

FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF  
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-05569

**Franklin Universal Trust**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA**  
**94403-1906**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 11/30/15

Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

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## Statement of Investments, November 30, 2015 (unaudited)

	Country	Shares	Value
<b>Common Stocks 46.2%</b>			
<b>Energy 1.4%</b>			
Spectra Energy Corp.	United States	92,350	\$ 2,419,570
<b>Materials 0.8%</b>			
BHP Billiton PLC, ADR	Australia	25,185	610,736
Freeport-McMoRan Inc., B	United States	80,380	657,509
aSouth32 Ltd., ADR	Australia	10,074	42,512
			1,310,757
<b>Transportation 0.1%</b>			
aCEVA Holdings LLC	United Kingdom	179	92,407
<b>Utilities 43.9%</b>			
Alliant Energy Corp.	United States	40,000	2,407,600
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	United States	75,000	4,200,750
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	United States	169,800	2,878,110
CMS Energy Corp.	United States	65,000	2,276,300
Consolidated Edison Inc.	United States	42,000	2,610,300
Dominion Resources Inc.	United States	100,000	6,737,000
DTE Energy Co.	United States	25,000	2,012,250
Duke Energy Corp.	United States	80,060	5,424,865
Edison International	United States	75,000	4,452,000
Entergy Corp.	United States	50,000	3,331,500
Exelon Corp.	United States	55,000	1,502,050
FirstEnergy Corp.	United States	60,000	1,883,400
Great Plains Energy Inc.	United States	70,000	1,889,300
NextEra Energy Inc.	United States	50,000	4,993,000
PG&E Corp.	United States	50,000	2,636,500
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	United States	70,000	4,435,200
PPL Corp.	United States	80,000	2,723,200
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	United States	45,000	1,759,500
Sempra Energy	United States	50,000	4,961,500

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The Southern Co.	United States	87,250	3,886,115
aTalen Energy Corp.	United States	9,992	77,838
UIL Holdings Corp.	United States	40,000	2,034,000
WEC Energy Group Inc.	United States	40,000	1,972,800
Westar Energy Inc.	United States	60,000	2,560,800
Xcel Energy Inc.	United States	60,000	2,139,600
			75,785,478
<b>Total Common Stocks (Cost \$47,699,704)</b>			<b>79,608,212</b>
<b>Convertible Preferred Stocks 0.1%</b>			
<b>Transportation 0.1%</b>			
aCEVA Holdings LLC, cvt. pfd., A-1	United Kingdom	6	4,200
aCEVA Holdings LLC, cvt. pfd., A-2	United Kingdom	388	200,031
<b>Total Convertible Preferred Stocks (Cost \$587,093)</b>			<b>204,231</b>
			<b>Principal Amount*</b>
<b>Corporate Bonds 86.4%</b>			
<b>Automobiles &amp; Components 1.8%</b>			
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV, senior note, 5.25%, 4/15/23	United Kingdom	1,700,000	1,689,375
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., senior note, 6.50%, 3/01/21	United States	1,100,000	1,165,659
5.125%, 11/15/23	United States	300,000	308,250
			3,163,284
<b>Banks 3.6%</b>			
CIT Group Inc., senior note, 5.375%, 5/15/20	United States	500,000	528,750
5.00%, 8/15/22	United States	1,200,000	1,228,500
<sup>b</sup> 144A, 6.625%, 4/01/18	United States	300,000	320,625
cCitigroup Inc., junior sub. bond, M, 6.30% to 5/15/24, FRN thereafter, Perpetual	United States	1,100,000	1,083,500

Quarterly Statement of Investments | See Notes to Statement of Investments.

