

30 April 2021

European Equity Fund - A Class Acc Units (USD)

## Sub Investment Advisor

Principal Global Equities† has expertise across U.S., international and emerging equity markets.

†Principal Global Equities is a specialized investment management group within Principal Global Investors. Principal Global Investors includes (amongst other entities): Principal Global Investors, LLC ("PGI") and Principal Global Investors (Europe) Ltd ("PGIE"). PGI has been appointed as Investment Advisor to the Fund and has appointed PGIE as Sub-Investment Advisor.

## Investment Advisor

Principal Global Investors, LLC

## Fund Managers

Juliet Cohn

39 Yrs Industry Exp

Paul H. Blankenhagen, CFA

29 Yrs Industry Exp

## Investment Objective

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

## Index

MSCI Europe NTR Index

## Fund Facts

Fund Size	\$49.5m
Launch Date	01 Jul 1996
Fund Base Currency	USD
Min Investment	US\$1,000
Fund Domicile	Ireland
UCITs Qualifying	Yes
Pricing	Daily
Dealing Cut off	10am Dublin 5pm Hong Kong SAR

Income Distribution

Accumulated

## Fee Structure

A Class

Preliminary Charge	max 5%
Management Fee	1.50% pa
Admin Charge	0.15% pa
Trustee Fee	Not more than 0.022% pa

Investor Minimum

Please contact Principal Global Investors

## Registration\*

Belgium, Chile (CMF), Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Macau, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and UK

## Fund Grading

5 Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 30 April 2021



Juliet Cohn and Paul H. Blankenhagen A rated - Citywire Fund Manager Ratings



## IMPORTANT NOTE

- The European Equity Fund will invest primarily in the equity securities of companies domiciled or with their core business in Europe (including Eastern Europe), which the Adviser believes are mispriced by the market and have the potential for significant growth.
- The Fund invests in a single region. Compared with a well-diversified fund, its concentration risk is relatively high and hence it might be more volatile than a well-diversified fund.
- Investment involves risk. There is no assurance on investment returns and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- The investment decision is yours but you should not invest in this Fund unless the intermediary who sells it to you has advised you that it is suitable for you and explained how it is consistent with your investment objectives.
- You should not invest solely in reliance on this marketing material alone. You should read the Summary Prospectus and the relevant Supplement(s) before investing including the Special Investment Considerations and Risks section of the Summary Prospectus.

## PERFORMANCE %

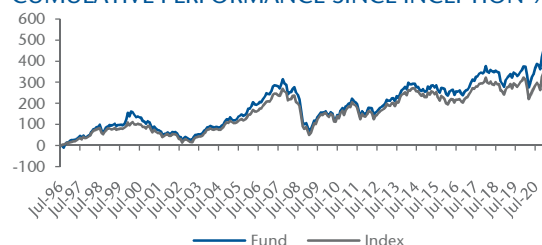
	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	5.73	11.64	10.39	52.61	32.78	68.56	88.91
Cumulative Index	4.54	10.41	8.81	43.05	19.96	51.23	58.88
Fund Annualised Net	5.73	11.64	10.39	52.61	9.90	11.00	6.56
Index Annualised	4.54	10.41	8.81	43.05	6.25	8.62	4.73

Fund performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis. Please see performance notes for further details.

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund Net	15.93	25.61	-15.84	27.43	-4.21
Index	5.38	23.77	-14.86	25.51	-0.40

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION %



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS %

	Fund
ASML Holding NV	3.8
Nestle S.A.	3.4
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	3.1
Roche Holding Ltd	2.5
Novo Nordisk A/S	1.8
Iberdrola SA	1.7
AstraZeneca PLC	1.7
Rio Tinto plc	1.7
Siemens AG	1.6
Enel SpA	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.0</b>

No. of holdings 107

## TOP 5 STOCK OVERWEIGHTS/UNDERWEIGHTS %

	Difference
<b>Overweight</b>	
ASML Holding NV	1.2
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	1.1
JD Sports Fashion PLC	1.1
Logitech International S.A.	1.0
CRH Plc	1.0
<b>Underweight</b>	
Sanofi	-1.1
HSBC Holdings Plc	-1.2
Royal Dutch Shell Plc	-1.4
SAP SE	-1.4
Novartis AG	-1.8

