

Principal Aligned MidCap Equity

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Strategy description

The strategy invests for the long-term in high-quality companies led by owner-operators. The strategy uses a highly active approach to U.S. mid-cap equities that aims for long-term outperformance with less risk.

Strategy facts

Manager: Principal Aligned

Inception: 1 April 2000

Index: Russell MidCap Index

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

Targeted number of holdings²: 70-100

Expected turnover²: 15-30%

Key differentiators

- A wide latitude to depart from index weights results in **higher active share and more concentrated top holdings than peers.**
- **Aligned incentives:** Owner-operators tend to be passionate and cost conscious; We believe they have longer-term outlooks and are better capital allocators.
- **An experienced team** with a history of delivering excess risk-adjusted returns over market cycles.

Portfolio management

K. William Nolin, CFA

36 years' experience

Thomas Rozycki, CFA

25 years' experience

Investment philosophy

We are long-term, completely fundamental investors. We invest in owner-operator management teams and companies we believe have sustainable competitive advantages. We're constantly focused on valuation and reducing risk.

Composite performance (%)

	3M	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR	Performance Start (1 April 2000)
Principal Aligned MidCap Equity (gross)	-0.24	8.44	10.12	18.42	12.40	11.55
Principal Aligned MidCap Equity (net)	-0.39	7.79	9.46	17.74	11.83	11.02
Russell MidCap Index	-3.40	2.59	4.61	16.27	8.82	8.62

Calendar year returns (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Principal Aligned MidCap Equity (gross)	2.13	11.00	26.24	-6.06	43.88	19.14	26.14	-22.63	26.77	20.83
Principal Aligned MidCap Equity (net)	1.67	10.49	25.67	-6.49	43.23	18.60	25.43	-23.10	26.02	20.12
Russell MidCap Index	-2.44	13.80	18.52	-9.06	30.54	17.10	22.58	-17.32	17.23	15.34

Source: Principal Global Investors.

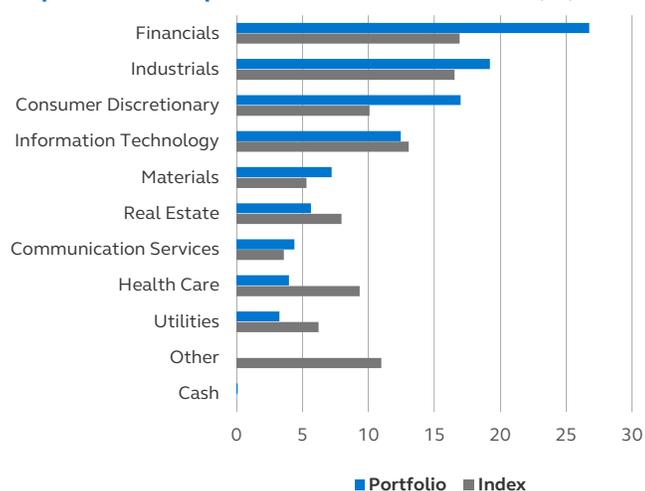
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¹Not all vehicles are available to investors in all jurisdictions.

²Investment guidelines are subject to change.

Representative portfolio top 10 holdings (%)³

	Sector	Portfolio	Index	Active weight ⁴
1 Transdigm Group Incorporated	Industrials	5.2	—	5.2
2 Heico Corporation	Industrials	5.1	0.3	4.8
3 O'reilly Automotive, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	4.9	—	4.9
4 Brookfield Corporation	Financials	4.8	—	4.8
5 Copart, Inc.	Industrials	4.7	—	4.7
6 Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	4.3	0.5	3.8
7 Brown & Brown, Inc.	Financials	4.1	0.3	3.8
8 Kkr & Co Inc	Financials	3.7	—	3.7
9 Vulcan Materials Company	Materials	3.4	0.3	3.2
10 Costar Group, Inc.	Real Estate	3.0	0.3	2.7

Representative portfolio sector allocation (%)³Representative portfolio characteristics³

	Portfolio	Index
Number of holdings	72	808
Operating margin	20.5%	17.2%
Active share ⁵	89.8%	-
Market cap (weighted average)	\$46.0B	\$29.2B
Turnover – last 12 months	14.2%	-

Composite risk statistics (gross)⁶

	3YR	5YR
Sharpe ratio	0.29	0.79
Standard deviation	19.99	19.83
Information ratio	1.16	0.39
Tracking error	4.76	5.46

³ Source: FactSet. 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 A measure of the proportion of stock weights in a manager's portfolio that differ from the index.

⁶ Source: Principal Global Investors.

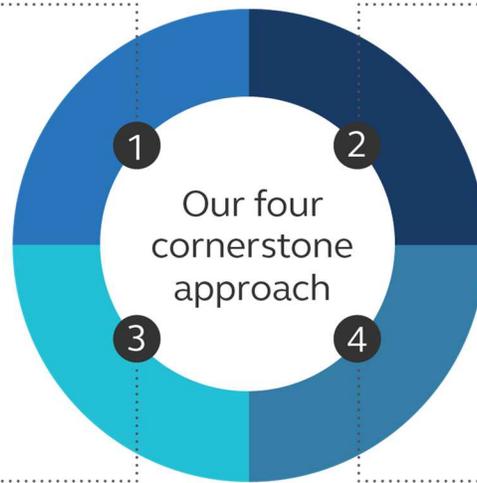
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Investment process overview

High-quality companies led by owner-operators

High-quality businesses
with a sustainable
competitive advantage

Businesses with **owner-operator**
management
or culture



Focused on risk reduction throughout
the entire process

Valuation discipline
builds in a margin
of safety

- Long horizon (5-10 years) shapes what we look for
- All efforts focused on fundamental analysis of individual companies
- Quality companies, led by owner-operators, trading at a discount

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