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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Sethi Alok

PARKWAY

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(Last)

INC., ONE FRANKLIN

(First) (Middle) 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/26/2017

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC [BEN]

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES.

_X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

(give title below) (specify below) Reg. S-K Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MATEO, CAÂ 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

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3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5)

(I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$.10 $28,079.668 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D

Common Stock, par value \$.10 4,562,2651

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By $401(k)^{(2)}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying

4. Conversion

Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Derivative Security Form of (Instr. 5) or Exercise

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		(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Sethi Alok C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO Â CAÂ 94403-1906	Â	Â	Reg. S-K Executive Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Alok Sethi	10/06/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 14,385 shares represent unvested restricted stock unit awards.
- (2) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of September 26, 2017.

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Remarks:

Copy of Limited Power of Attorney included as Exhibit 24.

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