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cJPMorgan Chase & Co., junior sub. bond, R, 6.00% to 8/01/23, FRN thereafter, Perpetual	United States	900,000	911,700
V, 5.00% to 7/30/19, FRN thereafter, Perpetual	United States	800,000	769,000
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, sub. note, 6.125%, 12/15/22	United Kingdom	900,000	992,250
5.125%, 5/28/24	United Kingdom	400,000	411,750
			6,246,075
<b>Capital Goods 2.3%</b>			
bBombardier Inc., senior bond, 144A, 7.50%, 3/15/25	Canada	1,700,000	1,275,000
Navistar International Corp., senior bond, 8.25%, 11/01/21	United States	800,000	574,000
Oshkosh Corp., senior note, 5.375%, 3/01/22	United States	500,000	507,500
TransDigm Inc., senior sub. bond, 6.50%, 7/15/24	United States	200,000	198,000
<sup>b</sup> senior sub. bond, 144A, 6.50%, 5/15/25	United States	100,000	98,625
senior sub. note, 6.00%, 7/15/22	United States	700,000	691,250
bZachry Holdings Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.50%, 2/01/20	United States	600,000	603,000
			3,947,375
<b>Commercial &amp; Professional Services 1.0%</b>			
bAcosta Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 10/01/22	United States	500,000	463,750
IHS Inc., senior note, 5.00%, 11/01/22	United States	300,000	306,375
United Rentals North America Inc., senior bond, 5.75%, 11/15/24	United States	1,000,000	1,015,000
			1,785,125
<b>Consumer Durables &amp; Apparel 3.4%</b>			
bJarden Corp., senior note, 144A, 5.00%, 11/15/23	United States	700,000	721,788
KB Home, senior bond, 7.50%, 9/15/22	United States	1,100,000	1,116,500
senior note, 4.75%, 5/15/19	United States	200,000	197,000
senior note, 7.00%, 12/15/21	United States	300,000	300,750
M/I Homes Inc., senior note, 8.625%, 11/15/18	United States	200,000	205,750
bTaylor Morrison Communities Inc./Monarch Communities Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 4/15/21	United States	400,000	403,000
5.875%, 4/15/23	United States	500,000	500,000
5.625%, 3/01/24	United States	700,000	679,875
Toll Brothers Finance Corp., senior bond, 5.625%, 1/15/24	United States	700,000	740,250
Visant Corp., senior note, 10.00%, 10/01/17	United States	900,000	924,525
			5,789,438
<b>Consumer Services 5.2%</b>			
b1011778 BC ULC/New Red Finance Inc.,			

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secured note, second lien, 144A, 6.00%, 4/01/22	Canada	1,000,000	1,037,500
senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 4.625%, 1/15/22	Canada	500,000	506,250
b24 Hour Holdings III LLC, senior note, 144A, 8.00%, 6/01/22	United States	1,000,000	842,500
dCaesars Entertainment Operating Co. Inc., senior secured note, first lien, 11.25%, 6/01/17	United States	500,000	387,500
b,dFontainebleau Las Vegas, senior secured bond, first lien, 144A, 11.00%, 6/15/15	United States	1,600,000	200
bInternational Game Technology PLC, senior secured bond, 144A, 6.50%, 2/15/25	United States	1,700,000	1,569,312
bLandry's Inc., senior note, 144A, 9.375%, 5/01/20	United States	900,000	959,625
MGM Resorts International, senior note, 6.875%, 4/01/16	United States	1,200,000	1,221,000
7.50%, 6/01/16	United States	800,000	823,000
bSabre GBLB Inc., first lien, 144A, 5.375%, 4/15/23	United States	300,000	301,500
bWynn Las Vegas LLC/Wynn Las Vegas Capital Corp., senior bond, 144A, 5.50%, 3/01/25	United States	800,000	723,000
bWynn Macau Ltd., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 10/15/21	Macau	600,000	542,250
			8,913,637

**Diversified Financials 4.5%**

AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd./AerCap Global Aviation Trust, senior note, 4.25%, 7/01/20	Netherlands	800,000	813,000
4.625%, 10/30/20	Netherlands	200,000	205,750
5.00%, 10/01/21	Netherlands	500,000	519,063
Ally Financial Inc., senior note, 5.50%, 2/15/17	United States	600,000	618,750
eDeutsche Bank AG, sub. bond, 4.296% to 5/24/23, FRN thereafter, 5/24/28	Germany	900,000	850,725
E*TRADE Financial Corp., senior note, 5.375%, 11/15/22	United States	300,000	318,000



