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Dear Shareholder

**Notice to investors in the FTF Martin Currie Japan Equity Fund (the “fund”)
Changes to the Investment Policy, Investment Manager and Name of fund**

In this letter, when we say ‘we’ or ‘us’ we mean Franklin Templeton Fund Management Limited, the company that is responsible for managing and operating your investment in the fund.

When we wrote to you on 31 July 2024, we highlighted that the annual Assessment of Value report for the Franklin Templeton Funds (which can be found on our website at www.franklintempleton.co.uk in the “Resources and Literature” – “Assessment of Value Report” tab) had been published and that we were developing a package of changes to enable the fund to deliver value more consistently in the future. We are now writing to inform you of these changes.

What do I need to do?

If you are happy with the changes described in this letter, you do not need to take any action. If you need any additional support to help you understand this letter or any further information (including on any of our other communications), please contact our Client Service team and they will do their best to help you. You can do this by:

- email to enquiries@franklintempleton.co.uk; or
- telephone on UK freephone 0800 305 306, or +44 20 7904 1843 if you are outside the UK (telephone calls may be recorded); or
- writing to us, at: Franklin Templeton, PO Box 24064, Edinburgh, EH3 1EX.

If you would like to speak to our team on the telephone, lines are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.30pm on any UK business day.

Our website www.franklintempleton.co.uk is also a great resource and contains more information about Franklin Templeton and the range of funds it offers in the UK.

We cannot give you investment advice so if you need specific support about what action you should take to manage your investments, please talk to an authorised financial adviser.

What is the timing of the changes?

All of the changes will take place with effect from 17 December 2024 (the “Effective Date”).

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What are the changes?

a. *Changes to the Investment Policy*

The fund can currently invest in shares of Japanese companies of any size, industry or market capitalisation (a measure of a company's total value as determined by the stock market). It typically invests in 30 to 60 different companies.

The fund has historically focussed on investing in companies that have a small or medium market capitalisation with room to grow. The fund's underperformance in 2021, 2022 and 2023 was largely as a result of the fund's focus on domestic companies, which suffered during 2021 and 2022 due largely to a weakening Japanese currency and rising global interest rates. Further information about the reasons for the fund's performance can be found on our website at www.franklintempleton.co.uk in the "Resources and Literature" – "FTF Martin Currie Japan Equity Fund" – "Product Commentary" tab.

We are proposing that the fund will continue to invest in the same number of Japanese companies (approximately 30 to 60) of any size, industry or market capitalisation. These companies will be selected by using research and experience to identify quality companies which the investment manager (the company who oversees and makes decisions about what the fund invests in) believes are undervalued by the market and show potential to deliver growth over the long term.

This means that going forward the fund's investment portfolio:

- will invest less of its assets in the shares of small and medium-sized capitalisation companies and more in the shares of larger companies than has historically been the case; and
- will be less focussed on 'growth' companies (those which are believed to offer above-average prospects for future capital growth) and will instead adopt a style agnostic approach. This means that the investment manager will take into consideration various factors including growth prospects and valuation when making investment decisions which will result in a more balanced mix of quality companies.

As a result of these changes, the fund will adjust approximately 80% of its portfolio.

A comparison of the current and new wording on how investments are selected can be found in Appendix 1 below.

b. *Change to the Investment Manager*

The current investment manager is a combination of Martin Currie Investment Management Limited and Templeton Asset Management Limited ("TAML").

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TAML has experience in managing funds in accordance with the new wording on how investments are selected. As a result, TAML will take on all investment management responsibilities going forward and a different set of personnel within TAML will manage the fund.

c. *Change to the name of the fund*

Given the proposed changes set out above, the fund will be renamed to remove the reference to “Martin Currie” and to include the name “Templeton” in its place.

The fund name will change from FTF Martin Currie Japan Equity Fund to FTF Templeton Japan Equity Fund.

None of these changes will affect the fund’s existing risk profile.

Will the changes result in any additional costs for shareholders in the fund?

There will be no costs incurred by investors in making the changes set out in this letter as they will be met by Franklin Templeton.

What happens when the changes take effect?

On the Effective Date, our fund documentation including the prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents for the fund will be updated with the new language and published on our website at www.franklintempleton.co.uk in the “Resources and Literature” – “FTF Templeton Japan Equity Fund” - “Documents” tab.

Please note that all share classes in the fund will be impacted by this change (see Appendix 2 below for the full list of impacted share classes).

What are my options if I am not happy with the changes?

If you are not happy about the changes, you have options to switch, free of switch charge, or sell your investments. As a reminder, when we refer to “switching” investments, we mean the ability to exchange your shares in one of our funds for shares in another fund in the Franklin Templeton Funds range. If you need help in choosing what to do with your investments, please contact a financial adviser. Please note that a redemption or switch will be treated as a disposal of shares for tax purposes and you may be liable to capital gains tax on any gains arising from the redemption or switch of your shares.

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Please feel free to contact our Client Service team if you have any questions about the changes. Their information is set out on the front page of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Ashton
CEO
Franklin Templeton Fund Management Limited

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Appendix I

Updated Investment Policy Wording

The wording on how investments are selected as of the Effective date will be updated as follows (note that the new text is shown in bold and old text is shown as struck through):

Existing Wording	New Wording
<p><i>How we select investments (investment strategy)</i></p> <p>This Fund is actively managed, which means that the Investment Manager does not copy a benchmark when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund typically invests in shares of around 30 – 60 companies of any size, industry or market capitalisation.</p> <p>The Fund invests in companies which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, have above average growth prospects relative to the shares of Japanese companies as a whole.</p> <p>In particular, the Investment Manager seeks out domestic and service orientated companies which it believes will benefit from growth drivers. The Fund aims to hold investments for the long term, with relatively low portfolio turnover. As a result, there may be periods (sometimes long periods) where a significant proportion of the Fund's portfolio is invested in growing companies which are mid and smaller sized.</p>	<p><i>How we select investments (investment strategy)</i></p> <p>This Fund is actively managed, which means that the Investment Manager does not copy a benchmark when selecting investments for the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund typically invests in shares of around 30 – 60 companies of any size, industry or market capitalisation.</p> <p>The Investment Manager uses research and experience to identify quality companies which it believes are undervalued by the market and show potential to deliver growth over the long term.</p> <p>The Fund invests in companies which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, have above average growth prospects relative to the shares of Japanese companies as a whole.</p> <p>In particular, the Investment Manager seeks out domestic and service orientated companies which it believes will benefit from growth drivers. The Fund aims to hold investments for the long term, with relatively low portfolio turnover. As a result, there may be periods (sometimes long periods) where a significant proportion of the Fund's portfolio is invested in growing companies which are mid and smaller sized.</p>

Appendix 2

Impacted Share Classes

Share Class	ISIN
W Accumulation Share Class	GB00BNBS8650
W H2 Accumulation Share Class	GB00BNBS8767