

## **Operations Alert**

August 19, 2016

REMINDER

## Reorganization of Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund into Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund

On August 5, 2016, shareholders of the **Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund** (the "Fund") approved the reorganization of the Fund into the **Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund**, scheduled to be effective at the close of market on or about **August 26, 2016**. Operational details are provided on the following page.

- In preparation for the reorganization, the Fund is expected to close to all investments on or about August 19, 2016, shortly before the completion of the reorganization on or about August 26, 2016. Shares of the Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund share classes A, C, R, R6 and Advisor will be exchanged for shares of the Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund shares classes A, C, R, R6 and Advisor respectively.
- Shareholders will receive shares of the Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund, which will have the same aggregate net asset value as their investment in the Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund. The exchange of shares will be based on each fund's net asset value per share on August 26, 2016, and processed on or about August 29, 2016.

| Fund Name                     | Share Class | Fund # | CUSIP       | NASDAQ |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund | A           | 180    | 352 51D 103 | FKCGX  |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund | С           | 280    | 352 51D 202 | FCIIX  |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund | R           | 880    | 354 713 562 | FRCGX  |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund | R6          | 393    | 354 713 372 | FFCRX  |
| Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund | Advisor     | 683    | 354 713 463 | FKCAX  |

| Fund Name                          | Share Class | Fund # | CUSIP       | NASDAQ |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund | A           | 462    | 354 713 687 | FGRAX  |
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund | С           | 562    | 354 713 711 | FKACX  |
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund | R           | 862    | 354 713 513 | FKARX  |
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund | R6          | 352    | 354 713 356 | FOPPX  |
| Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund | Advisor     | 662    | 354 713 729 | FRAAX  |

## How were financial advisors and shareholders notified?

- A message was posted to the Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund's main page on franklintempleton.com on March 24, 2016.
- Financial advisors were sent an email detailing these changes on March 31, 2016; for financial advisors without an email address on file, a letter was mailed to them on the same date.
- A prospectus supplement detailing the proposed fund reorganization was included with shareholders' asset summary statements, which mailed in early April 2016. Shareholders of record were mailed a combined prospectus/proxy statement on May 23, 2016.

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## **Operational Details**

Operational information regarding the Fund reorganization is provided below. Dedicated Service Teams will perform a review of accounts with networked and omnibus positions in the Funds, and contact your firm to discuss any questions or obtain processing instructions, as needed. If you have questions that are not addressed in this notification, please contact your Dedicated Service Team.

| Account Listing                                  | If your firm requires a final listing of account numbers associated with the reorganization, please contact your Dedicated Service Team.  |
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| Account Options                                  | Account options will be carried over from the Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund account to the new Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund account.  |
| Conversion Ratio                                 | A communication including the conversion ratio used to process the transaction will be provided as soon as possible following the reorganization processing date.   |
| Existing Accounts with<br>Matching Registrations | Shareholders that have an existing account in the Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund that matches the registration on their Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund account will have their shares exchanged into the existing account.   |
| F55 Activity                                     | <ul> <li>The merger is being processed on August 29, 2016 as of August 26, 2016. Merger activity will be transmitted in the F55 activity file that will be transmitted around 5:00 am EST on August 30, 2016.</li> <li>Shares moving from the Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund as part of the reorganization will be processed as an exchange with a literal translation of "Fund Merger Out/Non-taxable" using a four digit NAV methodology. Fund reorganization activity will be included in the NSCC F55 networking activity record with the transaction type code of W0.</li> <li>Shares moving into the Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund as part of the reorganization will be processed as an exchange with a literal translation of "Fund Merger In/Non-taxable" using a two digit NAV calculation methodology. Fund reorganization activity will be included in the NSCC F55 networking activity record with the transaction type code of W0.</li> </ul> |
| Final Distribution &<br>Important Dates          | <ul><li>Final distribution information will be provided as soon as possible if it is determined the fund has earnings to distribute prior to the merger.</li><li>If the Fund does distribute earnings prior to the merger date, the following important dates are expected: Record Date of August 23, 2016, Ex Dividend Date of August 24, 2016, Reinvestment Date of August 24, 2016, and the Payable Date of August 26, 2016.</li></ul>   |
| Net Asset Value                                  | <ul> <li>A communication including the Net Asset Value (NAV) used to process the transaction will be provided as soon as possible following the reorganization processing date.</li> <li>Shares moving from the Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fund as part of the reorganization will be processed using a four digit NAV.</li> <li>Shares moving to the Franklin Growth Opportunities Fund as part of the reorganization will be processed using a two digit NAV.</li> </ul>  |
| Tax Implications                                 | The Fund reorganization is a nontaxable event. While the transaction is intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization for federal tax income purposes, please note that redemptions made before the reorganization date may be taxable. Shareholders should consult their tax advisor about the effect, if any, of the transaction in light of their individual circumstances.   |
| T+1 Trading Dates                                | Trades placed on or after August 24, 2016 with a T+1 next day settlement indicator will follow normal NSCC processing rules. The Dedicated Service Teams will contact firms regarding trades that have been placed, but have not settled on August 29, 2016 to coordinate proper handling of the trades.  |

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If you have questions, please contact your Dedicated Service Team at 1-800/266-6768.