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4.625%, 9/15/23 Navient Corp., senior note,	United States	400,000	412,000
8.45%, 6/15/18	United States	900,000	947,250
5.50%, 1/15/19	United States	800,000	771,600
4.875%, 6/17/19	United States	800,000	750,000
bNeuberger Berman Group LLC/Finance Corp., senior note, 144A, 5.875%, 3/15/22	United States	700,000	732,235
bOneMain Financial Holdings Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 12/15/21	United States	800,000	816,000
			7,754,373
<b>Energy 12.8%</b>			
BreitBurn Energy Partners LP/BreitBurn Finance Corp., senior bond, 7.875%, 4/15/22	United States	700,000	206,500
senior note, 8.625%, 10/15/20	United States	600,000	219,000
California Resources Corp., senior bond, 6.00%, 11/15/24	United States	600,000	360,375
senior note, 5.50%, 9/15/21	United States	400,000	242,000
bCalumet Specialty Products Partners LP/Calumet Finance Co., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 4/15/23	United States	800,000	754,000
CGG SA, senior note, 6.50%, 6/01/21	France	600,000	328,500
6.875%, 1/15/22	France	300,000	164,813
Chaparral Energy Inc., senior bond, 8.25%, 9/01/21	United States	200,000	44,000
senior bond, 7.625%, 11/15/22	United States	300,000	64,500
senior note, 9.875%, 10/01/20	United States	800,000	220,000
CHC Helicopter SA, senior secured note, first lien, 9.25%, 10/15/20	Canada	1,350,000	654,750
Chesapeake Energy Corp., senior note, 6.625%, 8/15/20	United States	1,700,000	807,500
4.875%, 4/15/22	United States	300,000	128,438
Clayton Williams Energy Inc., senior note, 7.75%, 4/01/19	United States	500,000	470,000
Compressco Partners LP/Finance Corp., senior note, 7.25%, 8/15/22	United States	300,000	242,812
CONSOL Energy Inc., senior note, 5.875%, 4/15/22	United States	800,000	528,000
<sup>b</sup> 144A, 8.00%, 4/01/23	United States	800,000	568,000

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bCrestwood Midstream Partners LP/Crestwood Midstream Finance Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.25%, 4/01/23	United States	500,000	427,500
bDrill Rigs Holdings Inc., secured note, 144A, 6.50%, 10/01/17	United States	1,100,000	767,250
Energy Transfer Equity LP, senior bond, 5.875%, 1/15/24	United States	200,000	184,395
senior note, first lien, 7.50%, 10/15/20	United States	1,500,000	1,581,562
Energy XXI Gulf Coast Inc., senior note, 9.25%, 12/15/17	United States	1,300,000	383,500
bEnQuest PLC, senior note, 144A, 7.00%, 4/15/22	United Kingdom	600,000	364,125
EPL Oil & Gas Inc., senior note, 8.25%, 2/15/18	United States	800,000	260,000
bFerrellgas LP/Ferrellgas Finance Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 6/15/23	United States	900,000	809,820
bGoodrich Petroleum Corp., secured note, second lien, 144A, 8.875%, 3/15/18	United States	600 f	300,000
Halcon Resources Corp., senior note, 9.75%, 7/15/20	United States	800,000	256,000
<sup>b</sup> senior secured note, third lien, 144A, 13.00%, 2/15/22	United States	520,000	243,100
bLinn Energy LLC/Finance Corp., senior secured note, second lien, 144A, 12.00%, 12/15/20	United States	900,000	562,500
Martin Midstream Partners LP/Martin Midstream Finance Corp., senior note, 7.25%, 2/15/21	United States	1,000,000	953,750
Memorial Resource Development Corp., senior note, 5.875%, 7/01/22	United States	500,000	468,750
Midstates Petroleum Co. Inc./LLC, senior note, 9.25%, 6/01/21	United States	700,000	113,750
bMurray Energy Corp., secured note, second lien, 144A, 11.25%, 4/15/21	United States	700,000	159,250
Oasis Petroleum Inc., senior bond, 6.875%, 1/15/23	United States	200,000	173,500
senior note, 7.25%, 2/01/19	United States	200,000	190,500
senior note, 6.50%, 11/01/21	United States	400,000	342,000
senior note, 6.875%, 3/15/22	United States	400,000	343,000
bOcean Rig UDW Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 4/01/19	United States	400,000	190,000
PBF Holding Co. LLC, first lien, 8.25%, 2/15/20	United States	1,200,000	1,258,500
bPeabody Energy Corp., second lien, 144A, 10.00%, 3/15/22	United States	1,700,000	408,000
Penn Virginia Corp., senior note, 8.50%, 5/01/20	United States	700,000	157,500
QEP Resources Inc., senior bond, 5.375%, 10/01/22	United States	700,000	633,500

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5.25%, 5/01/23	United States	400,000	359,000
b,d,gQuicksilver Resources Inc., secured note, second lien, 144A, FRN, 7.00%, 6/21/19	United States	400,000	122,000
Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, first lien, 5.625%, 2/01/21	United States	1,000,000	972,500
6.25%, 3/15/22	United States	200,000	194,250
5.625%, 4/15/23	United States	500,000	463,750
Sanchez Energy Corp., senior note, 7.75%, 6/15/21	United States	900,000	688,500
6.125%, 1/15/23	United States	300,000	207,750
bUltra Petroleum Corp., senior bond, 144A, 6.125%, 10/01/24	United States	1,100,000	418,000
W&T Offshore Inc., senior note, 8.50%, 6/15/19	United States	1,200,000	516,000
WPX Energy Inc., senior note, 8.25%, 8/01/23	United States	600,000	562,500
			22,039,190

