

Global Equity Fund - A Class Income Units

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Investment advisor

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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	\$25.3m
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 January 2021



Performance (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	-1.34	15.00	-1.34	19.07	14.14	53.48	103.75
Index Cumulative	-0.45	17.01	-0.45	17.02	25.63	88.86	142.81
Fund Annualised Net	-1.34	15.00	-1.34	19.07	4.50	8.94	7.37
Index Annualised	-0.45	17.01	-0.45	17.02	7.89	13.54	9.27

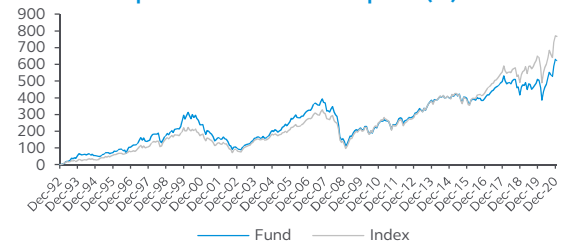
12-month rolling return (%)

Feb 16 - Jan 17	Feb 17 - Jan 18	Feb 18 - Jan 19	Feb 19 - Jan 20	Feb 20 - Jan 21
8.08	24.41	-10.72	7.37	19.07

Risk analysis

	3YR	5YR
Information Ratio	-1.0	-1.6
Alpha	-3.4	-4.6
Tracking Error	3.3	3.0
Standard Deviation	18.4	14.9
Beta	1.0	1.0

Cumulative performance since inception (%)



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.)

Fund analysis

	Fund	Index
Active Share	78.9	-
Price/Earnings	26.5	24.8
Price/Book	6.2	4.9
Div Yield Wtd Avg	1.5	1.8
Mkt Cap Wtd Avg USDm	338,264.4	314,859.1

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.	3.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	2.6
Alphabet Inc.	2.6
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	2.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	2.3
Amazon.com, Inc.	1.9
MasterCard Inc.	1.9
Eli Lilly and Company	1.8
Facebook, Inc.	1.8
Total	24.7
No. of holdings	83

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
Information Technology	24.1	2.1
Consumer Discretionary	14.7	1.5
Health Care	13.8	1.8
Financials	11.4	-1.9
Industrials	11.2	1.7
Communication Services	9.0	-0.4
Materials	4.6	-0.3
Consumer Staples	4.1	-3.1
Utilities	2.5	-0.5
Real Estate	2.1	-0.4
Energy	0.8	-2.3
Cash	1.8	1.8

Top 5 stock overweights/underweights (%)

	Difference
Overweight	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	1.8
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	1.7
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.6
Delta Electronics, Inc.	1.6
Eli Lilly and Company	1.5
Underweight	
NVIDIA Corporation	-0.5
Visa Inc.	-0.6
Johnson & Johnson	-0.7
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	-0.8
Tesla Inc	-1.0

Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
United States	50.0	-7.1
Japan	9.3	2.6
Switzerland	4.4	1.9
Canada	4.4	1.7
Taiwan	4.3	2.4
United Kingdom	3.7	-0.1
France	3.1	0.3
South Korea	3.0	1.2
Netherlands	2.6	1.5
China	2.1	-3.4
Denmark	2.0	1.4
Hong Kong	1.7	0.8
Ireland	1.7	1.5
Other	5.9	-6.6
Cash	1.8	1.8

Fund codes

Bloomberg	PFIGFI ID
ISIN	IE000712889
Lipper	60008022
SEDOL	0071288
CUSIP	G7244L248
Valoren	116284
WKN	986038

Registration

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

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Fund management commentary**Market Review**

Equity markets kicked off the year posting largely mixed results. Coming off of a very strong 2020, equities took a breather as investors dealt with an insurrection at the White House, while a retail-led short squeeze in the final week of the period led volatility to jump higher and equity returns to have one of their worst weeks in over three months. Smaller companies and emerging markets topped the returns amid ongoing cyclical recovery prospects. Through all the abrupt shifts in sentiment and volatility, the commodity complex, aside from oil, rates, and dollar move were relatively moot from previous months. The S&P 500 posted a loss of 1.0% while the MSCI EM Index fared well posting a return of +3.1%. The MSCI Europe Index was down by 1.5% while the MSCI Japan Index had a loss of 1.0%.

Fund Review

Stock selection in the health care and information technology sectors contributed to relative performance while weakness was witnessed in consumer discretionary and communication services. From a country perspective, stock selection contributed most in Taiwan and Thailand while Japan and the United Kingdom lagged.

Market Outlook

With 2020 leaving investors to deal with abrupt changes, volatility, and an elevated number of macro-driven items, we remain confident that fundamentals will reassert themselves relatively soon and earnings will drive share prices higher. Many companies which performed well earlier saw a positive tailwind from work at home and lockdowns. Some changes we see will be more permanent in nature, others less. We are unlikely to see some economies fully re-open before the spring, and returning to 2019 conditions. As a result, our analysts have been focused on the duration of the change they can identify. There are companies now where we can see a dislocation between expectations and our estimates. We look to further capitalize on this.

In a market environment underpinned by aggressive governmental policy, subtle changes in policy expectations can have swift implications for markets and investor sentiment. We find bottom-up analysis of credit conditions and earnings trends to be more reliable guides than top-down forecasts of macro variables.

Risk warnings

- Equity markets are subject to many factors, including economic conditions, government regulations, market sentiment, local and international political events, and environmental and technological issues that may impact return and volatility. There is a risk that an investment will decline in value.
- There may be corporate governance and investor protection issues associated with Russian investments
- The fund may invest in China A shares through Stock Connect. Such investments in securities from the People's Republic of China via the Stock Connect programmes may be more susceptible to certain additional risks including, local trading and quota limitations, delays in executing trades due to differences in trading day, suspension of Stock Exchange trading, failure or delay in clearing and settlement, beneficial ownership risk, nonprotection by any investor compensation schemes.
- The ability to trade REITS in the secondary market can be more limited than other stocks.
- The value of an investment may fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates between currencies or the possible imposition of exchange control regulations.
- This unit class is unhedged. Unhedged unit classes are exposed to greater risk and volatility.

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.

This document presents the performance of this particular unit class of the Fund from the date of inception of the unit class in its unit class currency, as specified on the front page.

From 1 June 2000 to 31st December 2018, performance data shown was based upon the Fund's month-end market close prices. Prior 1 June 2000, performance is calculated on a bid-to-bid basis, thereafter performance data shown is not based upon the Fund's official Net Asset Value (NAV) prices. The performance calculations reflect the month-end market close prices of the Fund's assets, whereas the actual performance investors receive reflects the official NAVs at which they trade the Fund which are calculated at the Fund's Valuation Point. As a result, it is possible that the stated performance and the actual investment returns received differed.

For income unit classes, returns are measured on a total return basis i.e. net investment income plus capital gain or loss from investment.

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