

FRANKLIN LTD DURATION INCOME TRUST
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March 04, 2016
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. [__])*

Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, without par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

35472T101
(CUSIP Number)

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Saba Capital Management, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF (b) " A GROUP

3 SEC USE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 OO (see Item 3) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

5 Delaware

6 NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: **8** SOLE VOTING POWER -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 3,885,814 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

	3,885,814
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON
12	3,885,814 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) .. EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
14	14.48% ¹ TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN; IA

¹ The percentages used in this Schedule 13D are calculated based upon 26,835,650 Shares outstanding as of September 30, 2015 as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report to Shareholders on Form N-CSRS filed on December 1, 2015.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Boaz R. Weinstein
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE

2 BOX IF A MEMBER OF (b) A GROUP

3 SEC USE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 OO (see Item 3) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING

5 IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States
SOLE VOTING POWER

7 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: **8** 3,885,814 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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Item 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") relates to the shares of common stock, without par value (the "Shares"), of Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust (the "Issuer"). The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906.

Item 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

This Schedule 13D is filed by:

(a)

(i) Saba Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Saba Capital"); and

(ii) Mr. Boaz R. Weinstein ("Mr. Weinstein").

This statement is being jointly filed by Saba Capital and Mr. Weinstein (together, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to the ownership of the Shares by (the following, the "Saba Entities"): Saba Capital Master Fund Ltd. ("SCMF"), Saba Capital Master Fund II, Ltd. ("SCMF II"), Saba Capital Leveraged Master Fund Ltd. ("SCLMF"), Saba Capital Series LLC Series 1 ("SCS"), Saba Capital CEF Opportunities 1, Ltd. ("SCEF 1") and Saba Capital CEF Opportunities 2, Ltd. ("SCEF 2").²

Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

Information required by Instruction C of Schedule 13D with respect to Management is set forth herein.

The filing of this statement should not be construed as an admission that any Reporting Person, Management or any Saba Entity is, for the purposes of Sections 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of the Shares reported herein.

(b) The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons and Management is 405 Lexington Avenue, 58th Floor, New York, New York 10174.

(c) The principal business of: (i) Saba Capital is to serve as investment manager to the Saba Entities, (ii) Mr. Weinstein, an individual, is investment management and serving as the Managing Member of Management and other affiliated entities and (iii) Management is to serve as general partner of Saba Capital.

² Saba Capital is the investment manager of the Saba Entities and by virtue of such status may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities held by the Saba Entities. Saba Capital Management GP, LLC ("Management") is the general partner of Saba Capital. Management does not directly hold any Shares. Boaz R. Weinstein is the Managing Member of Management and as a result may be deemed to have voting and investment power with respect to the securities held by the Saba Entities.

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(d) None of the Reporting Persons or Management has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Reporting Persons or Management has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and, as a result of such proceeding, was, or is subject to, a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or State securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Saba Capital is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Weinstein is a citizen of the United States. Management is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware.

The Reporting Persons have executed a Joint Filing Agreement, dated March 4, 2016, with respect to the joint filing of this Schedule 13D, and any amendment or amendments hereto, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Item 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Funds for the purchase of the Shares were derived from the subscription proceeds from investors in SCMF, SCMF II, SCLMF, SCS, SCEF 1 and SCEF 2 and the capital appreciation thereon and margin account borrowings made in the ordinary course of business. In such instances, the positions held in the margin accounts are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the account, which may exist from time to time. Since other securities are held in the margin accounts, it is not possible to determine the amounts, if any, of margin used to purchase the Shares reported herein. A total of \$44,816,116 was paid to acquire the Shares reported herein.

Item 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The Reporting Persons acquired the Shares to which this Schedule 13D relates in the ordinary course of business for investment purposes because they believe that the Shares are undervalued and represent an attractive investment opportunity.

