

## ASIAN EQUITY FUND

### SIMPLIFIED PROSPECTUS

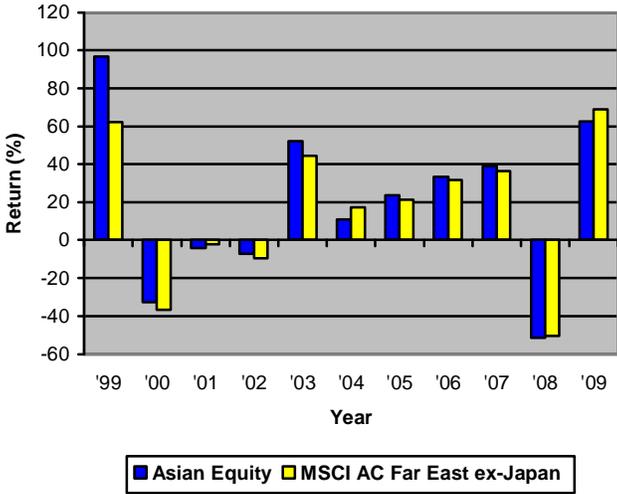
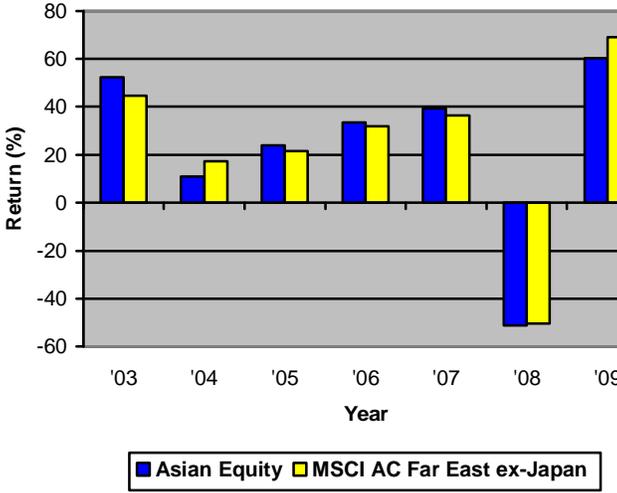
Dated 10 March 2010

This Simplified Prospectus contains key information in relation to the Asian Equity Fund (the Fund), a fund of Principal Global Investors Funds (the Trust). The Fund was authorised on 13 October 1992 and is a sub-fund of the Trust which is an umbrella open-ended unit trust authorised by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority under the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulation, 2003, as amended (the Regulations). The Trust currently has ten other funds, namely the Global Property Securities Fund, the European Equity Fund, the Global Equity Fund, the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, U.S. Equity Fund, the Japanese Equity Fund, the Preferred Securities Fund, the Strategic Fixed Income Fund, the High Yield Fund and the Global Equity (ex-Japan) Fund. Other funds may be established from time to time.

Potential investors are advised to read the Prospectus of the Trust dated 10 October 2008, the addenda thereto dated 1 April 2009 and 5 October 2009 and the Supplement dated 10 March 2010 in respect of the Fund (the Supplement) (together the Prospectus) before making an investment decision on whether or not to invest in the Fund. The rights and duties of the investor as well as the legal relationship with the Trust are laid down in the Prospectus.

The Fund's base currency is US Dollars.

<b>Investment objective</b>	The investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital growth over the medium to long term.
<b>Investment policy</b>	<p>The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing principally in the equity securities of companies domiciled or with their core business in the Asian Region (excluding Japan), which the Adviser believes are mispriced by the market and have the potential for significant growth.</p> <p>Investment markets may include Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, New Zealand, the Philippines, China, India and Pakistan and such other countries in Asia as are identified by the Adviser from time to time. Until further notice, no more than 30% of the Fund's assets will be invested in the markets of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Fund can invest in both listed and unlisted equity securities, with a level of 10% of the net assets of the Fund permitted in unlisted securities. The Fund may also invest in real estate investment trusts (REITS) or other REIT-like structures which will be the equivalent of REITS. It may also invest in other Funds of the Unit Trust in order to obtain its objective.</p> <p>The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets such as bank deposits, and a range of non-equity securities, including debt securities issued by companies in which the Fund can purchase equity securities, fixed interest and money market securities (such as government bonds and bank bills). However no more than 1/3 of the net assets of the Fund may be held in aggregate in ancillary liquid assets, non-equity securities and/or invested outside of Asia.</p> <p>For full details on the Fund's investment policy, please refer to the Prospectus.</p>
<b>Risk profile</b>	<p>The investments of the Fund are subject to normal market fluctuation and other risks inherent in investing in certain securities. There can be no guarantee against loss, nor any assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be attained. The value of the investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of and income from the units in the Fund, can fall as well as rise and unitholders may not realise the same amount they invest.</p> <p>A full description of the risk factors applying to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.</p>

<p><b>Performance Data of the Fund I Class Units</b></p> <p><b>Inception Date:</b> 16 Nov 1998</p>	<p>Annual Total Annual total return 1997-2009</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Annual Total Annual total return 1997-2009</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Asian Equity (%)</th> <th>MSCI AC Far East ex-Japan (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>'99</td><td>95</td><td>60</td></tr> <tr><td>'00</td><td>-30</td><td>-40</td></tr> <tr><td>'01</td><td>-5</td><td>-5</td></tr> <tr><td>'02</td><td>-10</td><td>-10</td></tr> <tr><td>'03</td><td>50</td><td>45</td></tr> <tr><td>'04</td><td>10</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>'05</td><td>20</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>'06</td><td>30</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>'07</td><td>35</td><td>35</td></tr> <tr><td>'08</td><td>-50</td><td>-50</td></tr> <tr><td>'09</td><td>60</td><td>65</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Asian Equity (%)	MSCI AC Far East ex-Japan (%)	'99	95	60	'00	-30	-40	'01	-5	-5	'02	-10	-10	'03	50	45	'04	10	15	'05	20	20	'06	30	30	'07	35	35	'08	-50	-50	'09	60	65	<p><b>Average annual return for the period ending 31/12/2009</b></p> <p><b>Past 3 years:</b> 3.4% <b>Past 5 years:</b> 13.2% <b>Since inception:</b> 13.9%</p> <p><b>Please note that the past performance of the Fund is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.</b></p> <p>The graph and table above show the past performance in US Dollars.</p>
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<b>How to buy/sell Units</b>	Applications to purchase sell or switch units should be sent to the Administrator or the Hong Kong Representative by mail or facsimile before the dealing deadline on a dealing day, further details of which are provided in the Prospectus.							
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<b>Additional Important Information</b>	<p>Directors of the Manager: David Kingston David Shubotham Barbara McKenzie Nicholas Lyster Denis Murphy Ned Burmeister</p> <p>Manager: Principal Global Investors (Ireland) Limited.</p> <p>Promoter and Investment Adviser: Principal Global Investors, LLC.</p> <p>Trustee: Citibank International plc, Ireland Branch.</p> <p>Administrator: Citi Fund Services (Ireland) Limited</p> <p>Auditors: PricewaterhouseCoopers.</p> <p>Supervisory Authority: Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority.</p> <p>Listing: Application has been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for all the units in the Fund to be admitted to the Official List.</p> <p>Additional information and copies of the full Prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts may be obtained free of charge from the Administrator at 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland at Tel: +353 1 622 2000 or Fax: +353 1 622 2222 or the head office of the Manager at 1 North Wall Quay, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland.</p>							