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Product Key Facts
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds -
Franklin Technology Fund

Issuer: Franklin Templeton Investments (Asia) Limited

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- **This statement provides you with key information about this product.**
- **This statement is a part of the offering document.**
- **You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.**

Quick facts

Management company: Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l.

Investment manager(s): Franklin Advisers, Inc., United States of America (internal delegation)

Depository: J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch

Base currency: USD

Financial year end of this Fund: 30 June

Dealing frequency: Every Hong Kong Business Day

Minimum Investment: USD 1,000 [initial] and USD 500 [subsequent purchases] or equivalent

Ongoing charges over a year*:

Class A (acc) HKD: 1.80%

Class A (acc) RMB-H1: 1.85%

Class A (acc) USD: 1.80%

Class B (acc) USD: 3.10%

*The ongoing charges figures are based on the semi-annual report for the period ended 31 December 2021. These figures may vary from year to year.

Dividend policy: Dividends, if declared, will be reinvested unless indicated by you in the application form to be paid out. Subject to any legal and regulatory requirements, the Fund may at its discretion pay dividends out of the capital or out of gross income of the Fund while charging / paying all or part of the Fund's fees and expenses to / out of the capital of the Fund, which results in an increase in distributable income for the payment of dividends by the Fund and therefore, the Fund may effectively pay dividends out of capital. The Fund may amend such distribution policy subject to the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC")'s prior approval and by giving not less than one month's prior notice to investors. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital or payment of dividends effectively out of the Fund's capital (as the case may be) may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share.

What is this product?

This is a fund constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is domiciled in Luxembourg and its home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

Investment Objective and Policy

Franklin Technology Fund (the "Fund") aims to increase the value of its investments over the medium to long term.

The Fund invests principally (that is, at least two-thirds of the Fund's net assets) in:

- *equity securities issued by technology companies of any size located anywhere in the world, including emerging markets and the United States of America*

In exceptional market circumstances (such as extreme volatility) and on a temporary basis only, 100% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in liquid assets, with due regard to the principle of risk spreading.

The Fund can invest on an ancillary basis in:

- *debt securities of corporate issuers*
- *American, European or Global Depositary Receipts*



The companies in which the Fund invests can be in a variety of industries such as computers, hardware, telecommunications, electronics, media and information services, and precision instruments that are expected to benefit from the development, advancement and use of technology and communication services and equipment.

The Fund uses a growth approach that employs intensive, bottom-up, fundamental research of companies. The investment manager also takes into consideration broad-based trends when considering the selection of investments. In general, the investment manager looks for companies it believes display, or will display, some of the following characteristics, among others: quality management; robust growth prospects; strong market positioning; high, or rising profit margins; and good return on capital investment. Since the investment manager considers that environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) factors are particularly relevant to investing in the technology sector and can contribute to the creation of shareholder value, ESG considerations are an integral component of its fundamental investment research. In this respect, the investment manager employs a binding proprietary ESG methodology which is applied to at least 90% of the Fund’s portfolio to determine a company’s profile on relevant ESG issues. The investment manager evaluates the companies which may be potential investment for the Fund (“Fund’s Investment Universe”) and assigns an overall ESG rating based on quantitative and qualitative factors such as cybersecurity and data privacy, the usage of controversial materials, support of human capital, diversity and inclusion as well as environmental impact (carbon emissions, ewaste, water usage). The rating assigned to the issuers by the investment manager based on the proprietary ESG methodology comprises four grades: AAA (best in class/very good), AA (good), A (fair) and B (needs improvement). The investment manager’s ESG approach includes regular dialogue with companies, monitoring material ESG issues and voting proxies. Companies rated “B” or those not rated due to the company not meeting the investment manager’s fundamental criteria are excluded from the Fund’s portfolio.

The Fund also applies specific ESG exclusions and will not invest in companies which according to the investment manager’s analysis:

- *Seriously violate the United Nations Global Compact Principles (without positive perspective);*
- *Generate more than 10% of revenue from the production and/or distribution of weapons;*
- *Are involved in the production, distribution or wholesale trading of dedicated and/or key components of banned weapons¹ (i.e., antipersonnel mines, biological & chemical weaponry and cluster munitions);*
- *Manufacture tobacco or tobacco products or those that derive revenue from such products that exceeds 5%;*
- *Generate more than 10% of their revenue from thermal coal extraction or coal-based power generation.*

Furthermore, the Fund will not invest in sovereign issuers which have inadequate scoring according to the Freedom House Index².

