

# Franklin Alternative Strategies Fund

Advisor Class: FABZX Class A: FAAAX Class C: FASCX Class R: FSKKX Class R6: FASRX

Multi Strategy | Factsheet as of March 31, 2026

## Investment Overview

The fund's principal investment goal is capital appreciation with lower volatility relative to the broad equity markets. The fund seeks to achieve its investment goal by allocating its assets across multiple alternative strategies, primarily including Long Short Equity, Relative Value, Event Driven and Global Macro.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	Without Sales Charges					With Sales Charges					Inception Date
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	
Advisor Class	10.23	8.26	3.74	4.19	3.97	10.23	8.26	3.74	4.19	3.97	10/11/2013
Class A	9.93	7.98	3.47	3.93	3.71	3.85	5.97	2.31	3.34	3.24	10/11/2013
Class C	9.11	7.15	2.70	3.16	2.95	8.11	7.15	2.70	3.16	2.95	10/11/2013
Class R	9.54	7.64	3.18	3.65	3.41	9.54	7.64	3.18	3.65	3.41	10/11/2013
Class R6	10.19	8.29	3.78	4.26	4.04	10.19	8.29	3.78	4.26	4.04	10/11/2013
Benchmark 1	5.97	4.96	2.49	3.22	—	5.97	4.96	2.49	3.22	—	—
Benchmark 2	4.00	4.74	3.34	2.26	—	4.00	4.74	3.34	2.26	—	—

## Cumulative Total Returns (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Advisor Class	2.07	2.07	8.49	11.61	2.86	-7.86	2.85	7.36	7.43	-2.19	6.84	1.90
Class A	1.99	1.99	8.17	11.40	2.61	-8.15	2.62	7.03	7.18	-2.36	6.57	1.68
Class C	1.78	1.78	7.41	10.53	1.83	-8.85	1.85	6.27	6.36	-3.10	5.72	1.04
Class R	1.89	1.89	7.80	10.98	2.40	-8.40	2.46	6.76	6.82	-2.53	6.16	1.52
Class R6	2.07	2.07	8.45	11.68	3.01	-7.92	2.92	7.43	7.50	-2.01	6.83	2.10
Benchmark 1	-0.57	-0.57	7.14	5.27	3.10	-4.41	3.65	6.81	8.62	-6.72	5.99	2.50
Benchmark 2	0.85	0.85	4.18	5.25	5.01	1.46	0.05	0.67	2.28	1.87	0.86	0.33

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results.** Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com).

## Share Class Details

	CUSIP	Ticker	Sales Charges (%)		Expenses (%)	
			Max	CDSC	Gross	Net
Advisor Class	35241W500	FABZX	0.00	—	2.47	2.18
Class A	35241W104	FAAAX	5.50	—	2.72	2.43
Class C	35241W203	FASCX	0.00	1.00	3.47	3.18
Class R	35241W302	FSKKX	0.00	—	2.97	2.68
Class R6	35241W401	FASRX	0.00	—	2.40	2.18

Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. Net expenses reflect contractual fee waivers, expense caps and/or reimbursements, which cannot be terminated prior to 09/30/2026 without Board consent. Additional amounts may be voluntarily waived and/or reimbursed and may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice. There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

**Dividend Expense and Borrowing Fees for Sec. Sold Short: Costs associated with the fund's short positions.** The fund's manager and sub-advisors use short positions in an attempt to either protect against losses or provide an additional source of returns versus long-only strategies. **The annual expense is 0.44%.** There is no guarantee that these positions will perform as the fund's manager or sub-advisors intended, and losses may occur.

## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of March 31, 2026

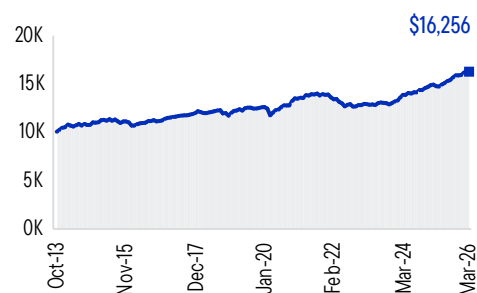
★★★★ Advisor Class

★★★ Class A

As of 03/31/2026 the fund's Advisor Class shares received a 4 star and Class A shares received a 3 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 104, 99 and 66 Multistrategy funds over the 3-, 5- and 10- year periods, respectively. A fund's overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics. The number of funds in the category for the Overall Rating are listed under the 3-year period.

