# FRANKLIN INTERNATIONAL EQUITY HEDGED INDEX (USD)

The Franklin International Equity Hedged Index is designed to represent a close estimation of the performance that can be achieved by hedging the currency exposures of its parent index, the Franklin International Equity Index, to the US Dollar, the "home" currency for the hedged index. The Franklin International Equity Index is based on the MSCI EAFE Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid-cap stocks across 21 Developed Market (DM) countries\* excluding the US and Canada. It is designed to reflect the performance of a strategy that seeks exposure to four factors: Quality, Value, Momentum and Low Volatility.

# CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE - NET RETURNS (USD) (NOV 2002 - APR 2016)

## **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**



Year	Franklin International Equity Hedged	MSCI EAFE (Local)	MSCI EAFE (USD)		
2015	6.18	5.33	-0.81		
2014	8.41	5.92	-4.90		
2013	23.84	26.93	22.78		
2012	13.49	17.31	17.32		
2011	-2.97	-12.15	-12.14		
2010	4.81	4.82	7.75		
2009	24.16	24.72	31.78		
2008	-32.24	-40.27	-43.38		
2007	14.87	3.54	11.17		
2006	24.69	16.46	26.34		
2005	25.72	29.00	13.54		
2004	21.58	12.67	20.25		
2003	13.09	20.28	38.59		

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### **INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS** (%) (APR 29, 2016)

					ANNUALIZED			
	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 29, 2002
Franklin International Equity Hedged	1.33	1.56	-5.73	-1.99	7.19	8.30	5.71	9.23
MSCI EAFE (Local)	1.25	0.51	-11.08	-5.35	5.37	6.06	1.80	5.71
MSCI EAFE (USD)	2.90	7.58	-9.32	-0.20	1.48	1.69	1.61	6.93

# INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 29, 2002 - APR 29, 2016)

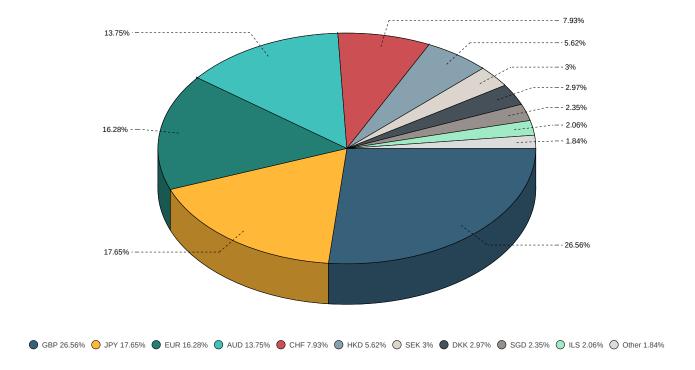
	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) 1			SHARPE RATIO 1,2				MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN		
	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 29, 2002	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD	
Franklin International Equity	10.12	9.97	12.29	0.72	0.83	0.40	0.69	45.89	2007-10-29—2009-03-06	
Hedged										
MSCI EAFE (Local)	11.77	12.57	15.02	0.49	0.51	0.11	0.35	55.39	2007-07-16-2009-03-09	
MSCI EAFE (USD)	13.38	15.36	18.60	0.16	0.17	0.11	0.39	60.41	2007-10-31-2009-03-09	
	1	Based on mon	thly net returns	data	2	Based on BBA	LIBOR 1M			

The Franklin International Equity Hedged Index was launched on Apr 18, 2016. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested data (i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed). There are frequently material differences between back-tested performance and actual results. Past performance -- whether actual or back-tested -- is no indication or guarantee of future performance.



<sup>\*</sup> DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

### **CURRENCY WEIGHTS** (APR 29, 2016)



### **INDEX METHODOLOGY**

The Franklin International Equity Index aims to capture the style factors with a simple and transparent methodology that ensures reasonably high trading liquidity and investment capacity of the constituent companies, as well as moderate index turnover. A style factor z-score for each security is calculated by combining region relative z-scores of the underlying descriptors. A region relative z-score is computed for an underlying descriptor by standardizing the individual descriptor z-scores within specific sector groups for each region. The composite factor z-score is then computed by custom weighting the style factors z-score. The Franklin Global Equity Index is constructed with a fixed number of securities approach. All the constituents of the Parent Index are ranked based on their composite factor z-score and 250 securities with the highest rank are selected. The securities included are weighted by the product of their market cap weight in the parent index and their composite factor score. Issuer weights are capped at 2%. The Franklin International Equity Index is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis, as of the close of the last business day of May and November.

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