout 2021 Fund	4.1			
	26694	Franklin Payout 2022 Fund	3.6			
	28661	Franklin U.S. Core Equity (IU) Fund	1,092.2			
		Franklin Fund Allocator Series (20)		5,257.1		2,500,000
	4493	Franklin Emerging Market Debt Opportunities Fund	133.9			
	12517	Franklin International Growth Fund	3,212.6			
	4643	Franklin International Small Cap Fund	92.5			
		Franklin Global Trust (3)		3,438.9		2,100,000
	4338	Franklin Adjustable U.S. Government Securities Fund	685.0			
	4337	Franklin Convertible Securities Fund	5,225.4			

4339	Franklin Equity Income Fund	3,359.8			
4489	Franklin Floating Rate Daily Access Fund	1,233.6			
4991	Franklin Low Duration Total Return Fund	2,768.7			
4586	Franklin Managed Income Fund	4,006.8			
4460	Franklin Total Return Fund	4,546.6			
	Franklin Investors Securities Trust (7)		21,825.9		2,500,000
4175	Franklin California High Yield Municipal Fund	3,299.8			
4220	Franklin Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund	196.6			
	Franklin Municipal Securities Trust (2)		3,496.5		2,100,000
4402	Franklin Biotechnology Discovery Fund	1,419.0			
4462	Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund	6,109.6			
4403	Franklin Natural Resources Fund	272.3			
4465	Franklin Small Cap Growth Fund	4,336.3			
4198	Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund	5,895.5			
4194	Franklin Strategic Income Fund	3,896.0			

	28468	Franklin Templeton SMACS: Series CH	3.2			
	28469	Franklin Templeton SMACS: Series E	5.0			
	28470	Franklin Templeton SMACS: Series H	2.2			
	28471	Franklin Templeton SMACS: Series I	3.7			
		Franklin Strategic Series (10)		21,9 42.8		2,500, 000
	4364	Franklin Alabama Tax-Free Income Fund	252 .2			
	4726	Franklin Arizona Tax-Free Income Fund	1,0 56. 3			
	4327	Franklin Colorado Tax-Free Income Fund	764 .9			
	4366	Franklin Connecticut Tax-Free Income Fund	202 .7			
	4174	Franklin Federal Intermediate- Term Tax-Free Income Fund	3,7 57. 3			
	4354	Franklin Federal Limited-Term Tax-Free Income Fund	1,3 63. 3			
	4365	Franklin Florida Tax-Free Income Fund	542 .6			
	4328	Franklin Georgia Tax-Free Income Fund	486 .0			
	4330	Franklin High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund	6,9 52. 3			
	4172	Franklin Kentucky Tax-Free Income Fund	143 .1			
	4368	Franklin Louisiana Tax-Free Income Fund	396 .8			
	4369	Franklin Maryland Tax-Free Income Fund	426 .3			
	4318	Franklin Massachusetts Tax-Free Income Fund	454 .5			
	4319	Franklin Michigan Tax-Free Income Fund	974 .9			

	4320	Franklin Minnesota Tax-Free Income Fund	1,148.7			
	4360	Franklin Missouri Tax-Free Income Fund	1,029.7			
	28870	Franklin Municipal Green Bond Fund	8.8			
	4371	Franklin New Jersey Tax-Free Income Fund	848.4			
	4370	Franklin North Carolina Tax-Free Income Fund	884.1			
	4322	Franklin Ohio Tax-Free Income Fund	1,707.5			
	4361	Franklin Oregon Tax-Free Income Fund	1,326.7			
	4329	Franklin Pennsylvania Tax-Free Income Fund	1,078.5			
	4363	Franklin Virginia Tax-Free Income Fund	644.3			
		Franklin Tax-Free Trust (23)		26,449.9		2,500,000
	11536	Franklin Allocation VIP Fund	723.0			
	4410	Franklin Flex Cap Growth VIP Fund	174.1			
	4824	Franklin Global Real Estate VIP Fund	147.5			
	4822	Franklin Growth and Income VIP Fund	72.2			
	4829	Franklin Income VIP Fund	3,587.0			
	4843	Franklin Large Cap Growth VIP Fund	138.7			
	4845	Franklin Mutual Global Discovery VIP Fund	523.7			
	4846	Franklin Mutual Shares VIP Fund	2,711.9			