## SECTOR ALLOCATION %

	Fund	Difference
Industrials	19.7	5.1
Financials	14.7	-1.5
Consumer Discretionary	14.1	2.1
Health Care	13.0	-0.6
Information Technology	12.3	4.1
Materials	9.3	0.9
Consumer Staples	8.1	-4.7
Utilities	3.7	-0.8
Energy	1.9	-2.4
Communication Services	1.9	-2.1
Other	0.0	-1.3
Cash	1.2	1.2

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION %

	Fund	Difference
United Kingdom	19.2	-3.5
France	16.3	-1.7
Germany	11.3	-3.6
Switzerland	10.7	-3.7
Netherlands	10.7	3.9
Sweden	9.8	4.1
Denmark	6.3	2.4
Italy	4.6	0.7
Ireland	3.3	2.2
Spain	2.5	-1.5
Finland	2.0	0.4
Norway	1.6	0.6
Belgium	0.5	-1.0
Other	0.0	-0.5
Cash	1.2	1.2

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## Fund Codes

### Accumulation Units:

Bloomberg	PIFEGFA ID
ISIN	IE0001148372
Lipper	60008019
SEDOL	0114837
CUSIP	G7244L206
Valoren	514304
WKN	986041

### Income Units:

ISIN	IE0000712996
Lipper	60008020
SEDOL	0071299
CUSIP	G7244L214

## FUND MANAGEMENT COMMENTARY

### Market Review

April brought accelerated gains in the equity market in what was a largely quiet month on the macro front. Further vaccination rollouts, economic healing, and a strong earnings season thus far spurred broad-based gains. The pro-cyclical recovery remained in place though strong earnings prints in the communication services and IT sectors led to growth-oriented leadership after previously lagging value peers. This all culminated in developed markets topping the returns helped by a healthy rise in the United States. Across the globe, the pandemic is in varying states and is far from subsiding despite ongoing inoculations. The U.S. is progressing nicely with 30% of the population fully vaccinated and reopenings broadening out. At the other end, India is dealing with record daily new cases while ongoing problems remain in Brazil.

Earnings season is halfway through and a record number of companies are beating consensus estimates. As the pro-cyclical recovery rolls on, related commodity prices are hitting multi-year highs. The S&P 500 posted a gain of 5.3% while the MSCI EM Index also fared well posting a gain of 2.5%. The MSCI Europe Index rallied by +4.7% while the MSCI Japan Index was under water by 1.5%.

### Fund Review

Strong stock selection was witnessed in the United Kingdom and the health care and financials sectors. Negative attribution was seen in Germany, Ireland, and the information technology sector.

### Market Outlook

2020 was a volatile and challenging experience for the world at large, but the many uncertainties laid bare by the pandemic have begun to find resolve. We are increasingly confident that company specific fundamentals will reassert themselves as the key driver of stock specific performance as the global turbulence of the past year subsides. With the path to recovery likely uneven across the globe, our analysts remain hyper-focused on the duration of the change they can identify. Many companies have seen an increased dislocation between consensus earnings expectations and our own forecasts. We look to capitalize on this.

## PERFORMANCE NOTE

Launch date shown is date from which performance information is accessible, the actual Fund launch date is 24 June 1996.

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 1 June 2000, performance is calculated on a bid-to-bid basis. From 1 June 2000 to 31st December 2018, performance data shown was based upon the Fund's month-end market close prices. After 1st January 2019, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) prices of the last Irish business day of the month. For Funds not open for dealing on this day this will be an indicative NAV. As a result, it is possible that the stated performance and the actual investment returns available to investors will differ. The performance information reflects performance of the A Class accumulation units. Periods over one year are annualised. Investors should obtain their own independent tax advice. Outperforming the MSCI Europe 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. From Fund inception to 31 October 2002, the source of performance is based on the previous Advisor, BT Funds Management. From 1 November 2002, the source of performance is based on the current Advisor, Principal Global Investors, LLC. Source: MSCI. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used to create indices or financial products. This report is not approved or produced by MSCI. Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of April 2021. Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All figures shown in this document are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted. Source & Copyright: CITYWIRE. Portfolio managers are A rated by Citywire for 3 year risk-adjusted performance for the period 31 March 2018 - 31 March 2021. Citywire's exclusive methodology ranks fund managers based on their individual track records across all funds they manage globally.

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