

# **Product Key Facts**

# Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Templeton Asian Bond Fund

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- This statement provides you with key information about this product.
- This statement is a part of the offering document.
- You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

## **Quick facts**

Management company: Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l.

Investment manager: Franklin Advisers, Inc., United

States of America (internal delegation)

Custodian: J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.

Base currency: USD

Financial year end of this Fund: 30 June

**Dealing frequency:** Every Hong Kong Business Day **Minimum Investment:** USD 1,000 [initial] and USD 500

[subsequent purchases] or equivalent

Dividend policy: Dividends, if declared, will be reinvested unless indicated by you in the application form to be paid out. Subject to any legal and regulatory requirements, the Fund may at its discretion pay dividends out of the capital or out of gross income of the Fund while paying all or part of the Fund's fees and expenses out of the capital of the Fund, which results in effectively paying dividends out of capital. The Fund may amend such distribution policy subject to the SFC's prior approval and by giving not less than one month's prior notice to investors. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital or payment of dividends effectively out of the Fund's capital (as the case may be) may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share.

### What is this product?

This is a fund constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is domiciled in Luxembourg and its home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF").

# **Objective and Investment Strategy**

Templeton Asian Bond Fund (the "Fund") aims to maximize total investment return by achieving an increase in the value of its investments, earning income and profiting from currency movement over the medium to long term.

The Fund invests principally in:

• debt securities of any quality issued by governments, government-related entities and corporations located in Asia

The Fund may also invest in:



- debt securities issued by government and government related issuers or corporate entities from outside of Asia that may be affected by Asian financial or economic developments (limited to 33% of assets)
- debt securities of supranational entities organized or supported by several national governments, such as the European Investment Bank
- mortgage- and asset-backed securities and convertible bonds
- investment grade and non-investment grade debt securities issued by Asian issuers including securities in default

The Fund may invest extensively in financial derivative instruments for hedging, efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes to manage the risks of the portfolio and gain exposure to certain asset classes, currencies, or position on the yield curve (long maturities vs. short maturities), or to exchange fixed rate obligations with floating rate obligations. The financial derivative instruments in which the Fund may invest include swaps (such as credit default swaps or fixed income related total return swaps), futures contracts, and foreign currency forward contracts, including cross currency forwards where one currency is hedged into another through an intermediate third currency or where one currency is used as a proxy for hedging another currency (e.g. using the Canadian dollar as a proxy for the U.S. dollar).

The expected level of leverage for the Fund is 40% of the net asset value of the Fund. The expected level of leverage is an estimate only and may be subject to higher leverage levels when cross currency positions or negative positions, which may be held to hedge against market risk or eliminate or reduce undesired investment risk in the portfolio, are a larger portion of the portfolios. The leverage calculation method used is the sum of notionals\*.

\*The level of leverage is measured as the sum of notionals of all financial derivative contracts entered into by the Fund expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value. This methodology does not:(i) make a distinction between financial derivative instruments that are used for investment or hedging purposes; (ii) allow the netting of derivative positions; (iii) take into account the derivative underlying assets' volatility or make a distinction between short-dated & long-dated assets; and (iv) consider the delta for option contracts, so there is no adjustment for the likelihood that any option contract will be exercised.

#### What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

- Interest rate securities risk: Interest rates changes tend to be driven by prevailing economic, political and regulatory conditions as well as issuer-specific factors, impacting longer term securities more than short-term securities. While changes in interest rates may affect the Fund's interest income, such changes may positively or negatively affect the net asset value of the Fund's shares on a daily basis. A fixed income security's value will generally increase in value when interest rates fall and decrease in value when interest rates rise. Movements in interest rates may adversely affect a fixed income security's value and the Fund's net asset value. Conditions in the banking sector may also adversely affect interest rates and the prices of fixed income securities.
- Credit risk and sovereign debt risk: The Fund may invest in debt obligations issued by governments and corporates. Investment in sovereign debts issued or guaranteed by governments as well as in corporate issues involves a high degree of risk, as default can occur if the government or corporate entity is not able or willing to



repay the principal and/or interest when due. Fixed income securities are also exposed to the risk of being downgraded, which can adversely affect and/or result in a substantial loss to the Fund. Additional risks for sovereign debt include the unilateral rescheduling of sovereign debt by the issuer and the limited legal recourses available against a sovereign issuer, which may adversely affect the Fund.

