FRANKLIN TEMPLETON

Templeton Growth Fund, Inc.

Advisor Class: TGADX Class A: TEPLX | **Commentary | as of September 30, 2026**

Key Takeaways

- **Markets**: Global equities rose modestly in the third quarter, but the headline result hid sharp shifts in market leadership. The United States and Asia Pacific advanced, while Europe declined and emerging markets ended slightly lower. Japan was a key source of strength in Asia.
- **Detractors:** The fund (Advisor Class shares without sales charges) underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index-NR, for the quarter, primarily due to holdings in in the industrials, communication services and materials sectors.
- **Contributors:** Holdings in the health care, consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors contributed to relative performance for the quarter.
- **Outlook:** We believe the combination of attractive valuations, improving earnings, and broader market participation supports a constructive outlook for global equities.

Performance Review

- Global equities rose modestly in the third quarter, but the headline result hid sharp shifts in market leadership. The United States and Asia Pacific advanced, while Europe declined and Emerging Markets ended slightly lower. Japan was a key source of strength in Asia, as markets outside Japan slipped. At the global level, value outperformed growth, momentum fell sharply and large caps proved more resilient than small caps. This showed that gains were concentrated in larger, value-oriented companies rather than spread evenly across the market.
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- After ending June at a record high, Applied Materials gave back ground during the third quarter as July's sharp unwind in semiconductor and artificial intelligence momentum outweighed a later recovery. The company nevertheless reported record results, a broad-based earnings beat and stronger-than-expected fourth-quarter guidance, led by its semiconductor systems business. The muted share-price response reflected elevated expectations and continued scrutiny of AI-related capital spending. We remain positive on Applied Materials' critical role in increasingly complex chip fabrication and advanced packaging.
- Holdings in the health care, consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors contributed to relative performance for the quarter.
- US-based life sciences tools and services company ThermoFisher Scientific was one of the fund's leading contributors during the third quarter, benefiting from a broader recovery in healthcare after a difficult period for the sector. The company remains a high-conviction holding, supported by its diversified exposure to biopharmaceutical research, diagnostics and laboratory equipment. Following the strong rise in the shares, we took some profits in September, although ThermoFisher remains one of the fund's largest active positions.
- Geographically, stock selection in the eurozone was the largest detractor from relative performance for the quarter. Stock selection and an overweight in the UK contributed to relative results.

Outlook

- From our perspective, global equities remain attractive. Many stocks outside the largest US technology companies are still trading at reasonable prices despite solid business fundamentals. Markets such as Europe, Japan and parts of the emerging world offer companies with strong balance sheets, healthy cash flows and shareholder-friendly policies. They are often at lower valuations than their US counterparts. As interest rates move lower and economic growth remains steady, investors may begin looking beyond the market's most expensive stocks, creating opportunities for undervalued companies to outperform. We believe the combination of attractive valuations, improving earnings, and broader market participation supports a constructive outlook for global equities.

Top Equity Issuers (% of Total)

Holding	Fund
NVIDIA CORP	4.53
APPLE INC	4.29
MICROSOFT CORP	4.19
ALPHABET INC	3.78
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	3.15
ING GROEP NV	2.37
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC	2.35
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	2.32
AMAZON.COM INC	2.28
RIO TINTO LTD	2.05

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Average annual total returns and fund expenses (%) - as of September 30, 2026

			Without Sales Charge							With Maximum Sales Charge							Expenses		Sales Charges		Inception
Class	CUSIP	Ticker	3-Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	3-Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Gross	Net	Initial Charge	CDSC	Date
Advisor Class	880199302	TGADX	0.17	4.56	8.37	15.20	8.26	7.19	11.38	0.17	4.56	8.37	15.20	8.26	7.19	11.38	0.78	0.78	—	—	11/29/1954
Class A	880199104	TEPLX	0.10	4.39	8.08	14.91	7.99	6.92	11.25	-5.39	-1.34	2.13	12.76	6.78	6.32	11.17	1.03	1.03	5.50	—	11/29/1954
Benchmark	—	—	1.60	13.03	16.75	21.73	11.57	12.38	—	1.60	13.03	16.75	21.73	11.57	12.38	—	—	—	—	—	—

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =MSCI All Country World Index-NR

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.*

The fund began offering Advisor Class shares on 1/2/1997. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) for Advisor Class periods prior to 1/2/1997, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A performance. The performance was adjusted to take into account differences in class-specific operating expenses and maximum sales charges. (b) For periods after share class offering, performance for the specific share class is used, reflecting the expenses and maximum sales charges applicable to that class.

The total annual operating expenses are as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns.

What are the Risks?

All investments involve risks, including 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**. To the extent the fund invests in companies in a specific **country or region**, the fund may experience greater volatility than a fund that is more broadly diversified geographically. **Small- and mid-cap stocks** involve greater risks and volatility than large-cap stocks. 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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