BEN · NYSE · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Franklin Resources Inc · Financial Services · Asset Management

LATEST CLOSE
32.49 USD
-0.4% latest week

Weekly setup

Mixed setup

The weekly trend is active. Price is 15.4% above the Trend Line and sits at 83.1% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned -0.4%, after a -1.2% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality is middle-of-the-pack; growth is moderate; valuation is neither clearly cheap nor expensive. Options positioning is bullish with 47/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 55/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 1d.

Technical setup score 64/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

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24 Jul 2026

1W RETURN
-0.4%
latest completed week

4W RETURN
-1.2%
short-term follow-through

12W RETURN
10.0%
quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH
71.2%
37 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO
0.8x
vs 13-week average

What is working

- The trend backdrop is active with a 15-week active streak.
- Price is above the Trend Line, keeping the weekly tape constructive.
- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Activity pressure is positive on the latest completed week.

What could go wrong

- 5 reversal markers appear in the recent smart-money tape.

What to watch next

- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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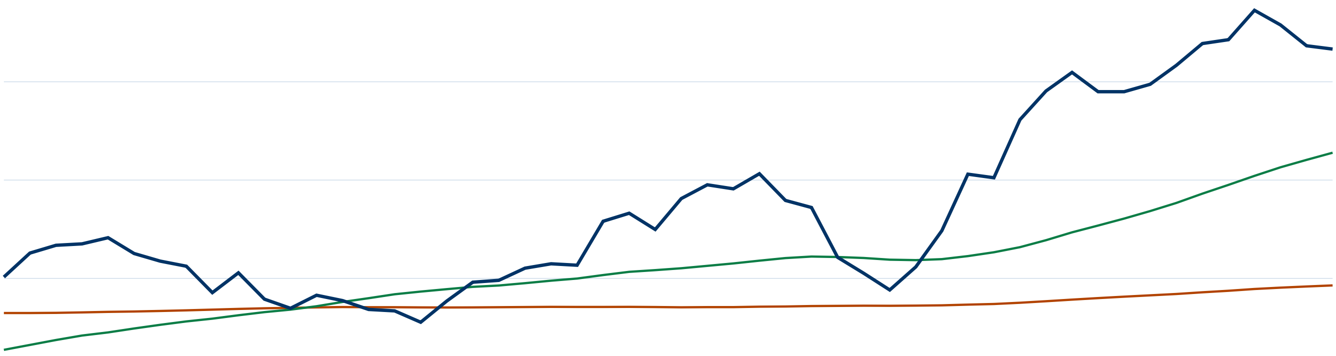
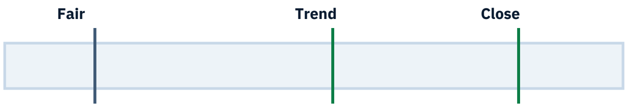
52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range



20.53 USD
34.92 USD

Latest close sits at 83.1% of the 52-week range.

RANGE LOCATION

83.1%

Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.

TREND DISTANCE

15.4%

Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.

FAIR-VALUE GAP

43.6%

Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.

HIGH-WATER GAP

-7.0%

Distance from the latest 52-week high.

