

Investment overview

The Franklin Income SMA consists of a flexible approach to income and growth opportunities that seeks to provide a consistent stream of attractive monthly income, flexible allocation in pursuit of best opportunities, broad diversification across multiple asset classes managed by a seasoned management team.

Investment objective

Seeks:

Both income and capital appreciation by investing in a combination of stocks, convertible securities, fixed income securities and shares of completion portfolios.

Investment philosophy

Broad opportunity set

- Seek investment opportunities across a range of asset classes and security types:
 - Equities (Common, Preferred, Equity Linked Notes, Convertibles) and
 - Fixed Income (Treasuries, Securitized (MBS/ABS), Investment Grade Corporates, High Yield Corporates, Bank Loans.

Blend asset allocation views with security selection

- Top-down insights inform the investment team's asset allocation views
- Security selection is driven by rigorous bottom-up fundamental research

Focus on income and growth potential

- Looks across the capital structure for securities that offer attractive current income and long-term capital appreciation potential.
- Focus on investment opportunities where our fundamental views may differ from the market consensus.

Key differentiators

Seeks to provide a consistent stream of attractive monthly income

- Flexible approach allows the management team to shift equity and fixed income allocations to take advantage of the best income opportunities..

Diversified across multiple asset classes

- Opportunity set includes traditional equities (value and growth), equity-related securities (convertibles and equity-linked notes), a range of fixed income sectors and limited derivatives.
- Allows portfolio managers to seek consistent income via multiple sources.
- Provides opportunities to reduce portfolio volatility.

Dynamic asset allocation

- Portfolio routinely monitored and adjusted to adapt to changing markets
- Allows portfolio managers to refine portfolio to align with the its intended outcome

Backed by an experienced management team

- Portfolio management team, led by Ed Perks, has over 60 years of combined experience.
- They are supported by research teams representing Franklin Equity Group, Franklin Templeton Fixed Income, and Franklin Templeton Investment Solutions.

Investment management team

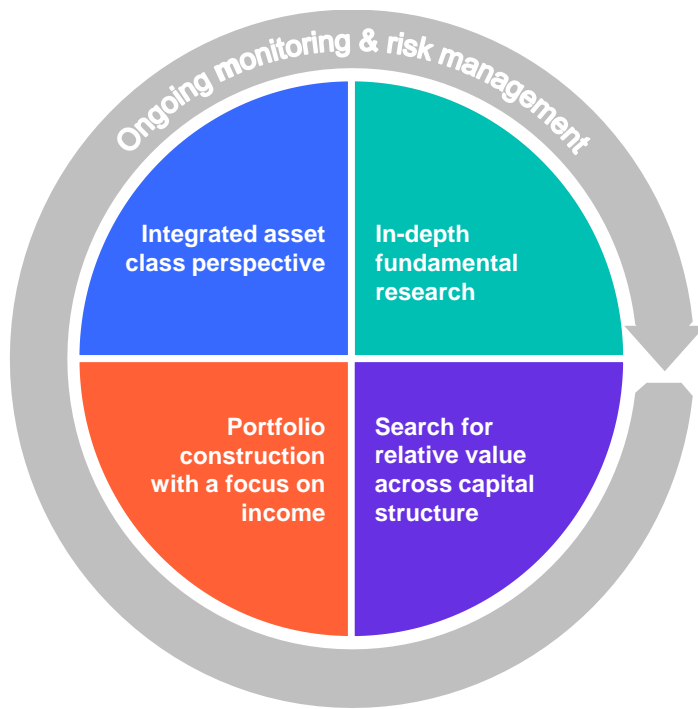
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Industry since 1994

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Portfolio Manager
Industry since 2011

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Portfolio Manager
Industry since 2001

Investment process

Top-down perspective combined with fundamental research drives portfolio construction



Integrated asset class perspectives

- Proprietary macro, equity and fixed income research in combination with team discussion and debate lead to investment ideas for income and total return generation.
- Process includes an evaluation of “market consensus” expectations vs. our fundamental view.

In-depth fundamental research

- Thorough company analysis is conducted, with a focus on valuation, financial strength, market opportunity, competitive position, material ESG factors, and management experience.

Search for relative value across capital structure

- Risk vs. reward scenarios are analyzed at the security level to determine the optimal opportunity for income and capital appreciation potential within the capital structure.

Portfolio construction with a focus on income

- Portfolio managers leverage inputs from the research process to develop a portfolio that is diversified and carries an appropriate level of risk while seeking to maximize income consistent with the strategy’s objective.

