

# Despite Cyclicality, Hedging Currency Exposure Can Lead to Longer-Term Benefits

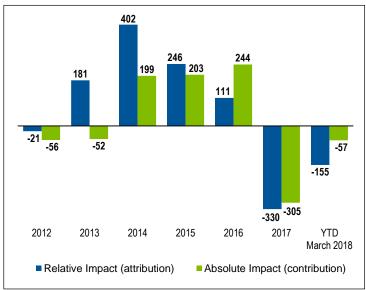
Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund generally hedges foreign currency exposure to ensure that stock performance is the key driver of fund performance. This helps to isolate the underlying stock return for non-US holdings and minimize the impact of currency fluctuations on investment results. We hedge on a stock-by-stock basis in keeping with our bottom-up approach to managing the fund. Accordingly, our currency hedges typically do not represent a specific near-term outlook for currencies.

Currencies experience cyclical fluctuations over time based on relative interest rates, inflation and other economic factors. Consequently, there will be periods when hedging adds to performance and periods when it detracts. Hedging has generally contributed to performance when the US dollar (USD) has strengthened and detracted when the USD has weakened.

In 2017, our currency hedges moved from contributing to the absolute return of Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund to detracting. Last year, the USD lost ground against the Euro and the British Pound (GBP) and the weakening USD caused our currency hedge to detract from performance. Conversely, from 2014-2016 when the USD was strong, currency hedging contributed substantially to absolute performance. Going forward, in periods when the USD is strong, we expect our hedging strategy should continue to augment performance.

#### Value Add of Currency Hedges

Impact of Currency Hedges on Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund Performance (in basis points)



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# A Record of Lower Volatility

As a deep value strategy, Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund seeks to deliver attractive long-term risk-adjusted returns. The fund has exhibited significantly lower volatility than its benchmark, with an average three-year rolling standard deviation of monthly returns of 10.3% compared to 14.0% for the MSCI World Index since the fund's inception, as depicted in the following chart.<sup>1</sup>

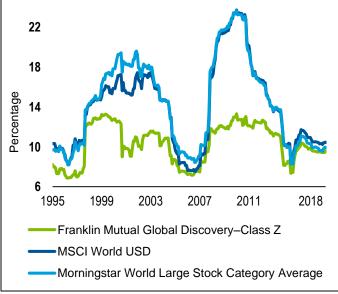
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A Consistent Track Record of Lower Volatility Since Inception<sup>1</sup>

Rolling 3-Year Standard Deviation 12/31/95–3/31/18



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We believe that our currency hedging strategy is a factor in our record of lower volatility. What's more, when comparing the MSCI World hedged index to the MSCI World unhedged index, the average three-year rolling standard deviation for the hedged index was 13.6% over the past 10 years, compared to 15.4% for the unhedged index.<sup>1</sup>

# Hedged Index Has Demonstrated Less Volatility Over Time<sup>1</sup>

MSCI World Hedged (Local) & Unhedged (USD) Rolling 3-Year Standard Deviation 3/31/08–3/31/18



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### Conclusion

Currencies fluctuate. This is an economic fact and can complicate returns for global investors. However, Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund was created to capitalize on the exceptional value-oriented opportunities we identify around the globe. In our view, currency hedging remains the most effective way both to deliver results based on our convictions and to help reduce volatility over time for our shareholders.

Historical Performance (for periods ended March 31, 2018)

			Since Inception					
	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	(12/31/92)				
Avg Annl Tot Return								
MDISX (Class Z)	2.36%	7.35%	6.23%	11.37%				
MSCI World Index <sup>1</sup>	14.20%	10.32%	6.51%	8.21%				

#### **Std Deviation**

MDISX	7.37%	9.02%	11.03%	10.50%
MSCI World Index <sup>1</sup>	8.28%	10.20%	16.28%	14.46%

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Class Z shares do not have sales charges or Rule 12b-1 fees and are offered only to certain eligible investors as stated in the prospectus. The fund offers multiple share classes, which are subject to different fees and expenses that will affect their performance. Please see the prospectus for details.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Value securities may not increase in price as anticipated or may decline further in value. Special risks are associated with foreign investing, including currency fluctuations, economic instability and political developments. Smaller-company stocks have exhibited greater price volatility than larger-company stocks, particularly over the short term. The fund's investments in companies engaged in mergers, reorganizations or liquidations also involve special risks as pending deals may not be completed on time or on favorable terms. The fund may invest in lower-rated bonds, which entail higher credit risk. Please consult the prospectus for a more detailed description of the fund's risks.

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