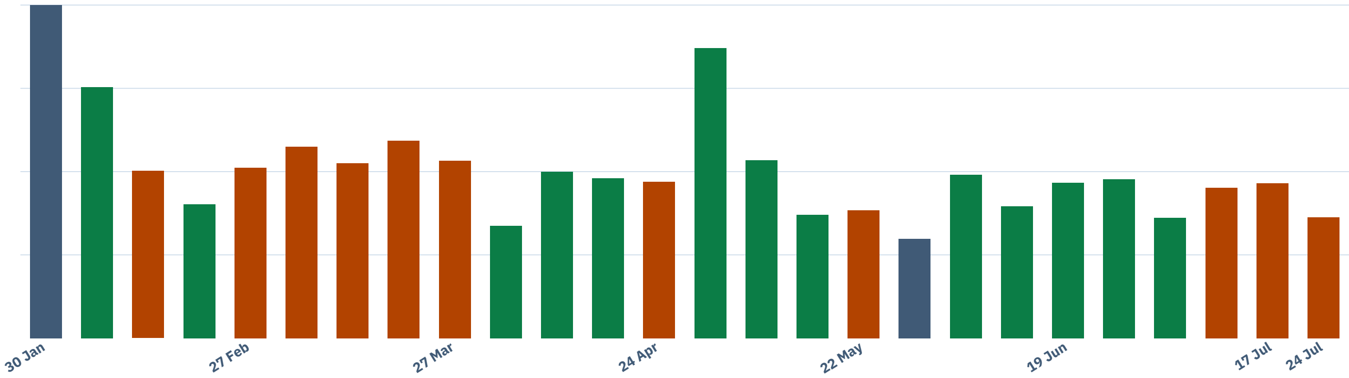
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.8x the 13-week average. Participation is below its recent norm, so price strength is not receiving full volume confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



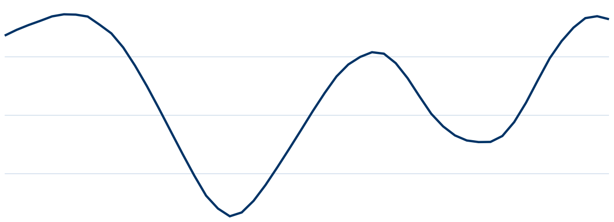
PARTICIPATION	BASELINE	ONE-YEAR BASE	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME
0.8x	22.5M	22.5M	17.9M
Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	13-week average volume.	52-week average volume.	Most recent completed week.

Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.

Activity pressure path



Latest 0.97 · 12-week average 0.78

12-week confirmation

Signal	Read	Meaning
Trend active	12/12	Active trend-backdrop weeks in the latest 12-week window.
Positive pressure	12/12	Weeks with constructive activity pressure in the latest 12-week window.
Positive leadership	12/12	Weeks with positive relative leadership in the latest 12-week window.
Activity pressure	0.97	Current proprietary activity-pressure read.
Buy signals	0	Accumulation signal count in the latest 12 weeks.
Reversal markers	5	5 reversal markers

No recent accumulation markers. 5 reversal markers.

03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is -1.2% over four weeks, 10.0% over 12 weeks, and 36.4% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 15 consecutive weeks.

Performance by holding period

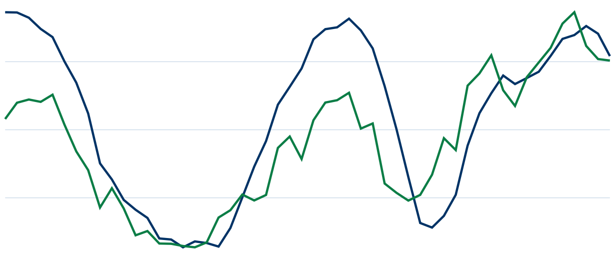
1W	-0.4%
4W	-1.2%
12W	10.0%
26W	30.2%
52W	36.4%

ACTIVE TREND STREAK
15 weeks
Consecutive active weeks.

ACTIVE WEEKS
37
Latest 52 weeks.

TREND BREADTH
71.2%
Share of active weeks.

Activity pressure vs relative leadership



Blue: activity pressure · Green: relative leadership

PRESSURE
0.90
Latest activity-pressure read.

PRESSURE CHANGE
-15.3%
Four-week change in activity pressure.

LEADERSHIP
16.58
Latest relative-leadership reading.

RS CHANGE
-21.6%
Four-week change in relative leadership.

Technical setup scorecard

Trend	84
Momentum	56
Activity Pressure	65
Relative Leadership	98
Next-Week Expectancy	50
Volume	33
Smart Money	51
Risk Control	72

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality is middle-of-the-pack; growth is moderate; valuation is neither clearly cheap nor expensive.