#### Food, Beverage & Tobacco 3.1%

Constellation Brands Inc., senior bond, 4.75%, 11/15/24	United States	400,000	412,000
senior note, 4.25%, 5/01/23	United States	500,000	505,000
<sup>e</sup> senior note, 4.75%, 12/01/25	United States	100,000	102,000
Cott Beverages Inc., senior note, 6.75%, 1/01/20	United States	600,000	624,000
bDole Food Co. Inc., senior secured note, 144A, 7.25%, 5/01/19	United States	300,000	300,750
bJBS USA LLC/Finance Inc., senior bond, 144A, 5.875%, 7/15/24	United States	600,000	592,125
senior note, 144A, 8.25%, 2/01/20	United States	300,000	315,750
senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 6/01/21	United States	700,000	733,250
Post Holdings Inc., senior note, 7.375%, 2/15/22	United States	800,000	835,752
<sup>b</sup> 144A, 6.75%, 12/01/21	United States	500,000	511,250
<sup>b</sup> 144A, 6.00%, 12/15/22	United States	300,000	297,000
<sup>b</sup> 144A, 7.75%, 3/15/24	United States	100,000	104,250
			5,333,127

#### Health Care Equipment & Services 6.4%

Alere Inc., senior note, 7.25%, 7/01/18	United States	900,000	933,894
senior sub. note, 6.50%, 6/15/20	United States	100,000	99,500
CHS/Community Health Systems Inc., senior note, 8.00%, 11/15/19	United States	900,000	915,750
senior note, 7.125%, 7/15/20	United States	400,000	402,000
senior note, 6.875%, 2/01/22	United States	200,000	194,500

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senior secured note, first lien, 5.125%, 8/15/18	United States	600,000	615,000
DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., senior bond, 5.125%, 7/15/24	United States	400,000	399,750
senior note, 5.75%, 8/15/22	United States	500,000	520,000
HCA Inc., senior bond, 5.875%, 5/01/23	United States	800,000	830,000
senior bond, 5.875%, 2/15/26	United States	1,400,000	1,422,750
senior note, 6.50%, 2/15/16	United States	1,400,000	1,416,009
senior secured bond, first lien, 5.875%, 3/15/22	United States	600,000	644,250
bHologic Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 7/15/22	United States	500,000	521,875
Tenet Healthcare Corp., senior note, 5.00%, 3/01/19	United States	800,000	774,000
5.50%, 3/01/19	United States	400,000	390,000
8.125%, 4/01/22	United States	1,000,000	1,003,750
			11,083,028
<b>Materials 11.8%</b>			
ArcelorMittal, senior note, 6.50%, 3/01/21	Luxembourg	900,000	789,750
6.125%, 6/01/25	Luxembourg	300,000	237,000
bArdagh Packaging Finance PLC, senior note, 144A, 9.125%, 10/15/20	Luxembourg	500,000	528,125
bArdagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.25%, 1/31/19	Luxembourg	200,000	200,500
7.00%, 11/15/20	Luxembourg	88,235	88,346
6.75%, 1/31/21	Luxembourg	200,000	203,125
6.00%, 6/30/21	Luxembourg	500,000	495,000
bBarmingo Finance Pty. Ltd., senior note, 144A, 9.00%, 6/01/18	Australia	800,000	648,400