4836	Franklin Rising Dividends VIP Fund	1,689.1			
4848	Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund	1,360.4			
4842	Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth VIP Fund	613.7			
4884	Franklin Strategic Income VIP Fund	403.4			
4830	Franklin U.S. Government Securities VIP Fund	807.0			
17071	Franklin VolSmart Allocation VIP Fund	140.5			
381	Templeton Developing Markets VIP Fund	355.0			
523	Templeton Foreign VIP Fund	1,310.9			
4827	Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund	2,266.8			
4840	Templeton Growth VIP Fund	504.2			
	Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust (18)		17,529.1		2,500,000
	<u>INDIVIDUAL FRANKLIN FUNDS THAT ARE NOT PART OF A MULTI SERIES TRUST</u>				
4312	Franklin California Tax-Free Income Fund	17,335.1	17,335.1		2,500,000
4152	Franklin California Tax-Free Trust - Franklin California Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund	1,877.0	1,877.0		1,500,000
4316	Franklin Federal Tax-Free Income Fund	11,447.2	11,447.2		2,500,000
4301	Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund	1,288.4	1,288.4		1,250,000

4305	Franklin High Income Trust - Franklin High Income Fund	3,069.2	3,069.2	2,100,000
4472	Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust	419.9	419.9	750,000
4358	Franklin Managed Trust - Franklin Rising Dividends Fund	26,700.0	26,700.0	2,500,000
4315	Franklin New York Tax-Free Income Fund	3,715.8	3,715.8	2,300,000
4153	Franklin New York Tax-Free Trust - Franklin New York Intermediate-Term Tax-Free Income Fund	922.6	922.6	1,000,000
4192	Franklin Real Estate Securities Trust - Franklin Real Estate Securities Fund	448.5	448.5	750,000
4157	Franklin Strategic Mortgage Portfolio	59.9	59.9	400,000
4311	Franklin U.S. Government Money Fund	3,570.1	3,570.1	2,300,000
4002	Franklin Universal Trust	285.0	285.0	750,000
4340	Institutional Fiduciary Trust - Money Market Portfolio	1,439.8	1,439.8	1,250,000
4184	The Money Market Portfolios - The U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio	0.0	-	-
29386	Franklin OnChain U.S. Government Money Fund	1.2	1.2	100,000
	FRANKLIN FUNDS TOTAL		305,411.1	41,900,000.0
<u>NEW JERSEY/ALTERNATIVE FUNDS</u>				
431	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund	3,754.0		

433	Franklin Mutual European Fund	830 .4			
666	Franklin Mutual Financial Services Fund	405 .5			
432	Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund	10, 497 .4			
434	Franklin Mutual Quest Fund	3,3 41. 7			
435	Franklin Mutual Shares Fund	8,7 64. 9			
	Franklin Mutual Series Funds (6)		27,5 94.0		2,500, 000
4189	Franklin MicroCap Value Fund	230 .6			
4150	Franklin Mutual US Value Fund	891 .6			
4282	Franklin Small Cap Value Fund	4,8 50. 9			
	Franklin Value Investors Trust (3)		5,97 3.1		2,500, 000
18120	Franklin K2 Alternative Strategies Fund	1,3 44. 4			
20225	Franklin K2 Long Short Credit Fund	108 .0			
	Franklin Alternative Strategies Funds (2)		1,45 2.3		1,250, 000
	NJ/ALT FUNDS TOTAL		35,0 19.4		6,250, 000
<u>FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN TEMPLETON ETF</u>					
29096	Franklin Disruptive Commerce ETF	40. 3			
30780	Franklin Exponential Data ETF	4.1			
26346	Franklin FTSE Asia Ex Japan ETF	35. 4			