FACTOR WEEK	STATEMENTS THROUGH	FIELD COVERAGE	MODEL CONFIDENCE
26 Jul 2026	30 Sep 2025	100%	96%
Latest published factor snapshot.	Financial reporting period used.	Available factor fields.	Snapshot confidence.

Relative factor standing

Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.

Overall factor strength	47/100
Value	22/100
Quality	66/100
Momentum	81/100
Growth	31/100

Valuation

How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.

P/E Price divided by trailing earnings.	20.8x
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue.	1.9x
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings.	17.6x
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value.	3.3%

Business quality

Margins and the return generated on invested capital.

GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue.	73.8%
OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue.	15.4%
FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue.	11.4%
RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital.	4.4%

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength

Recent business growth and accounting strength.

REVENUE GROWTH Latest one-year revenue growth.	**3.8%**
EPS GROWTH Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	**100.8%**
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	**-7.8%**
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	**6/9**

Shareholder return and balance sheet

Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.

DIVIDEND YIELD Cash dividends relative to market value.	**4.0%**
BUYBACK YIELD Net share repurchases relative to market value.	**1.8%**
SHAREHOLDER YIELD Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.	**5.8%**
NET DEBT / EBITDA Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.	**6.7x**

How to read this

Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.

Options positioning

Bullish

BEN shows bullish options pressure with a 47/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.13, expected move of 11.3%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.

CONVICTION	EXPECTED MOVE	PUT/CALL VOLUME
47/100	**11.3%**	**0.13**
Options signal conviction.	Nearest-chain pricing.	Contract volume balance.

Pressure	82
Speculation	8
Volatility	72
Trend agreement	16

Insider activity

10 / 3

10 acquisitions and 3 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.
Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

News sentiment

55/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 43 relevant articles.

14 positive · 28 neutral · 1 negative

Patient Capital

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.
No recent buy signal

06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS
1d
Next report is scheduled for 31 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

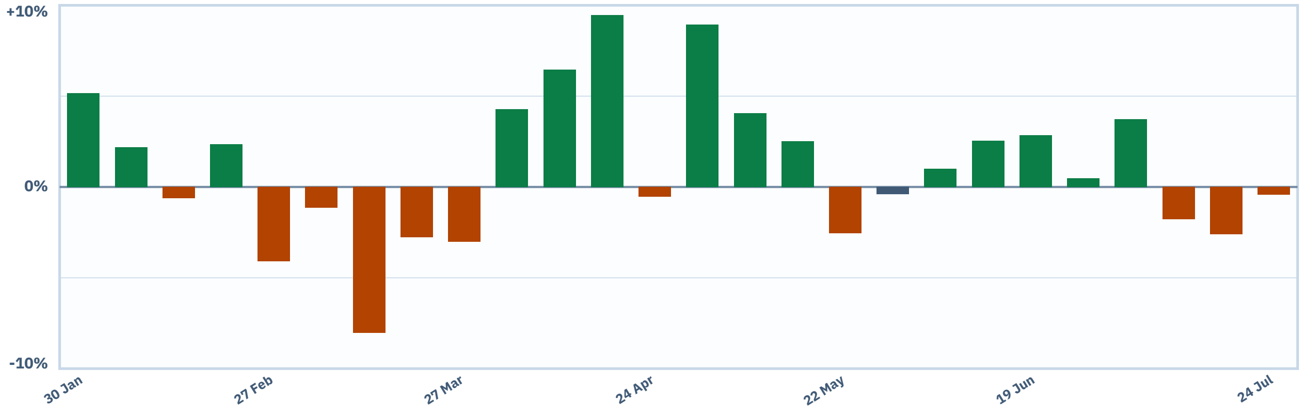
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
11.3%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-7.0%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
3.1%
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER
14 of 26
11 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+9.5%
Week of 17 Apr.

WORST WEEK
-8.0%
Week of 13 Mar.

