



# Franklin Universal Trust

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## Closed-End Fund Fact Sheet

### Fund Description

The fund seeks to provide high current income consistent with preservation of capital. Its secondary objective is growth of income through dividend increases and capital appreciation.

### Fund Overview

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$202 million
<b>Fund Inception Date</b>	9/23/1988
<b>Number of Holdings</b>	290
<b>Dividend Frequency</b>	Monthly
<b>NAV Per Share</b>	\$8.05
<b>Market Price Per Share</b>	\$7.17
<b>Discount/Premium</b>	-10.93%
<b>Outstanding Shares</b>	25,131,893
<b>Annual Expense Ratio (with Waiver)</b>	2.12%
<b>Annual Expense Ratio (without Waiver)</b>	2.13%
<b>CUSIP</b>	355145103
<b>Symbol</b>	FT

### Fund Management

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Christopher J. Molumphy, CFA	28	30
Glenn Voyles, CFA	23	24

### Asset Allocation (%)

Fixed Income	66.49
Equity	32.60
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.91

### Performance

#### Total Returns % (as of 6/30/2017)

Share Class	YTD	AVERAGE ANNUAL					Since Inception	Inception Date
		1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs			
Fund (Market Price)	10.26	9.95	5.21	6.93	7.48	8.17	9/23/1988	
Fund (NAV)	6.51	11.33	4.23	7.82	7.25	8.36	9/23/1988	
Credit Suisse High Yield Index	4.37	13.04	4.28	6.72	7.22	N/A		
S&P 500 Utilities Index	8.75	2.47	9.36	11.17	6.97	N/A		

#### Calendar Year Total Returns %

Share Class	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Fund (Market Price)	24.60	-13.17	9.23	4.84	12.49	12.94	17.90	68.22	-39.98	6.74
Fund (NAV)	23.09	-11.65	8.12	10.95	12.43	10.56	13.55	54.65	-36.42	9.16
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Fund (Market Price)	20.25	9.15	9.90	23.56	-29.66	21.69	22.12	-22.60	7.07	21.01
Fund (NAV)	15.85	5.77	15.85	35.18	-17.31	-0.83	3.22	-4.52	1.01	17.43

Performance data represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Current performance may differ from figures shown. The fund's investment returns and principal values will change with market conditions, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Please visit [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com) for the most recent month-end performance.

The fund has a fee waiver associated with any investment it makes in a Franklin Templeton money fund and/or other Franklin Templeton fund, contractually guaranteed through August 31, 2017. Fund investment results reflect the fee waiver; without this waiver, the results would have been lower.

### Top Ten Holdings (% of Total)

Security Name	
Dominion Energy Inc.	2.34
NextEra Energy Inc.	2.22
Sempra Energy	2.15
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	1.99
Duke Energy Corp.	1.84
Edison International	1.82
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	1.82
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	1.28
PG&E Corp.	1.27
The Southern Co.	1.25

### Portfolio Characteristics

Average Duration	3.75 Years
Average Weighted Maturity	4.45 Years
Yield to Maturity	5.71%
Fund Leverage	22.88%

Unlike open-end funds (mutual funds), closed-end funds are not continuously offered. Closed-end funds trade on the secondary market through a national stock exchange at a price which may be above (a premium), but is often below (a discount to) the net asset value (NAV) of the fund's portfolio.

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## Composition of Fund

Sector	% of Fixed Income	Ratings	% of Total
Energy	10.57	BBB	2.85
Health Care	9.72	BB	22.54
Technology	9.04	B	29.69
Finance	8.17	CCC	10.92
Cable Satellite	7.91	CC	0.39
Metals & Mining	6.47	D	0.01
Building	6.12	NR	1.94
Industrial	4.93	N/A	30.74
Media Non Cable	4.80	Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.91
Other	32.27		

## What Are the Risks

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Bond prices generally move in the opposite direction of interest rates. As prices of bonds in a fund adjust to a rise in interest rates, the fund's share price may decline. Investments in lower rated bonds include higher risk of default and loss of principal. Stock prices fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and dramatically, due to factors affecting individual companies, particular industries or sectors, or general market conditions. In addition to having sensitivity to other factors, securities issued by utility companies have historically been sensitive to interest rate changes. When interest rates fall, utility securities prices, and thus a utilities fund's share price, tend to rise; when interest rates rise, their prices generally fall. For stocks paying dividends, dividends are not guaranteed, and can increase, decrease or be totally eliminated without notice. The fund is actively managed but there is no guarantee that the manager's investment decisions will produce the desired results.

## Glossary

**Average Duration:** A measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed as a number of years.

**Average Weighted Maturity:** An estimate of the number of years of maturity, taking the possibility of early payments into account, for the underlying holdings.

**Yield to Maturity:** Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date. YTM is considered a long-term bond yield expressed as an annual rate. The calculation of YTM takes into account the current market price, par value, coupon interest rate and time to maturity. It is also assumed that all coupons are reinvested at the same rate. Yield figures quoted should not be used as an indication of the income that has or will be received. Yield figures are based on the portfolio's underlying holdings and do not represent a payout of the portfolio.

## Important Information

Indexes are unmanaged, and one cannot invest directly in an index. They do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

Information is historical and may not reflect current or future portfolio characteristics. All portfolio holdings are subject to change.

**Performance:** Total return calculations represent the cumulative and the average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated. YTD returns have not been annualized. Fund returns at market price assumes reinvestment of distributions based on the dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan. Fund returns at NAV assumes reinvestment of distributions based on net asset value.

**Portfolio Characteristics:** The fund employs leverage through the issuance of senior fixed rate notes which creates an opportunity for increased income, but, at the same time, creates special risks (including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of common shares). The cost of leverage rises and falls with changes in short-term interest rates. Such increases/decreases in the cost of the fund's leverage may be offset by increased/decreased income from the fund's floating rate instruments.

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**Top Ten Holdings:** The portfolio manager for the fund reserves the right to withhold release of information with respect to holdings that would otherwise be included.

**Composition of Fund:** Quality ratings shown are assigned by one or more Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ('NRSRO'), such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. The ratings are an indication of an issuer's creditworthiness and typically range from AAA or Aaa (highest) to D (lowest). When ratings from all three agencies are available, the middle rating is used; when two are available, the lowest rating is used; and when only one is available, that rating is used. Foreign government bonds without a specific rating are assigned the country rating provided by an NRSRO, if available. The NR category consists of ratable securities that have not been rated by an NRSRO. The N/A category consists of nonratable securities (e.g., equities). Cash includes equivalents, which may be rated. Derivatives are excluded from this breakdown.

The figures shown reflect certain derivatives held in the portfolio (or their underlying reference assets) and may not total 100% or may be negative due to rounding, use of derivatives, unsettled trades or other factors.