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bBlue Cube Spinco Inc., senior bond, 144A, 10.00%, 10/15/25	United States	800,000	888,000
bBlueScope Steel Ltd./BlueScope Steel Finance, senior note, 144A, 7.125%, 5/01/18	Australia	1,400,000	1,375,500
bCemex Finance LLC, senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 6.00%, 4/01/24	Mexico	600,000	559,125
bCemex SAB de CV, first lien, 144A, 5.70%, 1/11/25	Mexico	1,100,000	978,312
bThe Chemours Co., senior bond, 144A, 7.00%, 5/15/25	United States	200,000	150,000
senior note, 144A, 6.625%, 5/15/23	United States	1,100,000	830,500
bEldorado Gold Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.125%, 12/15/20	Canada	1,000,000	926,250
bFirst Quantum Minerals Ltd., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 2/15/20	Canada	631,000	413,305
7.00%, 2/15/21	Canada	1,131,000	724,547
bFMG Resources (August 2006) Pty. Ltd., senior secured note, 144A, 9.75%, 3/01/22	Australia	1,800,000	1,735,875
bNOVA Chemicals Corp., senior bond, 144A, 5.00%, 5/01/25	Canada	1,100,000	1,080,750
Novelis Inc., senior note, 8.75%, 12/15/20	Canada	700,000	684,250
bOwens-Brockway Glass Container Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.00%, 1/15/22	United States	600,000	597,000
5.875%, 8/15/23	United States	500,000	520,937
bPlatform Specialty Products Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.50%, 2/01/22	United States	900,000	787,500
bPSPC Escrow II Corp., senior note, 144A, 10.375%, 5/01/21	United States	200,000	204,500
bRain CII Carbon LLC/CII Carbon Corp., second lien, 144A, 8.25%, 1/15/21	United States	500,000	387,500
Reynolds Group Issuer Inc./LLC/SA, first lien, 5.75%, 10/15/20	United States	500,000	514,375
senior note, 8.50%, 5/15/18	United States	1,000,000	1,007,500
senior note, 9.00%, 4/15/19	United States	200,000	203,500
senior note, 9.875%, 8/15/19	United States	100,000	103,875
senior note, 8.25%, 2/15/21	United States	700,000	702,625
bSealed Air Corp., senior bond, 144A, 5.50%, 9/15/25	United States	400,000	418,000
senior note, 144A, 6.50%, 12/01/20	United States	400,000	446,000
Steel Dynamics Inc., senior bond, 5.50%, 10/01/24	United States	500,000	478,750
senior note, 5.125%, 10/01/21	United States	400,000	391,000
Verso Paper Holdings LLC/Inc., senior secured note, first lien, 11.75%, 1/15/19	United States	216,000	32,940
			20,332,662
<b>Media 9.4%</b>			
Cablevision Systems Corp., senior note, 8.625%, 9/15/17	United States	700,000	740,250
CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., senior bond, 5.25%, 9/30/22	United States	1,700,000	1,712,750

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bCCOH Safari LLC, senior bond, 144A, 5.75%, 2/15/26	United States	500,000	503,750
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc., senior note, 6.50%, 11/15/22	United States	500,000	493,750
senior sub. note, 7.625%, 3/15/20	United States	700,000	681,625
CSC Holdings LLC, senior note, 6.75%, 11/15/21	United States	700,000	663,250
5.25%, 6/01/24	United States	700,000	595,000
DISH DBS Corp., senior note, 7.125%, 2/01/16	United States	1,000,000	1,009,150
6.75%, 6/01/21	United States	700,000	706,125
Gannett Co. Inc., senior bond, 6.375%, 10/15/23	United States	900,000	954,000
senior note, 5.125%, 7/15/20	United States	800,000	832,000
iHeartCommunications Inc., senior secured bond, first lien, 9.00%, 3/01/21	United States	1,300,000	898,300
senior secured note, first lien, 9.00%, 9/15/22	United States	100,000	68,625
bRadio One Inc., senior sub. note, 144A, 9.25%, 2/15/20	United States	500,000	412,500
bSirius XM Radio Inc., senior bond, 144A, 6.00%, 7/15/24	United States	800,000	829,000
5.375%, 4/15/25	United States	700,000	694,750
bUnitymedia KabelBW GmbH, senior bond, 144A, 6.125%, 1/15/25	Germany	600,000	607,875
bUnivision Communications Inc., senior secured bond, first lien, 144A, 6.75%, 9/15/22	United States	358,000	372,320
bVirgin Media Finance PLC, senior bond, 144A, 6.375%, 4/15/23	United Kingdom	300,000	307,875
bVirgin Media Secured Finance PLC, senior secured bond, 144A, 5.25%, 1/15/26	United Kingdom	500,000	490,625
first lien, 144A, 5.50%, 1/15/25	United Kingdom	800,000	806,000
bVTR Finance BV, senior secured note, 144A, 6.875%, 1/15/24	Chile	600,000	582,000