	26365	Franklin FTSE Australia ETF	24.5			
	26363	Franklin FTSE Brazil ETF	248.5			
	26364	Franklin FTSE Canada ETF	28.2			
	26362	Franklin FTSE China ETF	142.4			
	26349	Franklin FTSE Europe ETF	195.3			
	26347	Franklin FTSE Europe Hedged ETF	16.4			
	26361	Franklin FTSE France ETF	7.7			
	26360	Franklin FTSE Germany ETF	13.4			
	26359	Franklin FTSE Hong Kong ETF	17.2			
	26348	Franklin FTSE India ETF	28.1			
	26358	Franklin FTSE Italy ETF	4.1			
	26357	Franklin FTSE Japan ETF	535.2			
	26355	Franklin FTSE Japan Hedged ETF	24.6			
	27393	Franklin FTSE Latin America ETF	5.1			
	26354	Franklin FTSE Mexico ETF	7.2			
	26356	Franklin FTSE Russia ETF	18.1			
	27392	Franklin FTSE Saudi Arabia ETF	3.3			
	27391	Franklin FTSE South Africa ETF	2.6			
	26353	Franklin FTSE South Korea ETF	76.8			
	26352	FTETFT-Franklin FTSE Switzerland ETF	53.2			
	26351	Franklin FTSE Taiwan ETF	44.7			
	26350	Franklin FTSE United Kingdom ETF	231.1			
	29097	Franklin Genomic Advancements ETF	18.1			
	29098	Franklin Intelligent Machines ETF	12.0			
	26729	Franklin Liberty High Yield Corporate ETF	358.6			

	26175	Franklin Liberty Federal Intermediate Tax-Free Bond Opportunities ETF	49.7			
	26727	Franklin Liberty International Aggregate Bond ETF	170.7			
	21558	Franklin Liberty Investment Grade Corporate ETF	1,070.2			
	26176	Franklin Liberty Municipal Bond ETF	129.4			
	26728	Franklin Liberty Senior Loan ETF	210.8			
	28388	Franklin Liberty Systematic Style Premia ETF	53.9			
	28565	Franklin Liberty U.S. Core Bond ETF	1,619.7			
	21559	Franklin Liberty U.S. Low Volatility ETF	138.0			
	29430	Franklin Liberty Ultra Short Bond ETF	2.5			
	29614	Franklin Liberty U.S. Treasury Bond ETF	433.0			
	21413	Franklin LibertyQ Emerging Markets ETF	25.2			
	21415	Franklin LibertyQ Global Dividend ETF	27.8			
	21414	Franklin LibertyQ Global Equity ETF	15.9			
	21412	Franklin LibertyQ International Equity Hedged ETF	16.7			
	25773	Franklin LibertyQ U.S. Equity ETF	1,362.0			
	25772	Franklin LibertyQ U.S. Mid Cap Equity ETF	44.0			
	25771	Franklin LibertyQ U.S. Small Cap Equity ETF	19.1			
		Franklin Templeton ETF Trust (45)		7,584.8		2,500,000
	18000	Franklin ETF Trust - Franklin Liberty Short Duration U.S. Government ETF	472.1			
	29659	Franklin Equity Portfolio Fund	0.0			

	29660	Franklin Fixed Income Portfolio Fund	0.0			
		Franklin EFT Trust (3)		472.1		750,000
		FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN TEMPLETON ETF TOTAL		8,056.9		3,250,000
<u>BENEFIT STREET PARTNERS</u>						
	28074	Business Development Corporation of America*	2,973.1	2,973.1		1,900,000
	31180	Franklin BSP Capital Corporation*	635.0	635.0		900,000
	29694	Broadstone Real Estate Access Fund	31.7	31.7		300,000
		Benefit Street Partners Total		3,639.8		3,100,000.0
		*Not an SEC Registered Fund, but a BDC subject to 40 Act regulations, including Bonding requirement				
All Franklin Templeton Funds Total			390,874.1	390,874.1		71,500,000.0
<u>Legg Mason Partners Equity Funds</u>						
	90052	QS Global Equity Fund*	196.3			
	90049	ClearBridge Tactical Dividend Income Fund	338.9			
	90017	ClearBridge Dividend Strategy Fund	7,215.4			
	90003	ClearBridge All Cap Value Fund	1,644.1			
	90113	QS Defensive Growth Fund*	0.0			
	90110	QS Conservative Growth Fund*	0.0			
	90111	QS Growth Fund*	1.7			

