



# Compounding in action Franklin Income Fund

Why staying the course may make sense  
over the long term

How can you use the power of compounding to help offset short-term volatility? By reinvesting distributions from funds that pay dividends or capital gains, you'll accumulate more shares, which in turn may generate more distributions.

Let's assume on March 31, 1998, you invested \$100,000 in Franklin Income Fund–Advisor Class, when its net asset value (NAV) hit a 25-year high of \$2.56 per share. Over the years that followed, the market experienced the collapse of the dot-com bubble in the early 2000s and the housing and credit crisis in 2008/2009. Franklin Income Fund's NAV fell to an all-time low in March 2009. You may have asked yourself, "Why should I stay invested?"

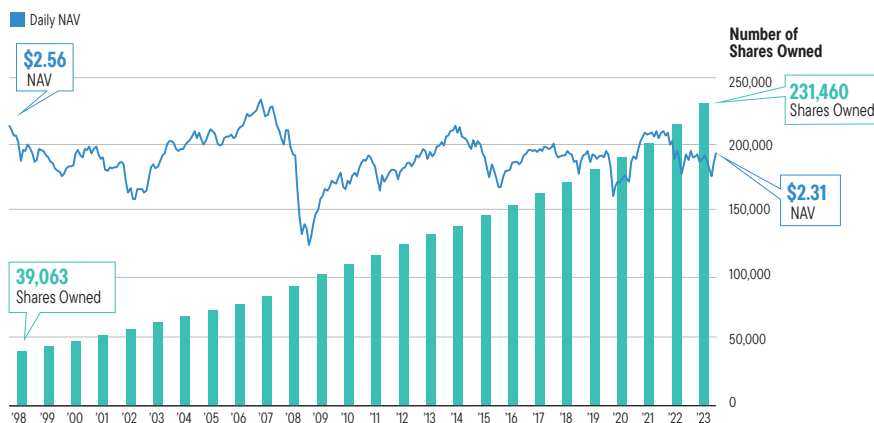
Over time, however, the benefits would have become clearer. Even though the fund's NAV as of December 31, 2023, was still lower than its all-time high, the reinvested dividends and capital gain distributions would have turned that \$100,000 initial investment into **\$534,674**.<sup>1</sup> That's a cumulative total return of **435%**.<sup>1</sup> What's more, by staying invested, you would have increased your total shares owned by **493%** and the monthly dividend payment by **320%**.<sup>2</sup>

## Total shares of Franklin Income Fund–Advisor Class grew by 493%

### Hypothetical \$100,000 Investment Assuming Reinvestment of Dividends and Capital Gains<sup>1</sup>

March 31, 1998–December 31, 2023

3/31/1998–12/31/2023



	Beginning Value	Ending Value
NAV per Share	\$2.56	\$2.31
Account Value	\$100,000	\$534,674
Total Shares Owned <sup>2</sup>	39,063	231,460
Monthly Dividend <sup>2</sup>	\$598	\$2,511
Average Annual Total Return		6.73%
Cumulative Total Return		434.67%

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2. Number of shares will vary, depending upon current market conditions; past distributions are not indicative of future trends.

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Average Annual Total Returns (%)

Periods Ended December 31, 2023

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	Since Inception (8/31/48)
Advisor Class (FRIAX) <sup>3</sup>	8.83	7.90	5.34	8.64	6.43	9.89
Class A without Sales Charge (FKIQX) <sup>4</sup>	8.54	7.59	5.09	8.38	6.20	9.78
Class A with 3.75% Sales Charge (FKIQX) <sup>4,5</sup>	4.47	6.77	4.69	8.10	5.99	9.72
Blended 50% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index + 25% Bloomberg High Yield Very Liquid Index + 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index <sup>1</sup>	8.29	6.38	6.31	9.12	7.07	N/A
S&P 500 Index <sup>1</sup>	26.29	15.69	12.03	13.97	9.69	N/A

As of December 31, 2023			With Waiver	Without Waiver	Distribution Rate <sup>8</sup>	
Total Annual Operating Expenses <sup>6</sup>	Gross	Net	30-Day SEC Yield <sup>7</sup>			
Advisor Class	0.48%	0.47%	Advisor Class	4.55%	4.54%	Advisor Class 5.66%
Class A	0.73%	0.72%	Class A	4.16%	4.15%	Class A 5.23%

Maximum initial sales charge – Advisor Class shares: none; Class A shares: 3.75%.

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Staying the course and maintaining a long-term investment perspective through short-term volatility has historically been an effective way to build wealth. Talk to your financial professional to learn more about Franklin Income Fund.

What are the risks?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Low-rated, high-yield bonds are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. Fixed income securities involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls. Changes in the credit rating of a bond, or in the credit rating or financial strength of a bond's issuer, insurer or guarantor, may affect the bond's value. Equity securities are subject to price fluctuation and possible loss of principal. 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. The manager may consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria in the research or investment process; however, ESG considerations may not be a determinative factor in security selection. In addition, the manager may not assess every investment for ESG criteria, and not every ESG factor may be identified or evaluated. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

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3. Effective 12/31/96, the fund began offering Advisor Class shares. For periods prior to the fund's Advisor Class inception date, a restated figure is used based on the fund's oldest share class, Class A1 performance, excluding the effect of Class A1's maximum initial sales charge but reflecting the effect of the Class A1 Rule 12b-1 fees; and for periods after the fund's Advisor Class inception date, actual Advisor Class performance is used, reflecting all charges and fees applicable to that class.

4. Effective 9/10/18 Class A shares closed to new investors, were renamed Class A1 shares, and a new Class A share with a different expense structure became available. Class A performance shown has been calculated as follows: (a) for periods prior to 9/10/18, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A1 performance and including any Rule 12b-1 rate differential as exists between Class A1 and Class A; and (b) for periods after 9/10/18, actual Class A performance is used, reflecting all charges and fees applicable to that class. On 5/1/94, the fund implemented a Rule 12b-1 plan, which affects subsequent performance.

5. Prior to 3/1/19, these shares were offered at a higher initial sales charge of 4.25%; thus actual returns would have differed. Total returns with sales charges have been restated to reflect the current maximum initial sales charge of 3.75%.

6. 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 01/31/2024 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.

7. The fund's 30-Day SEC Yield is calculated using the net income (interest and dividends) per share earned over a trailing 30-day period (annualized), divided by the fund's share price at the end of that period. It may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders.

8. Distribution Rate is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution amount paid, divided by the NAV as of the date indicated. Distribution Rate includes income and return of capital, if any, and includes a prorated special distribution in the month it is paid, if any. The Distribution Rate is not guaranteed, subject to change, and is not a quotation of fund performance.

The MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index is designed to reflect the performance of mid- and large-cap equities (excluding REITs) with higher dividend income, which is sustainable and persistent, than average dividend yields of securities in the MSCI USA Index, its parent index. The Bloomberg US High Yield Very Liquid Index (VLI) is a component of the US Corporate High Yield Index designed to track a more liquid component of the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market.



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Fund Symbols:  
Advisor: FRIAX  
Class A: FKIQX  
Class A1: FKINX  
Class C: FCISX  
Class R: FISRX  
Class R6: FNCFX