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bWVG Acquisition Corp., secured note, 144A, 6.00%, 1/15/21	United States	1,190,000	1,210,825
senior note, 144A, 5.625%, 4/15/22	United States	100,000	98,250
			16,270,595
<b>Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology &amp; Life Sciences 2.8%</b>			
bConcordia Healthcare Corp., senior note, 144A, 7.00%, 4/15/23	Canada	1,000,000	865,000
bEndo Finance LLC/Endo Ltd./Endo Finco Inc., senior bond, 144A, 6.00%, 2/01/25	United States	600,000	573,000
senior note, 144A, 6.00%, 7/15/23	United States	400,000	390,500
bHorizon Pharma Financing Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.625%, 5/01/23	United States	800,000	692,000
bJaguar Holding Co. II/Pharmaceutical Product Development LLC, senior note, 144A, 6.375%, 8/01/23	United States	500,000	481,250
bValeant Pharmaceuticals International, senior note, 144A, 6.375%, 10/15/20	United States	1,100,000	1,013,375
bValeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., senior bond, 144A, 6.125%, 4/15/25	United States	300,000	261,750
senior note, 144A, 5.625%, 12/01/21	United States	700,000	614,250
			4,891,125
<b>Real Estate 0.9%</b>			
Equinix Inc., senior bond, 5.375%, 4/01/23	United States	1,300,000	1,330,875
<sup>e</sup> 5.875%, 1/15/26	United States	200,000	203,500
			1,534,375
<b>Retailing 1.7%</b>			
bAmerican Builders & Contractors Supply Co. Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.625%, 4/15/21	United States	900,000	920,250
bArgos Merger Sub Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.125%, 3/15/23	United States	300,000	303,000
bDollar Tree Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.75%, 3/01/23	United States	500,000	522,500
bNetflix Inc., senior bond, 144A, 5.875%, 2/15/25	United States	1,100,000	1,142,625
			2,888,375
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment 0.5%</b>			
bQorvo Inc., senior bond, 144A, 7.00%, 12/01/25	United States	800,000	824,000
<b>Software &amp; Services 2.9%</b>			
bBMC Software Finance Inc., senior note, 144A, 8.125%, 7/15/21	United States	1,600,000	1,244,000
bFirst Data Corp., second lien, 144A, 5.75%, 1/15/24	United States	1,400,000	1,403,500
senior note, 144A, 7.00%, 12/01/23	United States	400,000	406,500
senior secured bond, second lien, 144A, 8.25%, 1/15/21	United States	900,000	941,625
blnfor (U.S.) Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.50%, 5/15/22	United States	1,100,000	979,000

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			4,974,625
<b>Technology Hardware &amp; Equipment 1.5%</b>			
bAlcatel-Lucent USA Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 11/15/20	France	730,000	775,253
bBlackboard Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 11/15/19	United States	700,000	626,500
b,hCommScope Holdings Co. Inc., senior note, 144A, PIK, 6.625%, 6/01/20	United States	400,000	406,500
bCommScope Technologies Finance LLC, senior bond, 144A, 6.00%, 6/15/25	United States	900,000	864,000
			2,672,253
<b>Telecommunication Services 7.0%</b>			
CenturyLink Inc., senior bond, 6.75%, 12/01/23	United States	300,000	285,945
5.625%, 4/01/25	United States	1,000,000	863,750
bDigicel Group Ltd., senior note, 144A, 8.25%, 9/30/20	Bermuda	900,000	785,812
bDigicel Ltd., senior note, 144A, 6.00%, 4/15/21	Bermuda	500,000	452,500
6.75%, 3/01/23	Bermuda	300,000	266,411
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, senior bond, 6.625%, 12/15/22	Luxembourg	500,000	305,000
senior note, 7.25%, 10/15/20	Luxembourg	200,000	168,000
senior note, 7.50%, 4/01/21	Luxembourg	1,500,000	1,252,500
bMillicom International Cellular SA, senior note, 144A, 6.625%, 10/15/21	Luxembourg	900,000	871,312
bSprint Communications Inc., senior note, 144A, 9.00%, 11/15/18	United States	2,000,000	2,165,000
7.00%, 3/01/20	United States	500,000	511,562
Sprint Corp., senior bond, 7.875%, 9/15/23	United States	500,000	403,750

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7.125%, 6/15/24	United States	200,000	155,125
T-Mobile USA Inc., senior bond, 6.50%, 1/15/24	United States	200,000	202,000
senior bond, 6.375%, 3/01/25	United States	500,000	500,000
senior note, 6.542%, 4/28/20	United States	800,000	828,000
senior note, 6.125%, 1/15/22	United States	100,000	102,301
bWind Acquisition Finance SA, senior note, 144A, 7.375%, 4/23/21	Italy	1,700,000	1,636,250
senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 4.75%, 7/15/20	Italy	300,000	299,813
			12,055,031
<b>Transportation 1.7%</b>			
bFlorida East Coast Holdings Corp., secured note, first lien, 144A, 6.75%, 5/01/19	United States	400,000	393,000
senior note, 144A, 9.75%, 5/01/20	United States	200,000	175,000
Hertz Corp., senior note, 7.50%, 10/15/18	United States	600,000	612,750
6.75%, 4/15/19	United States	1,000,000	1,025,000
bStena AB, senior bond, 144A, 7.00%, 2/01/24	Sweden	300,000	263,250
bStena International SA, secured bond, 144A, 5.75%, 3/01/24	Sweden	500,000	442,125
			2,911,125
<b>Utilities 2.1%</b>			
Calpine Corp., senior bond, 5.75%, 1/15/25	United States	1,300,000	1,222,000
<sup>b</sup> senior secured bond, first lien, 144A, 7.875%, 1/15/23	United States	354,000	377,453
bInterGen NV, secured bond, 144A, 7.00%, 6/30/23	Netherlands	1,000,000	835,000
NRG Yield Operating LLC, senior bond, 5.375%, 8/15/24	United States	600,000	546,900
bPPL Energy Supply LLC, senior bond, 144A, 6.50%, 6/01/25	United States	400,000	342,500
b,dTexas Competitive Electric Holdings Co. LLC/Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Finance Inc., senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 11.50%, 10/01/20	United States	700,000	248,500
			3,572,353
<b>Total Corporate Bonds (Cost \$169,137,393)</b>			148,981,171
<b>gSenior Floating Rate Interests (Cost \$765,495) 0.4%</b>			
<b>Household &amp; Personal Products 0.4%</b>			