	90112	QS Moderate Growth Fund*	1.8			
	90132	ClearBridge Large Cap Growth Fund	19,350.3			
	90012	ClearBridge Aggressive Growth Fund	7,366.5			
	90153	ClearBridge Mid Cap Fund	2,336.1			
	90755	ClearBridge Mid Cap Growth Fund	141.5			
	90138	QS S&P 500 Index Fund*	349.4			
	90035	ClearBridge Large Cap Value Fund	2,521.7			
	90149	ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Fund	6,422.0			
	90000	ClearBridge Appreciation Fund	7,938.4			
	90022	ClearBridge International Value Fund	245.2			
	90757	ClearBridge International Small Cap Fund	52.3			
	90646	QS U.S. Large Cap Equity Fund*	789.3			
	90164	ClearBridge Small Cap Value Fund	132.4			
	90968	ClearBridge Select Fund	2,798.5			
	91003	QS Global Dividend Fund*	395.0			
	91306	ClearBridge Sustainability Leaders Fund	59.4			
		Legg Mason Partners Equity Trust* (23)		60,296.2		2,500,000
	90265	ClearBridge Variable Dividend Strategy Portfolio	526.8			
	90123	QS Variable Conservative Growth*	0.1			

90171	ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio	312.7			
90056	ClearBridge Variable Appreciation Portfolio	1,014.4			
92174	LM/QS Aggressive Model Portfolio*	154.5			
92173	LM/QS Moderately Aggressive Model Portfolio*	584.4			
92172	LM/QS Moderate Model Portfolio*	550.8			
92171	LM/QS Moderately Conservative Model Portfolio*	227.4			
92170	LM/QS Conservative Model Portfolio*	118.3			
90124	QS Variable Growth*	0.4			
90125	QS Variable Moderate Growth*	0.1			
90145	ClearBridge Variable Large Cap Growth Portfolio	449.5			
90172	ClearBridge Variable Mid Cap Portfolio	274.6			
90140	ClearBridge Variable Large Cap Value Portfolio	311.6			
90176	ClearBridge Variable Small Cap Growth Portfolio	555.4			
94140	QS Legg Mason Dynamic Multi-Strategy VIT Portfolio* (<i>WAM Managed</i>)	0.0			
90858	QS Legg Mason Dynamic Multi-Strategy VIT Portfolio* (<i>QS Managed</i>)	67.1			
	Legg Mason Partners Variable Equity Trust (16)		5,148.2		2,500,000
91415	Legg Mason Low Volatility High Dividend ETF (LVHD)	743.7			
91481	Legg Mason International Low Volatility High Dividend ETF (LVHI)	70.9			
91557	Legg Mason Global Infrastructure ETF (INFR)	12.4			
91662	Legg Mason Small-Cap Quality Value ETF	17.1			
91616	ClearBridge All Cap Growth ETF	225.6			

	91629	ClearBridge Dividend Strategy ESG ETF	19.9			
	91630	ClearBridge Large Cap Growth ESG ETF	158.9			
	91903	Western Asset Total Return ETF	126.4			
	91970	Western Asset Short Duration Income ETF	13.1			
		Legg Mason ETF Investment Trust (9)		1,388.1		1,250,000
		<u>INDIVIDUAL LMP FUNDS THAT ARE NOT PART OF A MULTI SERIES TRUST</u>				
	92192	Active Shares ETF Trust - ClearBridge Focus Value ETF	4.0	4.0		125,000
		Legg Mason Partners Funds Total		66,836.5		6,375,000
	<u>Legg Mason Partners Closed-End Funds</u>					
	90324	LMP Capital and Income Fund Inc.	334.7	334.7		750,000
	90813	ClearBridge Energy Midstream Opportunity Fund Inc.	537.1	537.1		900,000
	90884	BrandywineGLOBAL - Global Income Opportunities Fund Inc.	351.2	351.2		750,000
	90061	Western Asset Intermediate Muni Fund Inc.	196.6	196.6		600,000
	90064	Western Asset Managed Municipals Fund Inc.	863.1	863.1		1,000,000
	90031	Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc.	176.9	176.9		600,000
	90304	Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc.	1,235.7	1,235.7		1,250,000