LATEST WEEK
-0.4%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains	6
Modest gains	8
Flat weeks	1
Modest losses	9
Sharp losses	2

RECENT VOL
3.1%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
3.5%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
27/24
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
3.3% / -2.3%
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Financial Services

4-WEEK RANK
- / 100
Standing within the tracked group.

GROUP AVERAGE
5.2%
Average four-week return.

TREND BREADTH
58.0%
Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
PYPL	NASDAQ	-0.7%	26.8%	Inactive
KB	NYSE	-1.6%	19.4%	Active
SHG	NYSE	1.0%	18.6%	Active
TRV	NYSE	5.0%	18.3%	Active
ICE	NYSE	4.4%	17.7%	Inactive

Industry · US Asset Management

4-WEEK RANK
73 / 100
Standing within the tracked group.

GROUP AVERAGE
1.9%
Average four-week return.

TREND BREADTH
46.0%
Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
AMP	NYSE	0.2%	16.8%	Inactive
VCTR	NASDAQ	-1.3%	16.5%	Active
ARES	NYSE	0.7%	15.9%	Inactive
IVZ	NYSE	1.0%	14.4%	Active
SEIC	NASDAQ	-0.0%	13.7%	Active

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	67/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 67/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	83/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 12/12, activity pressure 12/12, relative leadership 12/12.	Activity pressure 0.97; 5 reversal markers
Factors	53/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 24; Small Cap Core rank 43
SVQF	44/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 565.0 of 1013
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Options	50/100	BEN shows bullish options pressure with a 47/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.13, expected move of 11.3%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.	Bullish · Call-side pressure · Expected move 11.3%
Sentiment	55/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 43 relevant articles.	Franklin Resources (BEN) Stock Could Be 16% Undervalued On Cash Flow But Rich On Earnings
Insiders	10 / 3	10 acquisitions and 3 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
Earnings	1d	Next report is scheduled for 31 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	
Research flow	2 items	2 recent research articles and 0 Market Watch posts are available.	

Current evidence clusters

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Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	32.49 USD	-0.4%	28.16 USD	22.63 USD	0.90	16.58	17.9M	On
17 Jul 2026	32.63 USD	-2.6%	27.87 USD	22.58 USD	1.11	16.76	22.9M	On
10 Jul 2026	33.50 USD	-1.8%	27.56 USD	22.54 USD	1.19	18.38	22.2M	On
03 Jul 2026	34.11 USD	3.7%	27.20 USD	22.48 USD	1.10	22.54	17.8M	On
26 Jun 2026	32.88 USD	0.5%	26.82 USD	22.40 USD	1.06	21.14	23.5M	On
19 Jun 2026	32.72 USD	2.9%	26.46 USD	22.34 USD	0.90	18.15	23.0M	On
12 Jun 2026	31.81 USD	2.6%	26.07 USD	22.27 USD	0.75	16.36	19.5M	On
05 Jun 2026	31.02 USD	1.0%	25.73 USD	22.21 USD	0.69	14.55	24.2M	On
29 May 2026	30.71 USD	0.0%	25.42 USD	22.16 USD	0.64	10.99	14.7M	On
22 May 2026	30.71 USD	-2.5%	25.13 USD	22.10 USD	0.72	12.92	18.9M	On
15 May 2026	31.52 USD	2.5%	24.84 USD	22.04 USD	0.55	17.23	18.3M	On
08 May 2026	30.74 USD	4.1%	24.51 USD	21.97 USD	0.36	15.00	26.3M	On
01 May 2026	29.55 USD	8.9%	24.23 USD	21.90 USD	0.05	13.49	42.9M	On
24 Apr 2026	27.12 USD	-0.6%	24.01 USD	21.85 USD	-0.42	5.55	23.2M	On

How to use this report

This is a completed-week research summary. It explains the available evidence and its conflicts; it does not predict a guaranteed outcome or replace your own risk assessment. Fundamental figures may refer to an earlier financial reporting period, which is shown in the fundamentals section.

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