

Franklin Managed Income Fund

Advisor Class: FBFZX Class A: FBLAX

Commentary | as of March 31, 2026

Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** US equities endured a difficult first quarter of 2026 as investors reassessed the durability of the artificial intelligence (AI) trade and as geopolitical risk intensified. Technology-focused shares came under pressure as rising AI-related capital expenditure spurred a rotation away from mega-capitalization growth stocks and toward value stocks. March brought further strain as the Middle East conflict disrupted energy markets, lifting oil prices and adding to inflation risk.
- **Contributors:** Allocations to equities assisted the fund's absolute returns. On a relative basis, underweight fixed income positioning, as well as stock selection and overweight equity exposure, contributed to performance.
- **Detractors:** Fixed income holdings were a slight detractor from absolute results, while selection within the asset class weakened relative returns.
- **Outlook:** We remain vigilant amid ongoing uncertainties, selectively deploying capital during periods of market dislocation to enhance income and long-term total return potential. Having reduced fixed income exposure earlier in the year in favor of equity opportunities, we are now selectively increasing bond allocations as higher yields and wider spreads improve their relative attractiveness to us.

Performance Review

- Franklin Managed Income Fund (Advisor Class shares without sales charges) **outperformed its benchmark**, the Blended 60% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index + 40% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index, for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. The fund also **outperformed the Bloomberg US Aggregate Index**.
- Over the course of the quarter, the fund **decreased its fixed income allocation and increased its exposure to equities**.
- Fixed income allocations to **securitized products had a positive effect** on absolute fund performance. In contrast, **the financials, health care and information technology (IT) sectors detracted** from returns during the period.
- By individual issuer, **US Treasuries, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were top performers** within the fund's fixed income holdings. Meanwhile, **Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo & Co. hindered returns**.
- In terms of equities, the fund **benefited from positions within energy, materials and industrials**. However, **the financials, consumer discretionary and IT sectors detracted** from absolute returns.
- **Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Texas Instruments added value** within the fund's equity holdings. Conversely, **Microsoft, International Business Machines and Abbott Laboratories weakened returns** during the period.

Outlook

- **Economy:** The economic growth outlook continues to be a major area of focus for the fund. The US economy remains resilient, but ongoing uncertainty in monetary and fiscal policy, as well as trade and geopolitical risks, is weighing on investor sentiment. Moreover, while the labor market has incrementally cooled, unemployment levels are still low on a historical basis. We continue to monitor financial conditions as a leading indicator of future economic performance and US Federal Reserve policy.
- **Equities:** The start of 2026 has seen elevated equity market dispersion after an extended period of very narrow market leadership, which we feel favors active management. Recently, we have found select opportunities within the financials and IT sectors. Ultimately, given current valuations, we remain selective in engaging with equities and continue to focus on broad diversification across sectors while maintaining flexibility to capitalize on potential dislocations.
- **Treasuries/Government-Backed Bonds:** Government securities continue to provide an attractive investment opportunity, in our view, as yields remain elevated based on recent history. We believe they continue to offer good diversification potential and can serve as a ballast to help hedge portfolios during market volatility.
- **Investment-Grade Corporate Bonds:** Absolute yield levels remain attractive for an income-generating strategy, but credit spreads remain near cycle lows, despite some recent widening. With credit spreads at current levels, we believe future returns may be driven by interest-rate moves and carry rather than further spread compression.

Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of March 31, 2026



(4-Star) Advisor Class



(4-Star) Class A

As of 03/31/2026 the fund's Class A and Advisor Class shares received a 4 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 208, 199 and 164 Moderately Conservative Allocation 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.

Fund Characteristics

Fund Characteristics	Fund
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
30-Day SEC Yield (Advisor Class)—With Waiver	3.12%
30-Day SEC Yield (Advisor Class)—Without Waiver	3.10%

Top Holdings (% of Total)

Issuer	Fund
GOVT NATL MORTG ASSN	6.59
UNITED STATES TREASURY BOND	3.64
FREDDIE MAC POOL	3.34
FANNIE MAE POOL	3.08
EXXON MOBIL CORP	2.47
SOUTHERN CO/THE	2.44
CHEVRON CORP	1.97
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO/THE	1.90
MORGAN STANLEY	1.65
PEPSICO INC	1.59

