

Principal Edge Concentrated MidCap

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Strategy description

The strategy seeks long-term growth of capital by investing in common stocks of mid capitalization companies.

Strategy facts

Manager: Principal Edge

Inception: 1 August 2007

Index: Russell MidCap Index

Available vehicles¹: IMA, SMA, UMA, U.S. Mutual Fund

Targeted number of holdings²: 35-50

Expected turnover²: 15-30%

Key differentiators

- **Conviction.** Concentrated portfolio with active share above 90%.
- **Powered by great companies.** A quality-first mentality removes subpar operators, helping to avoid value traps.
- **True mid-cap exposure.** As companies grow from mid to large, we reallocate proceeds to smaller mid-cap companies, avoiding size drift.
- **Sector neutral to help mitigate risk.** We are focused on selecting great companies, not timing sectors.

Portfolio management

Daniel R. Coleman

45 years' experience

Theodore B. Jayne, CFA

26 years' experience

Lauren C. Choi

21 years' experience

Investment philosophy

We invest in companies that we believe are high-quality with competitive advantages, financial strength, shareholder-oriented management teams, and a strong or improving profitability. We focus on quality first, have the patience to invest at attractive valuations, and maintain a long-term investment horizon.

Composite performance (%)

| | 3M | 1YR | 3YR | 5YR | 10YR | Performance Start (1 August 2007) |
|--|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Principal Edge Concentrated MidCap (gross) | 3.92 | 19.48 | 6.79 | 10.88 | 11.73 | 10.71 |
| Principal Edge Concentrated MidCap (net) | 3.76 | 18.78 | 6.16 | 10.25 | 11.08 | 9.99 |
| Russell MidCap Index | 8.60 | 22.35 | 6.06 | 11.09 | 9.94 | 9.11 |

Calendar year returns (%)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Principal Edge Concentrated MidCap (gross) | 15.11 | 2.65 | 25.36 | 15.75 | -5.21 | 34.90 | 11.53 | 22.38 | -15.21 | 19.03 |
| Principal Edge Concentrated MidCap (net) | 14.26 | 1.90 | 24.63 | 15.14 | -5.70 | 34.21 | 10.95 | 21.68 | -15.73 | 18.33 |
| Russell MidCap Index | 13.22 | -2.44 | 13.80 | 18.52 | -9.06 | 30.54 | 17.10 | 22.58 | -17.32 | 17.23 |

Source: Principal Global Investors.

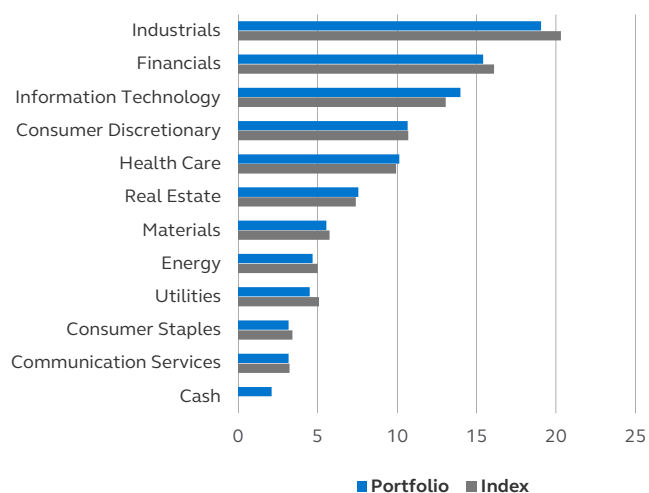
As of March 2024. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. Periods over one year are annualized. Please see disclosures for additional information on performance.

¹Not all vehicles are available to investors in all jurisdictions.

²Investment guidelines are subject to change.

Top 10 holdings (%)³

| | Location | Sector | Portfolio | Index | Active weight ⁴ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1 Nordson Corporation | United States | Industrials | 3.4 | 0.1 | 3.3 |
| 2 Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. | United States | Industrials | 3.3 | 0.1 | 3.2 |
| 3 Avery Dennison Corporation | United States | Materials | 3.2 | 0.2 | 3.0 |
| 4 Lennox International Inc. | United States | Industrials | 3.1 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| 5 Tractor Supply Company | United States | Consumer Discretionary | 3.1 | 0.2 | 2.9 |
| 6 Morningstar, Inc. | United States | Financials | 3.0 | 0.1 | 2.9 |
| 7 Brunswick Corporation | United States | Consumer Discretionary | 3.0 | 0.1 | 2.9 |
| 8 Steris Plc | United States | Health Care | 2.9 | 0.2 | 2.7 |
| 9 Snap-On Incorporated | United States | Industrials | 2.9 | 0.1 | 2.7 |
| 10 Msa Safety, Inc. | United States | Industrials | 2.8 | 0.1 | 2.7 |

Sector allocation (%)³Portfolio characteristics^{3,5}

| | Portfolio | Index |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Market cap (weighted average) | \$13.7B | \$27.8B |
| Sales growth (trailing 5-year CAGR) | 8.84 | 7.77 |
| Turnover – last 12 months ⁶ | 10.7% | - |
| Active share ⁷ | 95.2% | - |
| Number of holdings | 48 | 808 |
| Dividend yield (weighted average) | 1.63 | 1.53 |
| Beta | 0.94 | 1.00 |
| Price/earnings – last 12 months | 27.80 | 27.31 |
| Operating margin (trailing 5-year average) | 16.23 | 15.72 |
| Return on capital (trailing 5-year average) | 16.12 | 11.28 |

Composite risk statistics (gross)⁶

| | 3YR | 5YR |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Sharpe ratio | 0.21 | 0.42 |
| Standard deviation | 19.47 | 21.09 |
| Information ratio | 0.16 | -0.05 |
| Tracking error | 4.51 | 4.44 |

³ Source: FactSet. Characteristics and weightings shown are of the representative portfolio. FactSet data is subject to revision over time, which may result in slight differences among data points reported during the same period.

⁴ Portfolio security weight minus the benchmark security weight.

⁵ Yields and yield related characteristics shown are only one component of performance or expected performance and are not and should not be viewed as a statement of the current or future performance of the strategy. See the gross and net performance of the strategy.

⁶ Source: Principal Global Investors.

⁷ A measure of the proportion of stock weights in a manager's portfolio that differ from the index.

Due to rounding, figures and percentages shown may not add to the total or equal 100%. The index benchmarks are referred to for comparative purposes only and are not necessarily intended to parallel the risk or investment approach of the portfolios included in the composites and the methods of calculating performance of the composite and the index may not be identical.

Investment process overview

Seek quality companies at attractive valuations

Screen for profitable companies

- Revenue growth > industry and GDP
- Return on invested capital > weighted average cost of capital
- Positive free cash flow

Identify “Good Companies” from industry review

- **Competitive advantage.** Brand, patents, barriers to entry, location, etc.
- **Complexity.** Number and relatedness of businesses
- **Financial strength.** Variability of operating margins and strength of balance sheet
- **Potential for profitability change.** Is there a meaningful inflection up or down over our 5-year horizon
- **Shareholder friendliness.** History of increasing dividends, buying back stock at attractive prices or making accretive acquisitions

Portfolio construction and risk management

- Monitor buy list for attractive entry point
- Seek to purchase companies when there has been company or industry specific dislocation and then own for years
- Sector neutral approach focuses team on stock selection within each sector to drive results
- Utilize BarraOne® for risk management oversight

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