- Low-rated, unrated or non-investment grade securities risk: The Fund may invest in lower rated, unrated or non-investment grade securities where the risk of failure to pay interest and/or principal is greater vs. higher rated securities, which may result in a substantial loss to the Fund.
- Emerging markets risk: The Fund may invest in, or be exposed to, emerging markets. Emerging markets are generally smaller and less liquid, with greater exposure to economic, political, and regulatory uncertainties, than developed markets. The risks of investments in emerging markets, which can adversely affect and/or result in a substantial loss to the Fund, may include: investment and repatriation restrictions; the potential for unusual or higher market volatility as compared to more industrialized nations; shallow and substantially smaller liquid securities markets than in more industrialized countries, which means the Fund may at times be unable to sell certain securities at desirable prices; international and regional political and economic developments; possible imposition of exchange controls or other local governmental laws or restrictions.
- Foreign currency risk: The Fund will typically invest to a significant degree in securities that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, exposing its investments to changes in foreign exchange rates and the possibility of exchange control regulations. The Fund may seek to hedge currency exposure, which can limit the potential for currency gains, or take a currency position for investments purposes, which can result in substantial loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund seeks to hedge or protect against currency exchange risk, there is no guarantee that hedging or protection will be achieved, and the value of the Fund may be adversely affected.
- Liquidity risk: The Fund may not be able to easily sell securities due to adverse market conditions or reduced value or creditworthiness of issuers in which it invests. Requests for redemption of shares, which are not listed, may be deferred or suspended. Reduced liquidity due to these factors may have an adverse impact on the net asset value of the Fund and on the ability of the Fund to meet redemption requests in a timely manner.
- Regional market risk: By being concentrated in one region, the Fund could suffer greater volatility compared to funds that follow a more diversified policy and the Fund/investors may be adversely impacted.
- Derivative risk: The Fund may invest in financial derivatives or structured products such as credit-linked securities, swaps (including credit default swaps and fixed income related total return swaps), futures, forwards, and options for hedging or investment purposes, or for efficient portfolio management (to reduce risk or cost). Derivative instruments involve cost, may be volatile, and may involve a leverage effect. A small investment in derivatives may give rise to material market exposure and result in higher risk than the initial investment, which may cause substantial loss to the Fund. The risk of loss to the Fund for a swap transaction on a net basis may equal the entire amount that the Fund is entitled to receive if the counterparty that owes that amount defaults or is otherwise unwilling or unable to make the payment that is owed to the Fund. The Fund does set aside cash or assets to meet future obligations related to derivatives. Performance and value of derivative instrument depend, at least in part, on the performance or value of the underlying asset. Risks include delivery failure, default by other



party or the inability to close out a position because the trading market becomes illiquid. In addition, with respect to the use of derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management or investment purposes, there can be no assurances that the use of derivatives for these intended purposes will be achieved.

- Counterparty risk: When over-the-counter (OTC) or other bilateral contracts are entered into (such as OTC derivatives, repurchase agreements, security lending etc.), the Fund may find itself exposed to risks arising from the solvency of its counterparties and from their ability to respect the condition of these contracts and the Fund/investors may be adversely impacted.
- **Volatility risk:** Financial derivative instruments tend to be more volatile and less liquid than underlying investments to which they relate, which can have an adverse impact on the Fund.
- Dividend policy risk: The Fund's dividend policy allows for payment of dividends out of capital or effectively out of capital. Where this is done, it amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital or payment of dividends effectively out of the Fund's capital (as the case may be) may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share.

## Is there any guarantee?

This Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.



# What are the fees and charges?

# Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

	Class A	Class B	Class N
Subscription fee (Initial sales charge)	Up to 5.00% of the subscription amount	N/A	Up to 3.00% of the subscription amount
Switching fee (Switching charge)	1.00% of the value of the shares being switched	N/A	N/A
Redemption fee (Redemption charge)	N/A	Up to 4.00%	N/A

# Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

	Annual rate (as a % of the Fund's net asset value)		
	Class A	Class B	Class N
Management fee (Investment management fee)*	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
Custodian fee	Up to 0.14%	Up to 0.14%	Up to 0.14%
Performance fee	N/A	N/A	N/A
Administration fee	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maintenance charge	Up to 0.30%	Up to 0.75%	N/A
Servicing charge	N/A	1.06%	N/A
Distribution charge	N/A	N/A	Up to 1.25%
Registrar and Transfer, Corporate, Domiciliary and Administrative Agent fee +	Up to 0.2175%	Up to 0.2175%	Up to 0.2175%
Additional fixed amount per Shareholder account at each Class level	Up to USD 30 per annum	Up to USD 30 per annum	Up to USD 30 per annum

<sup>\*</sup>The current annual management fee may be increased up to the maximum level permitted by the constitutive document of the Fund by giving one month's prior notice to the shareholders.

## Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.



### **Additional Information**

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next determined net asset value (NAV) after the Hong Kong Representative, Franklin Templeton Investments (Asia) Limited, receives your request in good order on or before 4p.m. Hong Kong time being the dealing cut-off time. Certain intermediaries may impose an earlier dealing cut-off time.
- The net asset value of this Fund is calculated and the price of shares published daily in South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Economic Times. Information about prices may also be obtained on the internet at <a href="https://www.franklintempleton.com.hk">www.franklintempleton.com.hk</a>.
- The compositions of the dividends (i.e. the relative amounts paid out of (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months are made available by the Investment Manager/Hong Kong Representative on request and also on the Hong Kong Representative's website.
- Investors may obtain information on the intermediaries by calling the Hong Kong Representative at (852) 2877
   7733 or visiting our website at <a href="www.franklintempleton.com.hk">www.franklintempleton.com.hk</a>.
- The website mentioned above has not been reviewed by the SFC.

## **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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