As a result of the aforementioned ESG methodology and exclusions, the weighted average base ESG score of the Fund’s portfolio is higher than the average base ESG score of the Fund’s Investment Universe. ESG scores for each portfolio company will be reviewed and updated at least annually. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund is not classified as an ESG fund, pursuant to the “Circular to management companies of SFC authorized unit trusts and mutual funds – ESG funds” issued by the SFC on 29 June 2021.

The Fund may also, in accordance with the investment restrictions, invest (i) up to 10% of its net assets in securities issued by private companies and Private Investments in Public Equity (“PIPEs”) and (ii) up to 5% of its net assets in special purpose acquisition companies (“SPACs”) provided that the contemplated PIPEs and SPACs qualify as transferable securities under paragraphs (1) or (2) a) of Article 41 of the Law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment, as may be amended from time to time.

For the purpose of generating additional capital or income or for reducing costs or risks, the Fund may engage in securities lending transactions for up to 50% of its net assets, in a manner that is consistent with its investment policy. For the avoidance of doubt, any securities lending will be an ancillary activity of the Fund only.

¹ (a) Weapons according to (i) The Convention of the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction and (ii) The Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions and (b) weapons classed as either B- or C- weapons pursuant to the United Nations Biological Weapons Convention and the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention respectively.

² <https://freedomhouse.org/countries/freedom-world/scores>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.



Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Fund's net asset value.

What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

- **Market risk:** The market values of securities owned by the Fund will tend to go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting individual issuers, particular industries or sectors within securities markets, or because of general market conditions. During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes (including different sectors of the same asset class) may decline in value at the same time. Similarly, when markets perform well, there can be no assurance that securities held by the Fund will participate in the advance. Because the securities the Fund holds fluctuate in price in this manner, the Fund's value may go down as well as up and investors may be adversely affected.
- **Equity risk:** Equity and equity-linked securities are subject to significant price movements due to various economic, political, market and issuer-specific factors. Such changes may adversely affect the value of equities regardless of issuer-specific performance. Additionally, different industries, financial markets and securities can react differently to these changes. Such fluctuations of the Fund's value are often exacerbated in the short-term. Financial markets trends (including feared or actual failures in the banking system) may also cause large fluctuations in the prices of such securities. As a result, the Fund may be adversely affected.
- **Foreign currency risk:** The Fund will typically invest to a significant degree in securities that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, exposing its investments to changes in foreign exchange rates and the possibility of exchange control regulations. Changes in currency exchange rates may adversely affect the value of the Fund, and also may affect the income earned by the Fund and gains and losses realized by the Fund. Furthermore, the total return for a share class that is denominated in a different currency (the "alternative currency") from the base currency of the Fund may be affected, either positively or negatively, by changes in the exchange rate between the Fund's base currency and the alternative currency.
- **RMB Currency and Conversion risk:** RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the Fund's base currency (i.e., USD) will not depreciate. Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of the Fund's investment. Although offshore RMB (CNH) and onshore RMB (CNY) are the same currency, they trade at different rates. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors. Under exceptional circumstances, payment of redemptions and/or dividend payment may be delayed due to exchange controls and restrictions applicable to RMB.
- **Liquidity risk:** The Fund may not be able to easily sell securities due to adverse market conditions or reduced value or creditworthiness of issuers in which it invests. The inability of the Fund to sell securities or positions may also impede the ability of the Fund to meet redemption requests in a timely manner. Certain securities may also be illiquid due to limited trading markets or contractual restrictions on their resale. Reduced liquidity due to these factors may have an adverse impact on the net asset value of the Fund.
- **Biotechnology, communication and technology sectors risk:** Investment in the biotechnology, communication and technology sectors may present greater risk and higher volatility than investment in a broader range of securities covering many different economic sectors. Companies in these sectors may be in their preliminary stage of development and therefore may rely heavily on research development and may face intense competition which may have an adverse effect on profit margins and such companies will have high uncertainty and volatility in price performance when compared to other economic sectors. The value and performance of the Fund may be adversely affected as a result.
- **Sustainability risk:** The integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision process may have the effect of excluding profitable investments from the investment universe of the Fund and may also cause the Fund to sell investments that will continue to perform well. Appreciation of sustainability risk is to a degree subjective and there is no guarantee that all investments



made by the Fund will reflect beliefs or values of any particular investor on sustainable investments. A sustainability risk could materialise as the occurrence of an environmental, social or governance event or condition causing material negative impact on the value of one or several investments and thus negatively affecting the returns of the Fund.

