

# Principal Global Investors Funds Global Equity Fund - I Class

**APRIL 2011** 

#### **Cumulative Performance Since Inception**



## Cumulative Performance Overview (%)1

	1 Mo.	Year-to- Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Fund	3.0	7.5	12.8	-13.0	-3.7
Index	4.2	9.2	18.3	-1.7	12.2

## Calendar Year Performance (%)<sup>1</sup>

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Fund	8.7	25.4	-45.3	12.0	20.1	18.8	19.3	30.6	-22.5	-22.0	-12.8
Index	11.8	30.0	-40.7	9.0	20.1	9.5	14.7	33.1	-19.9	-16.8	-13.2

#### Annualised Performance (%)1

	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
Fund	22.4	-4.5	-4.7	-0.8
Index	27.3	-0.6	-1.0	2.3

#### Fund Characteristics (%)1

^Over a 5 Year Period			
	Tracking Error^	Information Ratio^	Active Share Ratio
Fund	3.0	-1.0	84.2

All figures sourced by Principal Global Investors unless otherwise stated as at 30 April 2011

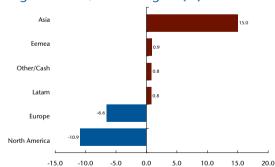
Performance Source: Performance is calculated on a bid to- bid basis up to 1 June 2000 and on a NAV-to-NAV basis thereafter, includes the reinvestment of all investment income, and does not take account of application fee or tax, but does include trustee and management fees. The performance information reflects performance of the I class accumulation units. Investors should obtain their own independent tax advice. Outperforming the MSCI World Index is not specifically included in the objective for the Fund, and the figures shown in the table are provided as a comparison only. The two methods of calculation of performance may not be identical. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. All figures are stated in USD unless otherwise noted. Investments do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Characteristics Source: Factset

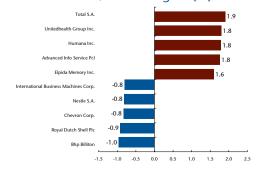
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Top To Holdings (70)	
Total S.A.	2.4
Unitedhealth Group Inc.	2.0
Apple Inc.	2.0
Microsoft Corp.	2.0
Siemens Ag	1.9
Humana Inc.	1.8
Advanced Info Service Pcl	1.8
Exxon Mobil Corp.	1.7
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	1.7
Wells Fargo & Co.	1.7
Total	19.0
No. of holdings	92

## Regional Over/Underweights (%)



#### Top Five Stock Over/Underweights (%)



#### Sector Over/Underweights (%)



## **Fund Managers**

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## **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term predominantly through investment in equities from investment markets around the world that we believe are mispriced by the market and have potential for significant growth.

## Benchmark

MSCI World

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Size US\$37.3m
Launch Date 4 December 1992
Base Currency USD
Minimum Investment

US\$2,000,000

### Management Fee

Up to US\$5 milllion1.0% pa \$5 to \$50 million 0.5% pa Above \$50 million 0.4% pa

Fund Domicile Ireland
UCITS Qualifying Yes
Pricing Daily
Dealing 10am Dublin
5pm Hong Kong

**Income Distribution** 

Accumulated

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## **Fund Management Commentary**

#### **Market Review**

Markets held up very well during April despite macro headwinds. The pace of social revolution in North Africa and the Middle East continued though it slowed somewhat, barring Syria where temperatures remain high. European sovereign debt concerns hogged headlines again with Greece two-year yields pushed above 25% in anticipation of a debt restructuring. Portugal and Ireland remained on a close watch, at least from a debt perspective. Sovereign debt worries formally reached the American shores as S&P downgraded the outlook on U.S. debt from "stable" to "negative". Economic surprise momentum weakened last month and growth projections were cut for most parts of the world to factor in a drag from higher oil prices, a lackluster U.S. first quarter GDP read of 1.8% (most of it was weather related), and a rollover of the strong economic momentum of the last six months. On the economic front, the global economic recovery is well established, but its speed is facing road-bumps. China, the biggest contributor to incremental global growth, continued to tighten policy with the twin objectives of keeping the domestic real estate market on a tight leash and controlling excessive credit creation. Brazil and Russia raised rates in April with the latter springing a surprise. The European Central Bank not only raised interest rates in response to resurgent inflation, but also suggested the possibility of further rises. Inflation continued to creep up across the globe. Though latest headline inflation readings are below the 2008 peaks, they've been heading higher as have the core inflation readings.

#### **Fund Review**

The fund pursues a strategy focused on delivering strong nominal returns with lower volatility than the market averages over full market cycles. It maintains prudent diversification standards to limit undue concentration in any one economic sector, geographic region, or individual stock. Within this framework, the fund's managers pursue an "unconstrained" broad market approach independent of reference to capitalization-weighted benchmarks. This approach represents a natural extension of our stock selection philosophy, focused on a select group of highest conviction opportunities from around the globe. During the month, results were consistent with the long-term objectives of the fund, providing positive absolute returns with lower volatility.

#### **Portfolio Outlook and Strategy**

As 2011 continues, we will keep the portfolio positioned to benefit from the burgeoning global recovery. Within developed markets, we continue to see particular value in Japan, despite the recent natural disasters. Because of their prolonged deflationary period, we believe Japan is best positioned to benefit as inflation takes hold in places like China, Russia, and other surrounding countries. We believe inflationary tendency will also begin to affect Japan and help pull them out of their deflationary period. We also see Japan as poised to benefit from the continuing consumer demand in emerging markets. With so many dominant global export companies trading at discounts to many emerging market names, Japan looks to be a possible way of tapping into emerging market growth at more attractive valuations than the pure-play, direct exposure. Food inflation is continuing and our portfolios are positioned to benefit from stronger food prices globally. We expect high food prices to persist over the long-term.

The portfolio has a slight bias toward cyclical growth specifically in the information technology sector. In the cyclical areas, companies are still trading below historical cyclical valuations and we continue to see positive earnings growth from a low base. The portfolio continues to maintain a defensive profile within financials, in particular with regard to southern Europe. From a regional perspective, we maintain a significant 21.77% weight in Japan, reflecting our positive view in the long-term.

## **Disclosures**

<sup>1</sup>Principal Global Investors, LLC has acted as the investment advisor to the Principal Global Investors Funds since 1 November 2002. Any performance shown prior to this date reflects that of a former subsidiary of the parent company, Principal Financial Group, Inc.

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#### **Fund Codes**

Accumulation Units:

Bloomberg	PIFGEIA ID
ISIN	IE0002490740
Lipper	60005188
Valoren	860503
WKN	987944

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