

# Franklin US Index

Ticker: FTUSLX

Factsheet as of March 31, 2026

## Index Overview

The Franklin US Index is designed to pursue long-term steady growth and limit downside exposure by dynamically shifting between attractive US stocks, bonds and cash to take advantage of changing market conditions.

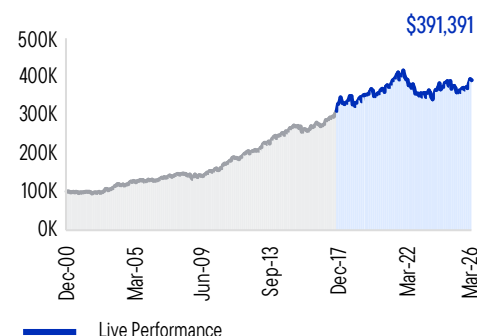
### Index designed to pursue three powerful benefits:

**Proprietary Research:** Informed by the proprietary research of Franklin Systematic™, the index is designed to unlock the growth potential of US large-cap equities.

**Smart Screen:** Factor-based screen selects stocks with opportunity for highest growth.

**Manage Risk:** Navigates volatility by dynamically shifting to bonds and cash with a focus on managing risk.

## Hypothetical Growth of \$100,000



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## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Inception Date
Franklin US Index	1.45	1.76	0.45	3.77	5.55	1/3/2001

## Cumulative Total Returns (%)

	3-Mth	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Franklin US Index	1.38	1.38	0.58	0.84	4.05	-12.11	10.03	2.87	13.74	-2.50	20.83	5.89

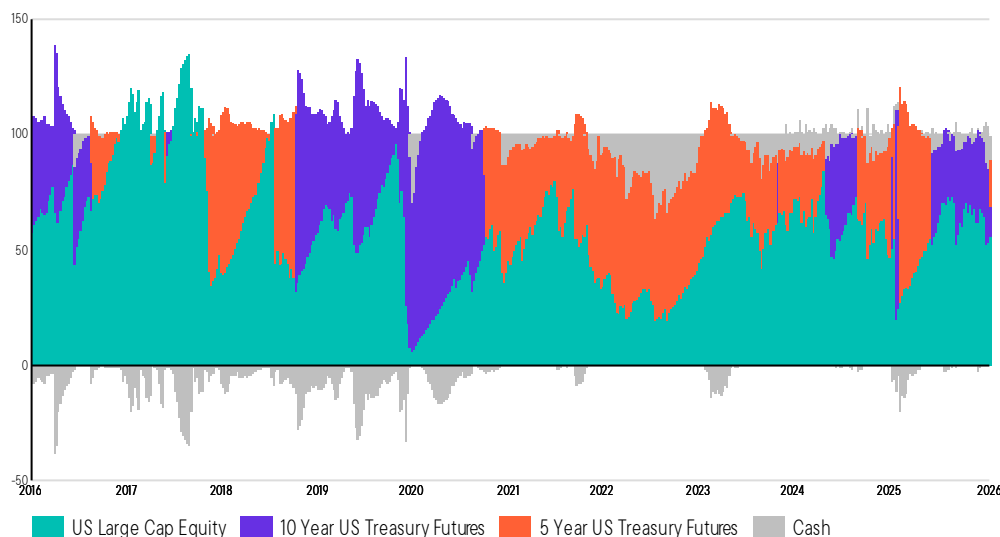
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## Index Information

Ticker	FTUSLX
Volatility Target	7%
Back-Test Inception	01/03/2001
Live Inception	11/13/2017
Use of Leverage	Yes
Index Currency	US Dollar
Rebalance Frequency	Daily
Calculation Frequency	End of Day

## Constituent Allocations (% of Total)



## Constituent Allocation Weights (% of Total)

	Index
US Large Cap Equity	56.11
5-Year US Treasury Futures	20.00
10-Year US Treasury Futures	12.81
Cash	11.09

Index weights for last 10 years. All information for the Index prior to its launch date is back-tested, based on the methodology that was in effect on the launch date on November 13, 2017. Weightings are based on total index, are subject to change at any time, and are provided for informational purposes only. Not to be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell any security.

## Design Team

Franklin Templeton Investment Solutions translates a wide variety of investor goals into portfolios powered by Franklin Templeton's best thinking around the globe. The team includes more than 100 investment professionals, specializing in strategic asset allocation and tactical positioning, fundamental and quantitative research, active integration, and risk management.

## Index Risks

Stock prices fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and dramatically, due to factors affecting individual companies, particular industries or sectors, or general market conditions. During times of extreme market volatility, the Index will not be able to eliminate market losses or capture all market gains.

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The Franklin US Index is an excess return index. An excess return index deducts the value of cash daily, which is reflected in the index value. Prior to December 3, 2021 the Index used the 3-month US Dollar LIBOR rate as its basis for the daily cash value. From December 3, 2021 on, the Index uses the United States SOFR Secured Overnight Financing Rate plus a constant adjustment of +26 bps as its basis for the daily cash value.

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