The investment process may change over time. The characteristics set forth above are intended as a general illustration of some of the criteria the strategy team considers in selecting securities for client portfolios. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

Portfolio Information[‡] As of December 31, 2023

Fixed Income Characteristics

	Portfolio
Effective Duration	5.26 Years
Average Weighted Maturity	6.29 Years
Yield to Maturity	6.17%
Yield to Worst	6.07%

Fixed Income Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio
Investment Grade Corporates	26.34
High Yield Corporates	21.21
U.S. Treasuries	12.88
International Bonds	0.05

Credit Quality (%)

	Portfolio
AA	12.65
A	1.95
BBB	24.39
BB	3.87
B	12.77
CCC	3.62
CC	0.11
Not Rated	0.89
Not Applicable	0.22

Equity Characteristics

	Portfolio
Price to Earnings (12-Month Trailing)	15.66x
Price to Cash Flow	9.74x
Price to Book	2.44x
Dividend Yield	3.25%
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (Millions USD)	\$342,195

Equity Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio
Financials	5.84
Information Technology	5.37
Industrials	4.76
Utilities	4.48
Health Care	4.05
Energy	3.32
Consumer Staples	3.11
Communication Services	1.62
Consumer Discretionary	1.38
Materials	1.23

Exposure to completion shares

	Portfolio
% in Direct Securities	51.72
% in SMAC Series I	31.03
% in SMAC Series E	17.26

Top Holdings

	Portfolio
UNITED STATES TREASURY NOTE/BOND	13.06
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.	3.34
TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION	1.79
FREEMONT-MCMORAN, INC.	1.69
ORACLE CORPORATION	1.66
CVS HEALTH CORPORATION	1.60
MORGAN STANLEY	1.60
CHEVRON CORPORATION	1.54
BROADCOM INC.	1.44
CENTENE CORPORATION	1.43
Total	29.15

[‡] Source: Franklin Templeton. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings are based on representative accounts within the composite. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings of individual client portfolios in the program may differ, sometimes significantly, from those shown above. Assumes no client-imposed restrictions. This information does not constitute, and should not be construed as, investment advice or recommendations with respect to the sectors listed and should not be used as a sole basis to make any investment decisions.

Performance

Annualized Rates of Return – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) as of December 31, 2023 – PRELIMINARY – (Inception date: 06/30/2019)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Incept
Franklin Income SMA–Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	4.38	7.54	8.73	8.73	7.26	8.42
Franklin Income SMA–Net of Fees—(USD)	4.13	6.76	5.57	5.57	4.14	5.27
Blended Benchmark—(USD)	4.61	7.75	8.28	8.28	3.55	4.74

Calendar-Year Total Returns – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) ending December 31

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Franklin Income SMA–Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	8.73	-4.33	18.62	9.01
Franklin Income SMA–Net of Fees—(USD)	5.57	-7.14	15.21	5.85
Blended Benchmark—(USD)	8.28	-8.00	11.44	4.62

The **Blended Benchmark** consists of the following: 50% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index, 25% Bloomberg High Yield Very Liquid Index, and 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index.

The strategy returns shown are preliminary composite returns, subject to future revision (downward or upward). Please visit www.franklintempleton.com for the latest performance figures. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

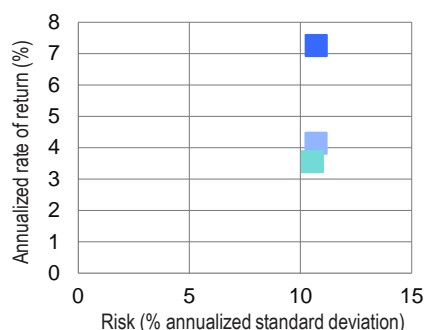
¹ **Fees:** Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Pure gross of fee returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including transaction costs. Net performance includes the deduction of a 3.0% annual wrap fee, which is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for equity and balanced strategies and 1.5% for fixed income strategies. Actual fees vary. For fee schedules, contact your financial professional, or if you enter into an agreement directly with Franklin Templeton Private Portfolio Group, LLC (FTPPG), refer to FTPPG's Form disclosure document. Returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. All performance is reported in US dollars.