- **Concentration risk:** The Fund's investments are concentrated in a single sector. The value of the Fund may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments and may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory events affecting the sector in which it invests.
- **Growth stocks risk:** Growth stocks can be more volatile and may be more expensive, relative to earnings, than the market in general. The Fund may be adversely affected by the greater volatility of investments in such stocks.
- **Chinese market risk:** The Fund is subject to the risks of the Chinese market and the value of the Fund may be susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory events affecting the Chinese market. The value and performance of the Fund may be adversely affected as a result.
- **Securities lending risk:** Securities lending transactions may involve the risk that the borrower may fail to return the securities lent out in a timely manner and the value of the collateral may fall below the value of the securities lent out, which may result in a substantial loss to the Fund.
- **Class hedging risk:** The hedging strategy for a hedged share class may not work as intended, exposing investors of that share class to currency risk. Additionally, investors of a hedged share class may be exposed to fluctuations in the net asset value per share reflecting the gains/losses on and the associated transaction costs of the financial instruments used for hedging, and such investors may be adversely impacted.
- **Dividend policy risk:** The Fund's dividend policy allows for payment of dividends out of capital or effectively out of capital. Where this is done, it amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital or payment of dividends effectively out of the Fund's capital (as the case may be) may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share. The distribution amount and net asset value of a hedged share class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the hedged share class and the Fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other non-hedged share classes.
- **Counterparty risk:** The Fund may be exposed to the credit/default risks of its counterparties and the Fund/investors may be adversely impacted.
- **Smaller and midsize companies risk:** Stocks of smaller- and mid-sized companies tend to be less liquid and more volatile to adverse economic developments than larger, more recognized companies, particularly if such companies are in emerging markets, which results in higher risk for the Fund. The value and performance of the Fund may be adversely affected as a result.
- **PIPEs risk:** Investments in PIPE involve a high degree of risk, including the complete loss of capital. Among these risks are the general risks associated with investing in companies operating at a loss or with substantial variations in operating results from period to period and investing in companies with the need for substantial additional capital to support expansion or to achieve or maintain a competitive position. Securities of any such portfolio company will likely be thinly traded and undercapitalized and will therefore be more sensitive to adverse business or financial developments. In the event that any such portfolio company is unable to generate sufficient cash flow or raise additional equity capital to meet its projected cash needs, the value of the investment made by the Fund in such portfolio investment could be significantly reduced or even lost entirely.
- **Private companies risk:** Investments in securities issued by private companies involve a significant degree of risk and uncertainties compared to publicly traded equity. These investments are usually made in companies that have existed for a short period of time, with little business experience and therefore any forecast of future growth in value is subject to a high level of uncertainty. Investments in securities issued by private companies are also subject to limited liquidity as they are not traded in an organized market.