Average annual total returns and fund expenses (%) - as of March 31, 2026

Class	CUSIP	Ticker	Without Sales Charge						With Maximum Sales Charge						Expenses		Sales Charges		Inception Date		
			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
Advisor Class	353612658	FBFZX	3.89	3.89	11.67	8.34	5.77	7.33	6.69	3.89	3.89	11.67	8.34	5.77	7.33	6.69	0.66	0.66	—	—	7/3/2006
Class A	353612682	FBLAX	3.76	3.76	11.33	8.06	5.51	7.06	6.39	-1.98	-1.98	5.20	6.05	4.32	6.45	6.09	0.91	0.91	5.50	—	7/3/2006
Benchmark 1	—	—	2.31	2.31	7.98	8.27	4.83	6.46	—	2.31	2.31	7.98	8.27	4.83	6.46	—	—	—	—	—	
Benchmark 2	—	—	-0.05	-0.05	4.35	3.63	0.31	1.70	—	-0.05	-0.05	4.35	3.63	0.31	1.70	—	—	—	—	—	

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark 1=Linked 60% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index & 40% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index

Benchmark 2=Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

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Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Net expenses are capped under a contractual agreement, which cannot be terminated prior to 02/28/2027 without Board consent. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns.

What are the Risks?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. 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. **Equity securities** are subject to price fluctuation and possible loss of principal. 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. **Managed Distribution Policy Risks** - The fund is not guaranteed to achieve its investment goal nor is there any guarantee that the fund will provide sufficient income at or through the investor's retirement. In addition, some of its distributions may be treated in part as a return of capital, which will decrease shareholders' cost basis in the fund and affect the amount of any capital gain or loss that they realize when selling or exchanging fund shares. The annual payout rate may be adjusted higher or lower from year to year and could vary substantially over time. It is possible for the fund to suffer substantial investment losses and simultaneously experience additional asset reductions as a result of its distributions to shareholders under the managed distribution policy. Investors who hold the fund within a tax-advantaged retirement account should consult their tax professional to discuss tax consequences of receiving cash distributions. In addition, use of the fund or election of the option to receive distribution payments in cash may be restricted in certain retirement plans by the terms of the governing plan documents and/or the discretion of the plan administrator. Investors are strongly advised to consult with their financial professional for assistance before selecting the appropriate fund, based on their goals and personal situations, including time horizon, retirement income needs, risk tolerance, and tax bracket.

Glossary

Capital Expenditure (capex) are funds used by a company to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as property, industrial buildings or equipment.

Important Information

Effective 3/1/2019, Franklin Balanced Fund repositioned to become an income strategy. The fund changed its name to Franklin Managed Income Fund, as well as its dividend policy, investment management fee and primary benchmark.

The information provided is not a complete analysis of every material fact regarding any country, market, industry, security or fund. Because market and economic conditions are subject to change, comments, opinions and analyses are rendered as of the date of this material and may change without notice. A portfolio manager's assessment of a particular security, investment or strategy is not intended as individual investment advice or a recommendation or solicitation to buy, sell or hold any security or to adopt any investment strategy; it is intended only to provide insight into the fund's portfolio selection process. Holdings are subject to change.

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 Aggregate Index** is comprised of investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated government, corporate, and mortgage- and asset-backed issues having at least one year to maturity. The **Linked 60% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index & 40% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index** reflects the performance of the Blended 50% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index + 25% ICE BofA US Corporate & High Yield Index + 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index from fund inception through 2/28/2025 and 40% MSCI USA High Dividend Index & 60% Bloomberg US Aggregate thereafter.

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The **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.

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Morningstar Rating™: Source: Morningstar®, 03/31/2026. For each mutual fund and ETF with at least a 3-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating™ based on how a fund ranks on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure against other funds in the same category. This measure takes into account variations in a fund's monthly performance, and does not take into account the effects of sales charges and loads, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The weights are: 100% 3-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent 3-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The fund's Class A shares received a Morningstar Rating of 2, 4 and 4 and fund's Advisor Class shares received a Morningstar Rating of 3, 4 and 4 star(s) for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. Franklin Templeton provides this fund's Morningstar Rating™ for Class A and Advisor Class shares only. Other share classes may have different Morningstar ratings. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

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