

# Principal Real Estate Securities Fund

First quarter 2025

#### **Fund overview**

The Fund offers exposure to the U.S. real estate market through the investment of listed real estate securities. It invests in high quality companies and targets strong, riskadjusted performance using diversified sources of alpha.

## Morningstar overall rating:



Overall Morningstar Rating  $^{\text{TM}}$  as of 03/31/2025 among 213 Real Estate Funds

Morningstar ratings may vary between share classes, are based on historical risk-adjusted total returns and are subject to

#### **Ticker**

Class I: PIREX Class C: PRCEX Class A: PRRAX Class R6: PFRSX

## Portfolio management

Kelly D. Rush, CFA

41 years of experience

#### Anthony Kenkel, CFA, FRM

28 years of experience

## Keith Bokota, CFA

20 years of experience

#### **Fund information**

	Fund	Index
Fund AUM	\$6.3B	_
Earnings growth (NTM) <sup>1</sup>	4.3%	4.2%
Dividend growth (NTM) <sup>1</sup>	5.7%	4.2%
Dividend Yield <sup>1</sup>	3.2%	3.5%
Price/net asset value <sup>1</sup>	96.3%	95.9%
Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$45.0B	\$44.4B
Company leverage <sup>2</sup>	26.3%	27.7%

Source: FactSet

Weighted median

Weighted average

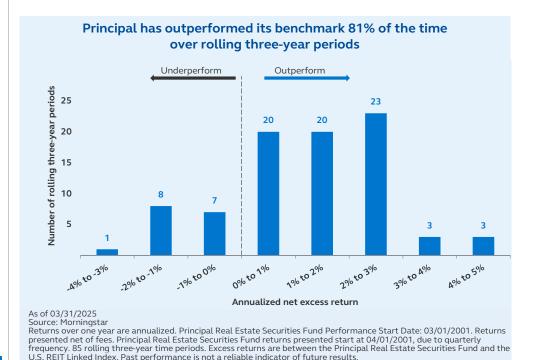
Alpha: The difference between an investment's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk (as measured by beta). **Dividend yield**: The indicated annual dividend divided by the price as of

reporting date.

Reported FactSet data is subject to revision over time, which may result in slight differences among data points reported during the same period.

# A real estate strategy that strives to deliver strong, risk-adjusted performance

- Track record of consistent and attractive risk-adjusted returns generated through bottom-up stock selection.
- "Quality at the right price" investment style favors above average companies trading at average or discounted valuations.
- Access to extensive Principal resources and in-house insights from all four quadrants across the real estate spectrum.



# Why allocate to a portfolio:

Dividends are not guaranteed

- Total-return potential: Historically a long-term total return enhancer, relative to stocks and bonds<sup>3</sup>
- Low correlation: Diversification through low correlations with other asset classes4
- **Income potential**: Dividends offer a potential income-stream, plus the opportunity for capital appreciation tied to real asset ownership
- **Liquidity**: Liquid, with immediate exposure to real estate
- Inflation: Historically, REITs have performed well as an inflation hedge.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Portfolio of 50% US equities/30% fixed income/20% US REITs vs. 60% US equities/40% fixed income over 20-year period 01/01/2004 – 12/31/2023.

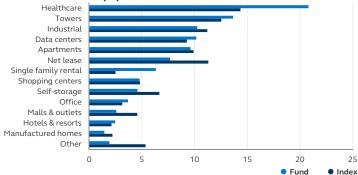
<sup>4</sup> Morningstar. Correlations from January 2004 - December 2023.
5 Over 12-month time periods from 01/01/2000-12/31/2023, U.S. REITs outperformed U.S. equities (13% vs 7%) when inflation (CPI) was above average (>2.56%).
Past performance does not guarantee future results.

#### Top 10 holdings<sup>6</sup>

representation	
	% of net
	assets
American Tower Corp	10.5
Welltower Inc	8.3
Equinix Inc	7.3
Ventas Inc	5.8
Prologis Inc	5.6
AvalonBay Communities Inc	4.9
Extra Space Storage Inc	4.6
VICI Properties Inc	3.8
Regency Centers Corp	3.7
Invitation Homes Inc	3.4
Total	57.9

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

## Sector allocation (%)<sup>7</sup>



Source: FactSet. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and/or inclusion or exclusion of cash.

# Performance, rankings, & ratings

	Average annual total returns (%)									Yields (%) <sup>15</sup>		
	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception <sup>13</sup> (03/01/2001)	(net/	e ratio <sup>14</sup> gross)	Expense limi expiration dat	(Unsu	Day SEC bsidized/ sidized)	12-month distribution
Class I <sup>8</sup>	3.60	11.25	-0.78	10.12	6.04	10.17	0.86/0.90 02/28/2026		2.0	0/2.04	2.46	
U.S. REIT Linked Index <sup>9,10</sup>	2.75	9.23	-0.91	11.07	5.17	-				-	-	
Morningstar Category Average	1.15	8.01	-2.10	9.61	4.53	_	_				-	
Morningstar rankings and ratings	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Overall						
Category and number of funds in category: Real Estate	225	221	213	196	148	213						
Class I percentile rankings <sup>11</sup>	-	15	21	39	11	-						
Class I ratings <sup>12</sup>	-	-	***	* * * *	***	****						
Calendar year returns (%)			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class I <sup>8</sup>			4.22	5.93	9.03	-4.31	31.13	-3.23	39.64	-25.20	13.33	5.45
U.S. REIT Linked Index <sup>9,10</sup>			2.52	8.60	5.07	-4.57	25.84	-7.57	43.06	-24.51	13.74	5.79
Morningstar Category Average			2.41	6.89	6.22	-5.97	27.28	-4.49	38.73	-25.67	12.03	5.90

Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns. Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns.

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will vary and you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. For the most recent month-end performance, visit www.PrincipalAM.com/mutual.

- Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains.
- U.S. REIT Linked Index composition: For March 1, 2024 and after, the index is 100% the FTSE NAREIT All Equity REIT Index, and for the period prior to March 1 2024, it is 100% the MSCI US REIT Index. FTSE NAREIT All Equity REIT Index is a free-float weighted index that contains all tax-qualified REITs with more than 50 percent of total assets in qualifying real estate assets other than mortgages secured by real property that also meet minimum size and liquidity criteria. MSCI US REIT Index is a capitalization-weighted benchmark index of most actively traded Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), designed to measure real estate performance.
- <sup>10</sup> Index performance information reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. Indices are unmanaged and individuals cannot invest directly in an index
- 11 Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns and do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, rankings could be lower.
   12 The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are three-year history. Exchange traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Morningstar ratings ould be lower.

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- 14 The net expense ratio reflects contractual expense limits, if any, which may lower net expenses and cause the gross and net expense ratios to differ. In such cases a date is listed through which expense limits are expected to apply; however, Principal Funds and the investment adviser may mutually agree to terminate the expense limits prior to the end of the period. Returns displayed are based on net total investment expense.
- <sup>15</sup> 30-Day SEC yield represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, stated as an annual percentage. Unsubsidized yield reflects the SEC yield when some fund expenses are not waived. Subsidized yield reflects a fund's yield when all expense waivers are included. 12-month yield is based on actual distributions paid over a trailing 12-month period, stated as an annual percentage.

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