

**FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST (“FT” or the “Fund”)  
NOTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF DISTRIBUTIONS****Notification of Sources of Distributions  
Pursuant to Section 19(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

The Fund’s estimated sources of the distribution to be paid on March 28, 2024 and for the fiscal year 2024 year-to-date are as follows:

Estimated Allocations for March Monthly Distribution as of February 29, 2024:

| Distribution<br>Per Share | Net Investment<br>Income | Net Realized<br>Short-Term Capital<br>Gains | Net Realized<br>Long-Term Capital<br>Gains | Return of<br>Capital |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$0.0425                  | \$0.0309 (73%)           | \$0.0012 (3%)                               | \$0.00 (0%)                                | \$0.0104 (24%)       |

Cumulative Estimated Allocations fiscal year-to-date as of February 29, 2024, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024:

| Distribution<br>Per Share | Net Investment<br>Income | Net Realized<br>Short-Term Capital<br>Gains | Net Realized<br>Long-Term Capital<br>Gains | Return of<br>Capital |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$0.2550                  | \$0.1394 (55%)           | \$0.0302 (12%)                              | \$0.00 (0%)                                | \$0.0854 (33%)       |

**Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about the Fund’s investment performance from the amount of the current distribution or from the terms of the Fund’s Distribution Policy. FT estimates that it has distributed more than its income and net realized capital gains; therefore, a portion of the FT distribution to shareholders may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the money that a shareholder invested in a Fund is paid back to them. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect FT’s investment performance and should not be confused with ‘yield’ or ‘income’. The amounts and sources of distributions reported herein are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the amounts for tax reporting purposes will depend upon the Fund’s investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The Fund will send a Form 1099-DIV to shareholders for the calendar year that will describe how to report the Fund’s distributions for federal income tax purposes.**

| Average Annual Total Return (in relation to the change in net asset value (NAV) for the 5-year period ended on 2/29/2024) <sup>1</sup> | Annualized Distribution Rate (as a percentage of NAV for the current fiscal period through 2/29/2024) <sup>2</sup> | Cumulative Total Return (in relation to the change in NAV for the fiscal period through 2/29/2024) <sup>3</sup> | Cumulative Fiscal Year-To-Date Distribution Rate (as a percentage of NAV as of 2/29/2024) <sup>4</sup> |
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| 4.03%                                                                                                                                  | 6.88%                                                                                                              | 4.26%                                                                                                           | 3.44%                                                                                                  |

**Fund Performance and Distribution Rate Information:**

- 1 Average Annual Total Return in relation to NAV represents the compound average of the Annual NAV Total Returns of the Fund for the five-year period ended through February 29, 2024. Annual NAV Total Return is the percentage change in the Fund's NAV over a year, assuming reinvestment of distributions paid.
- 2 The Annualized Distribution Rate is the current fiscal period's distribution rate annualized as a percentage of the Fund's NAV through February 29, 2024.
- 3 Cumulative Total Return is the percentage change in the Fund's NAV from August 31, 2023 through February 29, 2024, assuming reinvestment of distributions paid.
- 4 The Cumulative Fiscal Year-To-Date Distribution Rate is the dollar value of distributions for the fiscal period August 31, 2023 through February 29, 2024, as a percentage of the Fund's NAV as of February 29, 2024.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high, current income consistent with preservation of capital. Its secondary objective is growth of income through dividend increases and capital appreciation. Distributions may vary based on the Fund's net investment income. Past distributions are not indicative of future trends.

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