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Sun Products Corp., Tranche B Term Loan, 5.50%, 3/23/20	United States	770,664	736,625
		Shares	
<b>Escrows and Litigation Trusts (Cost \$—) 0.0%</b>			
a,iNewPage Corp., Litigation Trust	United States	1,200,000	—
<b>Total Investments before Short Term Investments (Cost \$218,189,685)</b>			229,530,239
<b>Short Term Investments (Cost \$1,932,702) 1.1%</b>			
<b>Money Market Funds 1.1%</b>			
a,jInstitutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio	United States	1,932,702	1,932,702
<b>Total Investments (Cost \$220,122,387) 134.2%</b>			231,462,941
<b>Notes Payable (34.8)%</b>			(60,000,000 )
<b>Other Assets, less Liabilities 0.6%</b>			956,337
<b>Net Assets 100.0%</b>		\$	172,419,278

\* The principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>a</sup> Non-income producing.

<sup>b</sup> Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At

November 30, 2015, the aggregate value of these securities was \$70,984,563, representing 41.17% of net assets.

<sup>c</sup> Perpetual security with no stated maturity date.

<sup>d</sup> Defaulted security or security for which income has been deemed uncollectible.

<sup>e</sup> A portion or all of the security purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

<sup>f</sup> Principal amount is stated in 1,000 Units.

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*(continued)*

<sup>g</sup> The coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end.

<sup>h</sup> Income may be received in additional securities and/or cash.

<sup>i</sup> Security has been deemed illiquid because it may not be able to be sold within seven days.

<sup>j</sup> See Note 4 regarding investments in affiliated management investment companies.

<b>ADR</b>	-	American Depositary Receipt
<b>FRN</b>	-	Floating Rate Note
<b>PIK</b>	-	Payment-In-Kind

#### ABBREVIATIONS

#### Selected Portfolio

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# Franklin Universal Trust

## Notes to Statement of Investments (unaudited)

### 1. ORGANIZATION

Franklin Universal Trust (Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a closed-end management investment company and applies the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

### 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT VALUATION

The Fund's investments in financial instruments are carried at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Fund calculates the net asset value (NAV) per share as of 4 p.m. Eastern time each day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open for trading. Senior Fixed Rate Notes are carried at cost. Under compliance policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), the Fund's administrator has responsibility for oversight of valuation, including leading the cross-functional Valuation and Liquidity Oversight Committee (VLOC). The VLOC provides administration and oversight of the Fund's valuation policies and procedures, which are approved annually by the Board. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value.

Equity securities listed on an exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last quoted sale price or the official closing price of the day, respectively. Foreign equity securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded or as of 4 p.m. Eastern time, whichever is earlier. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at 4 p.m. Eastern time on the day that the value of the security is determined. Over-the-counter (OTC) securities are valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Securities that trade in multiple markets or on multiple exchanges are valued according to the broadest and most representative market. Certain equity securities are valued based upon fundamental characteristics or relationships to similar securities.