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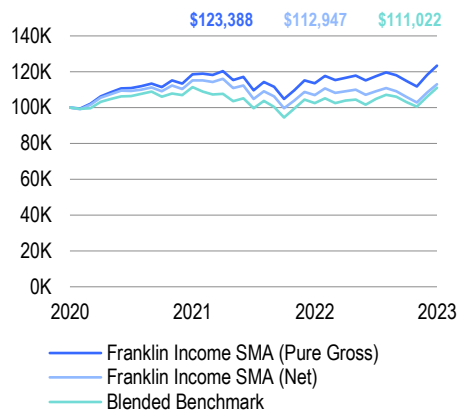
Performance Statistics¹ Preliminary (based on 3-year period ending December 31, 2023)

Risk/Return profile (%)

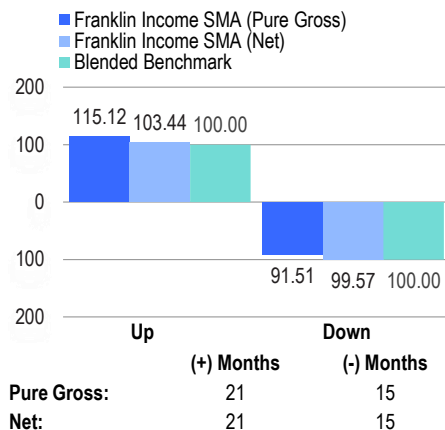


Franklin Income SMA (Pure Gross)	
Annualized Return (%)	7.26
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	10.71
Franklin Income SMA (Net)	
Annualized Return (%)	4.14
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	10.71
Blended Benchmark	
Annualized Return (%)	3.55
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	10.54

Growth of \$100,000*



Up/Down market capture ratios (%)



Modern portfolio statistics

	Portfolio (Pure Gross)	Portfolio (Net)	BM
Sharpe Ratio	0.50	0.22	0.17
Beta	0.99	0.99	N/A
Alpha (%)	3.64	0.62	N/A
R-Squared	0.93	0.93	N/A

¹ Source: Franklin Templeton.

* For illustrative purposes only. Assumes no withdrawals or contributions. These statistics are based on pure gross and net-of-fees quarterly composite returns, were calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income, and take into account both realized and unrealized capital gains and losses. Pure gross of fee returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including transaction costs. Net performance includes the deduction of a 3.0% annual wrap fee, which is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for equity and balanced portfolios.

Terms and definitions:

Dividend yield is determined by dividing a stock's annual dividends per share by the current market price per share. Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends.

P/E (Year 1) is the previous day's closing price of the stock divided by the consensus earnings per share (EPS) of fiscal year 1 (FY1) provided by I/B/E/S. Forecasts are inherently limited and should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

The **price-to-book ratio (P/B)** is a stock's price divided by the stock's per share book value. Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of a common stock.

Weighted median market capitalization represents the value at which half the portfolio's market capitalization weight falls above and half falls below.

Weighted average market capitalization represents the average value of the companies held in the portfolio. When that figure is weighted, the impact of each company's capitalization on the overall average is proportional to the total market value of its shares.

Market capitalization measures the number of outstanding common shares of a given corporation multiplied by the latest price per share.

Standard deviation measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

The **up-capture ratio** measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An up-capture ratio of more than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

The **down-capture ratio** is the ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A down-capture ratio of less than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

Alpha is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance measuring sensitivity to index movements.

Beta measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark.

Sharpe ratio is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

R-squared measures the strength of the linear relationship between a fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1.00 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

Portfolio Yield is a weighted average figure calculated using the following data points/methodology: 1. Common Stocks/Convertible Securities/Preferred Stocks: Dividend Yield (annualizing the most recent or announced dividend); 2. Bonds: If a bond is trading below par, utilize Yield-to-Worst (YTW). YTW is calculated based on assumptions that prepayment occurs if the bond has called or put provisions and the issuer can offer a lower coupon rate based on current market rates. If market rates are higher than the current yield of a bond, the YTW calculation will assume no prepayments are made, and YTW will equal the yield to maturity. The YTW will be the lowest of yield to maturity or yield to call (if the bond has prepayment provisions). If a bond is trading above par, then utilize Current Yield (Bond Coupon divided by Bond Price); 3. SMACs: Dividend Yield (annualizing the most recent dividend). This calculation does not include any capital gains distributions. Portfolio yield is not guaranteed and is subject to change.

Risks

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. The allocation of assets among different strategies, asset classes and investments may not prove beneficial or produce the desired results. **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. **Dividends** may fluctuate and are not guaranteed, and a company may reduce or eliminate its dividend at any time. **Equity securities** are subject to price fluctuation and possible loss of principal. Investments in **equity-linked notes** often have risks similar to their underlying securities, which could include management risk, market risk and, as applicable, foreign securities and currency risks. **Low-rated, high-yield bonds** are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. **Active management** does not ensure gains or protect against market declines. **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 **investment style** may become out of favor, which may have a negative impact on performance. 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.

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