

## Performance Review

- Global equity prices made robust gains in November, as positive developments in the search for a viable COVID-19 vaccine bolstered market sentiment. Hopes of an economic recovery helped cyclical stocks to lead gains, particularly in developed markets, as investors preferred sectors such as financials, while the US dollar generally weakened against its major counterparts. Emerging markets (EMs) also rose, led by Latin America and Europe. Benchmark US Treasury yields fell slightly in November, in contrast to German Bunds, influenced by the withdrawal of certain emergency lending facilities set up by the Fed.
- For the month, the fund's A (acc) USD shares returned 9.54%.

## ONE-MONTH KEY PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

<b>HELPED</b>	<p>Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund was boosted by its investment in ING Groep, on news of promising results for a COVID-19 vaccine, which could lead to a stronger economy. During the third-quarter earnings call, ING's management team introduced a plan to simplify the business by closing offices in South America and in select Asian markets by the end of 2021.</p> <p>US-based specialty chemicals company Albemarle was Templeton Growth Fund's top-performing individual contributor. Shares of Albemarle, the world's largest extractor of lithium salts used in lithium-ion rechargeable batteries, surged during November after the company reported quarterly earnings expectations and full-year 2020 guidance that surpassed expectations.</p> <p>Templeton Global Bond Fund benefitted from select duration exposures in Latin America (Argentina and Mexico), which contributed to absolute fund performance, as did duration exposure in Indonesia. The fund managers have tactically adjusted specific position sizes in various EMs in recent quarters, notably selling some positions into strength as local yield curves rallied lower on substantial rate cuts from central banks.</p>
<b>HURT</b>	<p>There were no meaningful detractors from Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund during November.</p> <p>Templeton Global Bond Fund's net-short positions in the euro and the Australian dollar detracted from absolute results, as did tactical short positioning in the Mexican peso. The fund managers retained their positioning in the Australian dollar as a proxy hedge against broad-based beta risk across emerging markets.</p> <p>The performance of Templeton Growth Fund was pressured primarily by its investment in Chinese internet conglomerate Alibaba Group Holding. The company's shares tumbled in early November after the eagerly anticipated initial public offering of its digital finance subsidiary was abruptly suspended amidst heightened scrutiny by Chinese government regulators. Investors' fears were exacerbated by the company's announcement of slowing sales growth for the September quarter.</p>

## Outlook & Strategy

- Despite the positive news about a COVID-19 vaccine, the spread of coronavirus still looms as a significant deterrent to stronger recovery. Cases in the United States have surpassed 10 million, with the third wave rising steeper and faster than the prior two in the spring and summer. States have implemented new restrictions on daily life but have resisted full lockdowns. Likewise, Europe is also facing a spike, and governments there have turned to testing and tracing and targeted closings to slow the pandemic's spread. Amidst these elevated risks, the managers of Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund remain focussed on their bottom-up, fundamentally driven investment process to identify opportunities that often emerge during turbulent periods. Volatility is inherent to investing in risk assets, and the market historically rewards investors who take a long-term perspective.
- The managers of Templeton Growth Fund have prepared for the introduction of a COVID-19 vaccine over the course of the past year by increasing cyclical exposures, primarily to industrials and "away-from-home" stocks in the eye of the coronavirus storm. They have focussed on companies with the fortitude to withstand a temporary crisis and avoided businesses for which the challenges appeared to be more structural in nature. The managers believe investors will become more realistic about the shape and trajectory of this recovery, and a focus on fundamentals and value is intended to position portfolios for an environment where price matters.
- The managers of Templeton Global Bond Fund continue to maintain a tactically opportunistic stance that focusses on higher allocations to perceived safe-haven assets, lower duration exposures in select EMs, risk-adjusted position sizing and optimised liquidity. They aim to derive alpha from different sources than the low-to-negative yielding developed fixed income markets, which have limited upside potential and asymmetric interest-rate risks, as yields remain near historic lows and debt loads rise to record levels.

**Fund Details**

Inception Date	25/10/2007
Benchmark	-

**Fund Description**

The fund's investment objective is to seek capital appreciation through a diversified, value-oriented approach, with a secondary objective of seeking income. The fund generally invests in equity securities of companies of any market capitalisation located anywhere in the world, including emerging markets, as well as fixed and floating rate debt securities and debt obligations issued by government, government-related and/or corporate entities worldwide. The fund makes an allocation of its assets between three different investment strategies followed independently by the Templeton Global Equity, Templeton Global Macro and Franklin Mutual Series management groups, with the aim to maintain an equal exposure to two global equity strategies and one global fixed income strategy, subject to appropriate monitoring and rebalancing.

**Performance Data**

Performance Net of Management Fees as at 30/11/2020 (Dividends Reinvested) (%)<sup>1</sup>

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception (25/10/2007)
A (acc) USD	9.54	5.23	-4.67	-2.11	-1.13	1.82	3.62	2.54
Net of Sales Charge - A (acc) USD	4.07	-0.03	-9.43	-7.01	-2.80	0.79	3.09	2.14

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