## Growth of \$10,000

Advisor Class Shares—Inception through March 31, 2026  
Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



## Fund Overview

Dividend Frequency, if any	Annually
Morningstar Category	Multistrategy
Lipper Classification	Alternative Multi-Strategy Funds
Turnover (fiscal yr)	267%

## Benchmark(s)

- 1—HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index
- 2—ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index

## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Total Net Assets	\$521.07 Million
Value at Risk	-0.80%

## Risk Statistics (3-Year—Advisor Class vs. S&P 500 Index)

	Fund	Index
Beta	0.17	—
R-Squared	0.47	—
Sharpe Ratio	1.19	1.15
Standard Deviation (%)	3.00	11.89
Alpha (%)	1.17	—

**Portfolio Exposure (% of Total)**

	Fund
Gross Exposure	264.22
Long Exposure	150.53
Net Exposure	37.61
Short Exposure	-112.99

**Strategy Allocation (% of Total)**

	Target	Actual
Event Driven	0 - 30%	0.00
Global Macro	0 - 30%	30.35
Long Short Equity	25% - 40%	37.80
Relative Value	30% - 45%	31.85

**Manager Allocation (% of Invested Capital)**

	Fund
<b>Long Short Equity</b>	<b>37.80</b>
ActusRayPartners Limited	16.20
Electron Capital Partners, LLC	13.23
Jennison Associates, LLC	8.37
<b>Relative Value</b>	<b>31.85</b>
Apollo Credit Management, LLC	12.23
Lazard Asset Management, LLC	11.27
K2/D&S Management Co., LLC	8.35
<b>Global Macro</b>	<b>30.35</b>
Capital Fund Management SA	14.54
BlueBay Asset Management, LLP	8.13
Graham Capital Management, L.P.	7.68

**Portfolio Management**

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Robert Christian	15	36
Lillian Knight, CFA	21	35
Art Vinokur	21	21

**What should I know before investing?**

**All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal.** The fund is actively managed and could experience losses if the investment **manager's and subadvisors'** judgment about particular investments made for the fund's portfolio prove to be incorrect. The **allocation** of assets among different strategies, asset classes and investments may not prove beneficial or produce the desired results. Some subadvisors may have little or no experience managing the assets of a registered investment company. **International investments** are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets**. **Derivative instruments** can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance. **Low-rated, high-yield bonds** are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. **Currency management** strategies could result in losses to the fund if currencies do not perform as expected. **Short selling** is a speculative strategy. Unlike the possible loss on a security that is purchased, there is no limit on the amount of loss on an appreciating security that is sold short. Investments in companies engaged in **mergers, reorganizations or liquidations** also involve special risks as pending deals may not be completed on time or on favorable terms. **Liquidity risk** exists when securities or other investments become more difficult to sell, or are unable to be sold, at the price at which they have been valued. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

**Glossary**

**Beta:** A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. **R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. **Sharpe Ratio** refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. **Standard Deviation:** Measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. **Alpha** is the annualized percentage difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance given its level of market risk, as measured by beta. **Turnover** is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover. **Value-at-Risk (VAR):** Measures potential loss in value for a portfolio over a defined period for a given confidence level. For example, a projected one-month VaR calculated at a 95% confidence level implies there is a 5% chance the portfolio will lose that VaR amount or more over that time period, assuming that portfolio holdings remain the same. It's important to note that the actual risk an investment experiences may be higher or lower than the projected VaR estimate, as both portfolio positions and market volatility levels are subject to change.

**Portfolio Data Information**

**Strategy Allocation:** Actual Allocation is a percentage of invested capital into fund managers (sub- advisors or co-managers) as of the end of the period. Target Allocations are as of the end of the period. The fund may shift allocations among strategies at any time. Further, the portfolio manager team may determine in its sole discretion to not allocate to one or more of the strategies and/or to add new strategies. Accordingly the above target allocations are presented for illustrative purposes only, and should not be viewed as predictive of the ongoing composition of the fund's portfolio (and its managers), which may change at any time. Weightings as percentage of invested capital into fund managers (sub-advisors or co-managers).

**Manager Allocation:** Manager allocation includes managers that have been appointed as sub-advisors or managers of investment funds. The portfolio manager team may determine in its sole discretion to not allocate to one or more of the managers and/or to add new managers. Accordingly, the manager allocation is presented for illustrative purposes only, and should not be viewed as predictive of the ongoing composition of the fund's portfolio, which may change at any time. Weightings as percent of invested capital into fund managers (sub-advisors or co-managers).

**Important Information**

**Effective January 30, 2026, the K2 Alternative Strategies Fund was renamed Franklin Alternative Strategies Fund.**

**Reference Index:** S&P 500 Index. The S&P 500 Index is solely utilized as a reference benchmark to illustrate difference in behavior between U.S. equity markets and the fund. However, the S&P 500 Index is not fully reflective of the risk profile of the fund, which is not limited to investing solely for long U.S. equity market exposures.

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