90073	Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.	522.3	522.3	900,000
90716	Western Asset Global Corporate Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.	388.9	388.9	750,000
90068	Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.	252.9	252.9	750,000
90148	Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.	596.2	596.2	900,000
90705	Western Asset Investment Grade Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.	236.7	236.7	600,000
90692	Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.	0.0	-	50,000
90293	Western Asset Global High Income Fund Inc.	348.7	348.7	750,000
90724	Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.	232.6	232.6	600,000
90766	Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.	362.1	362.1	750,000
90745	ClearBridge MLP and Midstream Fund, Inc.	647.3	647.3	900,000
90924	ClearBridge MLP and Midstream Total Return Fund Inc.	293.8	293.8	750,000
91199	Western Asset Middle Market Income Fund Inc.	140.0	140.0	525,000
92083	Clarion Partners Real Estate Income Fund Inc. (<i>Clarion Managed</i>)	79.7	79.7	450,000
94095	Clarion Partners Real Estate Income Fund Inc. (<i>Western Managed</i>)	17.5	17.5	225,000
<u>Legg Mason Partners Closed-End Funds Total</u>			7,813.9	14,750,000.0

<u>Legg Mason Funds</u>						
90719	BrandywineGLOBAL - International Opportunities Bond Fund	61.3				
90725	QS Strategic Real Return Fund*	113.9				
90756	BrandywineGLOBAL - Diversified US Large Cap Value Fund	581.3				
90800	BrandywineGLOBAL - Global Unconstrained Bond Fund	758.8				
90096	ClearBridge International Growth Fund	6,503.7				
90020	ClearBridge Small Cap Fund	1,371.6				
90007	ClearBridge Value Trust	2,206.0				
90190	QS U.S. Small Capitalization Equity Fund*	203.6				
90503	BrandywineGLOBAL - Global Opportunities Bond Fund	2,513.0				
90067	QS International Equity Fund*	224.6				
90720	BrandywineGLOBAL - Global High Yield Fund	32.7				
91103	BrandywineGLOBAL - Alternative Credit Fund	230.9				
91223	BrandywineGLOBAL - Dynamic US Large Cap Value Fund	236.3				
90093	Martin Currie Emerging Markets Fund	532.6				
91403	QS Global Market Neutral Fund*	69.6				
91402	Martin Currie International Unconstrained Equity Fund	23.4				
91755	Martin Currie SMASh Series EM Fund	981.1				
91462	BrandywineGLOBAL - Flexible Bond Fund	122.0				

	91444	ClearBridge Global Infrastructure Income Fund	57.1			
	91996	BrandywineGLOBAL - Global Opportunities Bond Fund (USD hedged)	445.6			
		Legg Mason Global Asset Management Trust (20)		17,269.1		2,500,000
		Legg Mason Funds Total		17,269.1		2,500,000
<u>Western Asset Funds</u>						
	90040	Western Asset Income Fund	1,345.7			
	90013	Western Asset Mortgage Total Return Fund	720.8			
	90078	Western Asset Pennsylvania Municipals Fund	163.9			
	90083	Western Asset Oregon Municipals Fund	67.7			
	90060	Western Asset Intermediate Maturity New York Municipals Fund	162.3			
	90028	Western Asset New York Municipals Fund	545.4			
	90014	Western Asset California Municipals Fund	406.7			
	90002	Western Asset Managed Municipals Fund	4,781.0			
	90059	Western Asset Intermediate Maturity California Municipals Fund	167.2			
	90018	Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund	485.3			
	90029	Western Asset Massachusetts Municipals Fund	98.9			
	90030	Western Asset New Jersey Municipals Fund	162.4			
	90032	Western Asset Intermediate-Term Municipals Fund	2,837.4			

