

Global Equity Fund - A Class Income Units

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Principal Global Equities is a specialized investment management group of Principal Global Investors which is located across various investments locations. It has expertise across U.S., international and emerging equity markets.

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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.

Index

MSCI AC World NTR Index*

Fund facts

Fund size	\$16.2m
Base currency	USD
Fund domicile	Ireland
UCITS qualifying	Yes
Pricing	Daily
Dealing	10am Dublin 5pm Hong Kong SAR

Unit class facts

Launch date	04 Dec 1992
Currency	USD
Hedging	N/A
Minimum investment	US\$1,000
Management fee(s)	1.50% pa
Income distribution	Income
Distribution frequency:	Annually: September

Fund grading

3 Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 31 August 2020



Regulatory risk warnings

There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.

Performance (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	4.80	16.07	7.06	18.30	15.75	34.19	125.11
Index Cumulative	6.12	15.30	4.75	16.52	29.46	62.60	167.69
Fund Annualised Net	4.80	16.07	7.06	18.30	4.99	6.05	8.45
Index Annualised	6.12	15.30	4.75	16.52	8.98	10.20	10.34

12-month rolling return (%)

Sep 15 - Aug 16	Sep 16 - Aug 17	Sep 17 - Aug 18	Sep 18 - Aug 19	Sep 19 - Aug 20
1.84	13.83	8.05	-9.45	18.30

Risk analysis

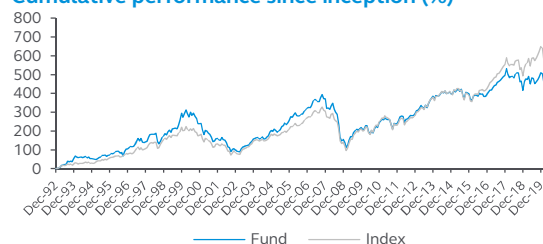
	3YR	5YR
Information Ratio	-1.4	-1.5
Alpha	-4.3	-4.1
Tracking Error	2.8	2.8
Standard Deviation	17.4	14.6
Beta	1.0	1.0

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Source: Fund Administrator: BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) DAC since February 2011, performance data prior to this date is sourced from PGI and/or its affiliates; and the Index.

Data: From December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's official Net Asset Value (NAV) prices. The performance data shown is net of fees and other charges but excludes any potential entry/exit charges- as such the return an investor receives may be lower. Prior to December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's month-end market close prices. (See performance note for important information.)

Cumulative performance since inception (%)



Fund analysis

	Fund	Index
Active Share	78.1	-
Price/Earnings	29.8	26.6
Price/Book	6.2	5.1
Div Yield Wtd Avg	1.6	2.1
Mkt Cap Wtd Avg USDm	343,211.9	326,697.1

Any yields quoted on the fact sheet are calculated at portfolio level gross of tax and expenses.

Top 10 holdings (%)

	Fund
Microsoft Corporation	4.0
Apple Inc.	3.7
Alphabet Inc.	2.6
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.2
Facebook, Inc.	2.1
MasterCard Inc.	2.0
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	1.8
Colgate-Palmolive Company	1.7
Roche Holding AG	1.6
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.5
Total	23.1
No. of holdings	82

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
Information Technology	23.6	1.9
Health Care	14.5	2.2
Consumer Discretionary	13.5	0.7
Financials	9.4	-3.4
Communication Services	9.4	-0.1
Industrials	9.3	-0.1
Consumer Staples	6.1	-1.7
Materials	4.3	-0.4
Real Estate	2.3	-0.4
Utilities	2.0	-1.0
Energy	1.4	-1.7
Cash	4.2	4.2

Top 5 stock overweights/underweights (%)

	Difference
Overweight	
Colgate-Palmolive Company	1.5
Vestas Wind Systems A/S	1.4
MasterCard Inc.	1.4
Philip Morris International Inc.	1.3
NICE Ltd. (Israel)	1.2
Underweight	
NVIDIA Corporation	-0.6
Procter & Gamble Company	-0.6
Visa Inc.	-0.7
Tesla Inc	-0.7
Johnson & Johnson	-0.8

Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
United States	51.4	-7.3
Japan	6.2	-0.4
Switzerland	4.8	2.1
Canada	4.8	2.0
Taiwan	3.7	2.2
United Kingdom	2.8	-0.8
China	2.8	-2.3
France	2.6	-0.3
Denmark	2.5	1.8
Netherlands	2.4	1.3
Italy	1.8	1.2
Israel	1.8	1.7
South Korea	1.5	0.1
Other	6.6	-5.5
Cash	4.2	4.2

Source: Principal Global Investors and/or its affiliates and the Index. Characteristics source: FactSet.

Data: This data/analysis is not sourced from the Fund's official record. It is based upon data from the internal systems of Principal Global Investors and/or its affiliates. Performance shown in this section is gross which does not take into account any fees or other charges which, if taken into account, would reduce the figures shown.

Fund codes		
Bloomberg		PIFIGFI ID
ISIN	IE0000712889	
Lipper	60008022	
SEDOL	0071288	
CUSIP	G7244L248	
Valoren	116284	
WKN	986038	

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Belgium, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and UK

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Regulatory risk warnings
The potential for profit is accompanied by the possibility of loss. Investing in emerging markets has associated risks including currency risk, confiscatory taxation, nationalization of assets, possibility of expropriation, volatility, liquidity and external factors e.g. war, natural disasters.

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Fund management commentary

Market Review

Global equity markets continued their historic recovery officially moving on from the shortest bear market in U.S. history. Many regions and indices are back to returning positive returns for 2020 fueled by unprecedented monetary measures globally. While COVID-19 headlines remained mixed as new hot spots rose in parts of the world, hospitalizations and death trends improved. Growth-oriented companies maintained their leadership helped by U.S. technology whose earnings seemed to be insulated from the pandemic as the earnings season came to a close. Additionally, the more cyclically oriented areas of industrials and discretionary also performed well helped by economic reopenings and a resilient consumer and housing market.

The S&P 500 posted a high single-digit return of +8.3% while the MSCI EM Index rose by +3.8%. The MSCI Europe Index participated as well rising by +3.5% while the MSCI Japan Index was slightly higher to that of Europe posting an advancement of +3.9%.

Fund Review

Stock selection in the communication services and industrials sectors contributed to relative performance while weakness was witnessed in consumer discretionary and information technology. From a country perspective, stock selection contributed most to performance in Denmark and the Netherlands while the United States and Canada lagged.

Market Outlook

Our analysts remain focused on companies with more leverage and scrutinizing the balance sheet to ensure the company will be able to withstand the current environment. We remain willing to pay a higher valuation on earnings certainty, but visibility has deteriorated. Each week brings new information that presents challenges and opportunities. We have confidence in our process and know that overtime fundamentals will drive stock prices, thus we continue to make sure the fundamentals are solid and certain and that we do not overpay for this fundamental change.

Performance note

Index disclosure: The Fund is actively managed and aims to outperform the MSCI AC World NTR Index (the "Index"). The portfolio manager may reference the Index as part of the investment management process, and it is also considered as part of the investment risk monitoring process. However, the portfolio manager maintains full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy.

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