

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 11, 2009

**FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction)

001-09318  
(Commission File Number)

13-2670991  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 312-2000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 11, 2009, Franklin Resources, Inc. (the Company) announced that on such date its Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase, from time to time, up to an aggregate of 10.0 million shares of its common stock in either open market or off-market transactions. The size and timing of these purchases will depend on price, market and business conditions and other factors. The stock repurchase program is not subject to an expiration date. The new Board of Directors authorization is in addition to the existing authorization, of which approximately 3.8 million shares remained available for repurchase at February 28, 2009.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release, dated March 11, 2009, issued by Franklin Resources, Inc. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.

Date: March 16, 2009

/s/ Kenneth A. Lewis

Name: Kenneth A. Lewis

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit Index**

Exhibit No.   Description

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