	90025	Western Asset Short Duration High Income Fund	379 .0			
	90005	Western Asset Corporate Bond Fund	1,2 32. 7			
	90058	Western Asset Short-Term Bond Fund	1,0 81. 2			
	90063	Western Asset Ultra-Short Income Fund	610 .6			
	90118	Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund	32. 5			
	90094	Western Asset Global High Yield Bond Fund	192 .8			
	90279	Western Asset Short Duration Municipal Income Fund	862 .1			
		Legg Mason Partners Income Trust (20)		16,3 35.5		2,500, 000
	90065	Western Asset Institutional Liquid Reserves	4,2 32. 3			
	90066	Western Asset Institutional U.S. Treasury Reserves	12, 234 .1			
	90127	Western Asset Select Tax Free Reserves	217 .2			
	90520	Western Asset SMASh Series M Fund	0.0			
	90521	Western Asset SMASh Series C Fund	0.0			
	90522	Western Asset SMASh Series Core Plus Completion Fund	0.0			
		Western Asset SMASh Series Core Completion Fund	0.0			
		Western Asset SMASh Series TF Fund	0.0			
	90098	Western Asset Institutional Government Reserves	12, 403 .9			
	91067	Western Asset Institutional U.S. Treasury Obligations Money Market Fund	418 .1			
	92108	Western Asset Premier Institutional Liquid Reserves	500 .2			

	92110	Western Asset Premier Institutional Government Reserves	0.1			
	92111	Western Asset Premier Institutional US Treasury Reserves	75.6			
		Legg Mason Partners Institutional Trust (13)		30,081.6		2,500,000
	90016	Western Asset Tax Free Reserves	79.8			
	90019	Western Asset New York Tax Free Money Market Fund	122.3			
	90054	Western Asset U.S. Treasury Reserves	188.3			
	90051	Western Asset Government Reserves	1,672.9			
		Legg Mason Partners Money Market Trust (4)		2,063.3		1,700,000
	90044	Western Asset Premium Liquid Reserves	12.7			
	90053	Western Asset Premium U.S. Treasury Reserves	108.5			
		Legg Mason Partners Premium Money Market Trust (2)		121.3		525,000
	90086	Western Asset Core Plus VIT Portfolio	233.9			
	90146	Western Asset Variable Global High Yield Bond Portfolio	167.1			
		Legg Mason Partners Variable Income Trust (2)		401.0		750,000
	90150	Western Asset Core Plus Bond Fund	41,899.5			
	90047	Western Asset Core Bond Fund	20,720.7			

	90221	Western Asset High Yield Fund	226 .3			
	90203	Western Asset Inflation Indexed Plus Bond Fund	521 .2			
	90089	Western Asset Intermediate Bond Fund	1,0 63. 3			
	90488	Western Asset Total Return Unconstrained Fund	1,0 59. 7			
	91066	Western Asset Macro Opportunities Fund	1,7 21. 8			
		Western Asset Funds, Inc. (7)		67,2 12.5		2,500, 000
		<u>INDIVIDUAL WESTERN ASSET FUNDS THAT ARE NOT PART OF A MULTI SERIES TRUST</u>				
	90296	Western Asset Inflation-Linked Income Fund	503 .0	503. 0		900,0 00
	90327	Western Asset Inflation-Linked Opportunities & Income Fund	1,2 81. 5	1,28 1.5		1,250, 000
	90001	Western Asset Investment Grade Income Fund "PAI"	151 .5	151. 5		600,0 00
	90240	Western Asset Premier Bond Fund	244 .6	244. 6		600,0 00
	96370	Western Asset Diversified Income Fund	999 .0	999. 0		1,000, 000
		Western Asset Funds Total		119, 394. 9		14,82 5,000
	All Legg Mason Funds Total		211 ,31 4.5	211, 314. 5		38,45 0,000

GRAND TOTAL - Franklin Templeton and Legg Mason			602 ,18 8.6	602, 188. 6		109,9 50,00 0
Recommended Registered Funds bond Limit						130,0 00,00 0
		* Name changed effective August 7, 2021.				