Debt securities generally trade in the OTC market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund's pricing services use multiple valuation techniques to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity exists, the pricing services may utilize a market-based approach through which quotes from market makers are used to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity may not exist or is limited, the pricing services also utilize proprietary valuation models which may consider market characteristics such as benchmark yield curves, credit spreads, estimated default rates, anticipated market interest rate volatility, coupon rates, anticipated timing of principal repayments, underlying collateral, and other unique security features in order to estimate the relevant cash flows, which are then discounted to calculate the fair value. Securities denominated in a foreign currency are converted into their U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at 4 p.m. Eastern time on the date that the values of the foreign debt securities are determined.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing NAV.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of financial instruments for which market prices are not reliable or readily available. Under these procedures, the VLOC convenes on a regular basis to review such financial instruments and considers a number of factors, including significant unobservable valuation inputs, when arriving at fair value. The VLOC primarily employs a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other

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relevant information for the investment to determine the fair value of the investment. An income-based valuation approach may also be used in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed. The VLOC employs various methods for calibrating these valuation approaches including a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, transactional back-testing or disposition analysis, and reviews of any related market activity.

Trading in securities on foreign securities stock exchanges and OTC markets may be completed before 4 p.m. Eastern time. In addition, trading in certain foreign markets may not take place on every NYSE business day. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a foreign security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into question the reliability of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. As a result, differences may arise between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities as determined at the foreign market close and the latest indications of value at the close of the NYSE. In order to minimize the potential for these differences, the VLOC monitors price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depositary Receipts, futures contracts and exchange traded funds). These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred that may call into question the reliability of the values of the foreign securities held by the Fund. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services.

When the last day of the reporting period is a non-business day, certain foreign markets may be open on those days that the NYSE is closed, which could result in differences between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities on the last business day and the last calendar day of the reporting period. Any significant security valuation changes due to an open foreign market are adjusted and reflected by the Fund for financial reporting purposes.

### 3. INCOME TAXES

At November 30, 2015, the cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$	220,443,537
Unrealized appreciation	\$	37,146,841
Unrealized depreciation		(26,127,437 )
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$	11,019,404

### 4. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

The Fund invests in an affiliated management investment company for purposes other than exercising a controlling influence over the management or policies. Management fees paid by the Fund are waived on assets invested in the affiliated management investment company, in an amount not to exceed the management and administrative fees paid directly or indirectly by each affiliate. Prior to September 1, 2013, the waiver was accounted for as a reduction to management fees.

	Number of Shares Held at Beginning of Period		Gross Reductions	Number of Shares Held at End of Period		Value at End of Period	Investment Income	Realized Gain (Loss)	% of Affiliated Fund Shares Outstanding Held at End of Period
	Gross Additions								
<b>Non-Controlled Affiliates</b>	1,958,705	7,879,602	(7,905,605 )	1,932,702	\$ 1,932,702	\$	-	0.01 %	

Institutional Fiduciary Trust  
Money Market Portfolio

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## 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Fund follows a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and the Fund's own market assumptions (unobservable inputs). These inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's financial instruments and are summarized in the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical financial instruments
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar financial instruments, interest rates, prepayment speed, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of financial instruments)

The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with financial instruments at that level.

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing the transfers as of the date of the underlying event which caused the movement.

A summary of inputs used as of November 30, 2015, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value, is as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Assets:</b>				
Investments in Securities:				
Equity Investments: <sup>a</sup>				
Transportation	\$ -	\$ 296,638	\$ -	\$ 296,638
Other Equity Investments <sup>b</sup>	79,515,805	-	-	79,515,805
Corporate Bonds	-	148,981,171	-	148,981,171
Senior Floating Rate Interests	-	736,625	-	736,625
Escrows and Litigation Trusts	-	-	- <sup>c</sup>	-
Short Term Investments	1,932,702	-	-	1,932,702
Total Investments in Securities	\$ 81,448,507	\$ 150,014,434	\$ -	\$ 231,462,941

<sup>a</sup>Includes common and convertible preferred stocks.

<sup>b</sup>For detailed categories, see the accompanying Statement of Investments.

<sup>c</sup>Includes security determined to have no value at November 30, 2015.

A reconciliation of assets in which Level 3 inputs are used in determining fair value is presented when there are significant Level 3 financial instruments at the end of the period.

## 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Fund has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance of the Statement of Investments and determined that no events have occurred that require disclosure.

For additional information on the Fund's significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semiannual or annual shareholder report.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings on Form N-Q, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) Changes in Internal Controls. There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could materially affect the internal controls over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings on Form N-Q.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**



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(a) Certification pursuant to Section 30a-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 of Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Gaston Gardey, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Franklin Universal Trust**

By /s/ Laura F. Fergerson

Laura F. Fergerson

Chief Executive Officer -

Finance and Administration

Date January 26, 2016

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/ Laura F. Fergerson

Laura F. Fergerson

Chief Executive Officer -

Finance and Administration

Date January 26, 2016

By /s/ Gaston Gardey

Gaston Gardey

Chief Financial Officer and

Chief Accounting Officer

Date January 26, 2016