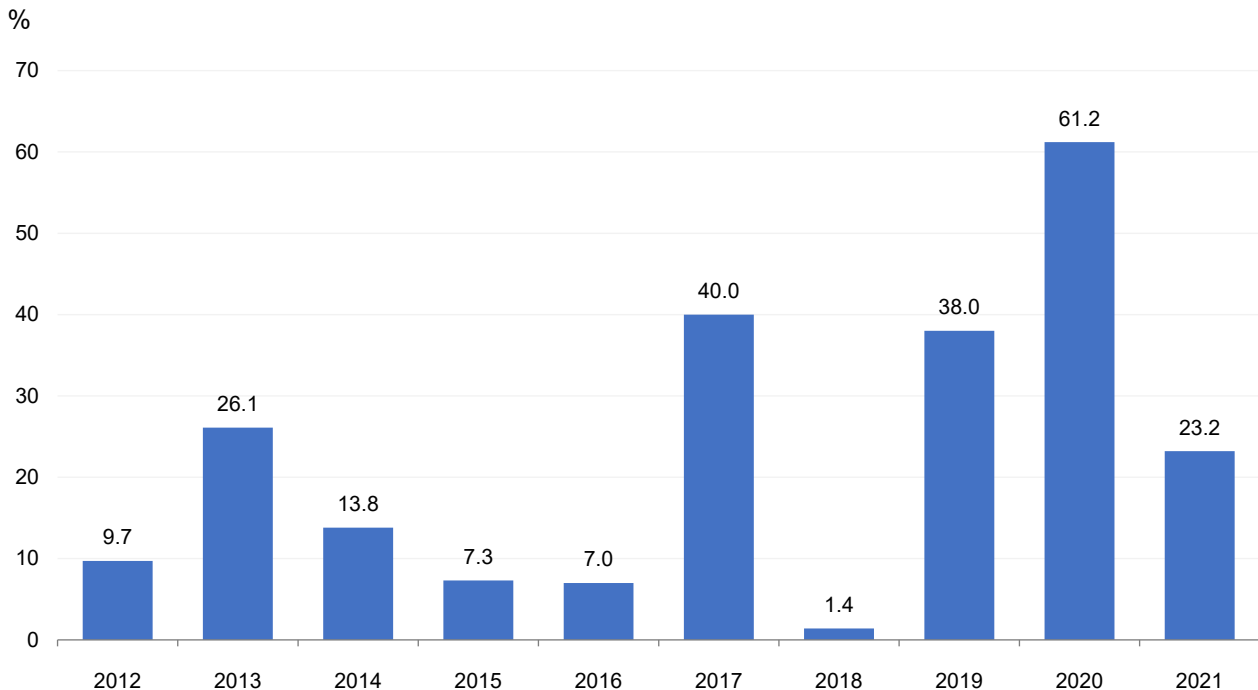
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- **SPACs risk:** *The Fund may invest directly or indirectly in SPACs or similar special purposes entities which are subject to a variety of risks beyond those associated with other equity securities. A SPAC is a publicly traded company that raises investment capital for the purpose of acquiring or merging with an existing company. SPACs do not have any operating history or ongoing business other than seeking acquisitions, and the value of their securities is particularly dependent on the ability of the SPAC's management to identify a merger target and complete an acquisition. Some SPACs may pursue acquisitions only within certain industries or regions, which may increase the volatility of their prices. In addition, these securities, which may be traded in the over-the-counter market, may be considered illiquid and/or may be subject to restrictions on resale.*
- **Derivative instruments risk:** *Derivative instruments involve cost, may be volatile, and may involve a leverage effect. A small market movement may give rise to a proportionately larger impact, which may cause substantial loss to the Fund. Other risks include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk. In adverse situations, the Fund's use of derivative instruments may become ineffective and the Fund may suffer significant losses.*



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How has the Fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-to-NAV, with dividends reinvested.
- These figures show by how much class A (acc) USD increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Class A (acc) USD is the share class available in Hong Kong with the longest history in the Fund. Performance data has been calculated in USD, including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Fund launch date: 3 April 2000
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- Effective 25 February 2021, MSCI World Information Technology Index was added as the benchmark of the Fund to adhere to European disclosure rules regarding the use of benchmark.

Is there any guarantee?

This Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.



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What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

Fee	What you pay	
	Class A	Class B
Subscription fee (Initial sales charge)	Up to 5.00% of the subscription amount	N/A
Switching fee (Switching charge)*	1.00% of the value of the shares being switched	N/A
Redemption fee (Redemption charge)	N/A	Up to 4.00%

Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

	Annual rate (as a % of the Fund's net asset value)	
	Class A	Class B
Management fee (annual management charge [^])	1.50%	1.75%
Depository fee	Up to 0.140%	Up to 0.140%
Performance fee	N/A	N/A
Administration fee	N/A	N/A
Servicing charge	N/A	1.06%
Registrar and Transfer, Corporate, Domiciliary and Administrative Agent fee	Up to 0.2175%	Up to 0.2175%
Additional fixed amount per Shareholder account at each Class level	Up to USD 30 per annum	Up to USD 30 per annum

*The current fee level may be increased up to the maximum level permitted by the constitutive document of the Fund by giving one month's prior notice to the shareholders.

[^]The annual management charge as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum comprises the investment management fee and the maintenance charge, details of which are provided in the annual report of Franklin Templeton Investment Funds.

Other fees

You may have to pay other fees and charges when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

Additional Information

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next determined net asset value (NAV) after the Hong Kong Representative, Franklin Templeton Investments (Asia) Limited, receives your request in good order on or before 4:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) being the dealing cut-off time. Certain intermediaries may impose an earlier dealing cut-off time.
- The net asset value of this Fund is calculated and the price of shares is published on each business day. Information about prices is available online at www.franklintempleton.com.hk.



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- *The compositions of the dividends (i.e. the relative amounts paid out of (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months are made available by the Hong Kong Representative on request and are also available online at www.franklintempleton.com.hk.*
- *Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors from the Hong Kong Representative's website at www.franklintempleton.com.hk.*
- *Investors may obtain information on the intermediaries by calling the Hong Kong Representative at (852) 2877-7733 or visiting the Hong Kong Representative's website at www.franklintempleton.com.hk.*
- *The website mentioned above has not been reviewed by the SFC.*

Important

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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