The Reporting Persons may engage in discussions with management, the Board of Directors, other shareholders of the Issuer and other relevant parties, including representatives of any of the foregoing, concerning the Reporting Persons' investment in the Shares and the Issuer, including, without limitation, matters concerning the Issuer's business, operations, board appointments, governance, management, capitalization and strategic plans and matters relating to the open or closed end nature of the Issuer and timing of any potential liquidation of the Issuer. The Reporting Persons may exchange information with any persons pursuant to appropriate confidentiality or similar agreements or otherwise, work together with any persons pursuant to joint agreements or otherwise, propose changes in the Issuer's business, operations, board appointments, governance, management, capitalization, strategic plans or matters relating to the open or closed end nature of the Issuer or timing of any potential liquidation of the Issuer, or propose or engage in one or more other actions set forth under subparagraphs (a)-(j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

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The Reporting Persons intend to review their investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis. Depending on various factors, including, without limitation, the outcome of any discussions referenced above, the Issuer's financial position and strategic direction, actions taken by management or the Board of Directors, price levels of the Shares, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, conditions in the securities market and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer as they deem appropriate, including, without limitation, purchasing additional Shares or selling some or all of their Shares, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transactions with respect to the Shares and/or otherwise changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their position and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect to their investment in the Shares.

The Reporting Persons have not entered into any agreement with any third party to act together for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of the Shares reported herein.

Item 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

- (a) See rows (11) and (13) of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D for the aggregate number of Shares and percentages of the Shares beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons. The percentages used in this Schedule 13D are calculated based upon 26,835,650 Shares outstanding as of September 30, 2015 as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report to Shareholders on Form N-CSRS filed on December 1, 2015.
- (b) See rows (7) through (10) of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D for the number of Shares as to which each Reporting Person has the sole or shared power to vote or direct the vote and sole or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition.
- (c) The transactions in the Shares effected within the past sixty days by Saba Capital, which were all in the open market, are set forth in Schedule A, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) No person other than the Reporting Persons and the Saba Entities is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, such Shares.

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(e) Not applicable.

**Item CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO
6. SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER**

Other than the Joint Filing Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 hereto, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2 hereof and between such persons and any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any other securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, divisions of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Joint Filing Agreement Statement as required by Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Act.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 4, 2016

SABA CAPITAL Management, L.P.

/s/ Michael D'Angelo

Name: Michael D'Angelo

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

BOAZ R. WEINSTEIN

/s/ Michael D'Angelo

Name: Michael D'Angelo

Title: Attorney-in-fact*

* Pursuant to a power of attorney dated as of November 16, 2015, which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Schedule 13G filed by the Reporting Persons on December 28, 2015, accession number: 0001062993-15-006823

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Schedule A

This Schedule sets forth information with respect to each purchase and sale of Shares which were effectuated by Saba Capital during the past sixty days. All transactions were effectuated in the open market through a broker.

Trade Date Shares Purchased (Sold) Price (\$)*

01/04/2016	4,700	10.66
01/05/2016	53	10.77
01/06/2016	50,411	10.87
01/07/2016	15,902	10.84
01/12/2016	39,895	10.68
01/13/2016	50,000	10.63
01/14/2016	144,337	10.59
01/15/2016	68,141	10.51
01/19/2016	200	10.41
01/19/2016	37,698	10.53
01/20/2016	48,041	10.17
01/22/2016	42,714	10.37
01/22/2016	12,538	10.33
01/25/2016	18,587	10.46
01/26/2016	22,068	10.56
01/27/2016	24,510	10.58
01/29/2016	9,986	10.68
02/01/2016	9,250	10.65
02/02/2016	20,000	10.55
02/02/2016	9,877	10.50
02/03/2016	1,000	10.55
02/04/2016	13,651	10.60
02/05/2016	20,305	10.56
02/08/2016	21,623	10.43
02/09/2016	20,000	10.41
02/10/2016	9,080	10.43
02/11/2016	14,587	10.31
02/12/2016	20,098	10.33
02/16/2016	13,692	10.40
02/16/2016	11,009	10.44
02/17/2016	10,432	10.51
02/18/2016	31,825	10.53
02/19/2016	26,780	10.48
02/22/2016	29,514	10.60
02/23/2016	1,803	10.59
02/24/2016	25,989	10.61
02/25/2016	140,650	10.60

02/25/2016 35,000 10.56

02/25/2016 27,548 10.58
02/26/2016 30,400 10.61
02/26/2016 75,862 10.63
02/29/2016 23,413 10.70
03/01/2016 18,872 10.76
03/02/2016 35,718 10.76
03/03/2016 18,104 10.84

* Excluding commissions.

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13D shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing agreements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained herein and therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATE: March 4, 2016

SABA CAPITAL Management, L.P.

/s/ Michael D'Angelo
Name: Michael D'Angelo

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

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