

16 June 2021

Franklin Templeton Australian Equity Fund Notice of Termination and Winding Up

This notice is issued by Franklin Templeton Investments Australia Limited (**FTIAL**), as Responsible Entity of the Franklin Templeton Australian Equity Fund (ARSN 87 006 972 247) (**Fund**). The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme that was established under a constitution dated 1 August 2011 as amended from time to time (**Constitution**).

The purpose of this notice is to advise unit holders that FTIAL has decided to terminate the Fund in accordance with clause 21.2(b) of the Constitution with effect from today, 16 June 2021 (**Termination Date**) and to wind up the Fund in accordance with the Constitution.

Why is the Fund being closed and wound up?

FTIAL has considered the current assets under management (AUM) and the anticipated likelihood of growing the Fund's AUM in the near term and has determined that it is in the best interests of all unitholders to wind up the Fund in an orderly manner and return the proceeds to investors.

What actions do unitholders need to take?

Unitholders in the Fund are not required to do anything. In accordance with the terms of the Fund's Constitution, as FTIAL has determined to terminate the Fund, FTIAL may not accept any further transaction requests, including applications or withdrawals from the Fund from the Termination Date.

How is the trust being terminated?

To ensure an orderly winding up process and a prudent approach to the liquidation of assets, FTIAL anticipates that it will commence the process of winding up the Fund in early July 2021, including realising the investment portfolio assets, paying any liabilities and expenses, and distributing the net proceeds to all unit holders according to the number of units they hold and completing the final audits and other regulatory obligations of the Fund. ASIC will also be notified of the commencement of the winding up of the Fund.

When will unitholders receive their closure proceeds?

FTIAL expect to pay the final proceeds as soon as practical after the termination date and no later than 31 July 2021.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 1800 673 776.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several vertical strokes followed by a wavy horizontal line.

Matthew Harrison
Managing Director
Franklin Templeton Investments Australia Limited