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Principal Asset Management℠

Principal European Equity

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Strategy description

The strategy aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in the shares of European-domiciled companies. The strategy is research driven and focused on bottom-up stock selection, not bold calls on macro or geopolitical conditions.

Strategy facts

Manager: Principal Equities
Inception: 1 April 2000
Index: MSCI Europe NTR Index
Available vehicles[1]: IMA, MPV, UCITS
Targeted number of holdings[2]: 75-150
Expected turnover[2]: <75%

Key differentiators

- **We invest in businesses we believe are becoming better** as a result of positive change: innovators, renovators, and pacesetters.
- **We identify them ahead of the market** by recognizing potential underappreciated growth and improvement opportunities.
- **We isolate stock selection as the key driver of results**, delivering style consistency over time using a comprehensive system of checks and balances.

Portfolio management

George P. Maris, CFA
28 years' experience

Matthew Peron
34 years' experience

Paul Blankenhagen, CFA
34 years' experience

Investment philosophy

We believe bottom-up stock selection is the most reliable and repeatable source of consistent performance. We also recognize that persistent behavioral biases and impediments to capital flows create market inefficiencies and opportunities. We seek to exploit these anomalies through focused fundamental research and disciplined risk management.

Composite performance (%)

	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR	Performance Start (1 April 2000)
Principal European Equity (gross)	-1.26	5.73	10.80	18.89	7.98	10.33	6.50
Principal European Equity (net)	-1.39	5.34	10.25	18.31	7.45	9.82	5.75
MSCI Europe NTR Index	-1.65	6.03	12.61	17.50	9.47	9.16	5.02

Calendar year returns (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Principal European Equity (gross)	-2.75	29.03	-14.13	27.17	17.96	19.99	-24.11	20.22	3.79	36.70
Principal European Equity (net)	-3.18	28.50	-14.49	26.62	17.47	19.43	-24.50	19.63	3.28	36.04
MSCI Europe NTR Index	-0.40	25.51	-14.86	23.77	5.38	16.30	-15.06	19.89	1.79	35.41

Source: Principal Global Investors.
As of September 2026. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. Periods over one year are annualized. Please see disclosures for additional information on performance.

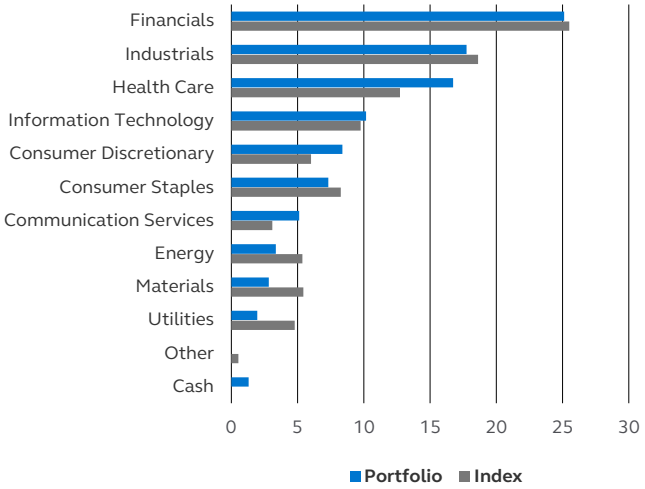
[1]Not all vehicles are available to investors in all jurisdictions.

[2]Investment guidelines are subject to change.

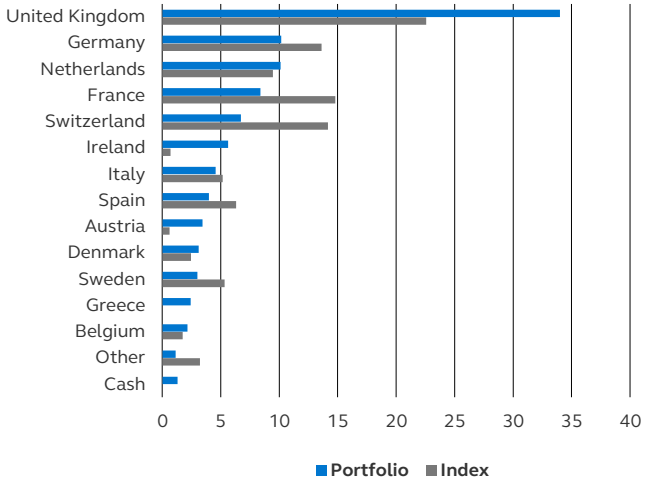
Representative portfolio top 10 holdings (%)[3]

		Location	Sector	Portfolio	Index	Active weight[4]
1	Asml Holding Nv	Netherlands	Information Technology	8.2	5.1	3.0
2	Erste Group Bank Ag	Austria	Financials	3.4	0.3	3.1
3	Aib Group Plc	Ireland	Financials	3.4	0.2	3.2
4	Unicredit S.P.A.	Italy	Financials	3.4	0.9	2.4
5	Bp Plc	United Kingdom	Energy	3.4	0.8	2.5
6	Astrazeneca Plc	United Kingdom	Health Care	3.2	1.8	1.4
7	Daimler Truck Holding Ag	Germany	Industrials	3.1	0.2	3.0
8	Natwest Group Plc	United Kingdom	Financials	2.8	0.5	2.3
9	Anglo American Plc	United Kingdom	Materials	2.8	0.4	2.4
10	Rexel Sa	France	Industrials	2.7	0.1	2.7

Representative portfolio sector allocation (%)[3]



Representative portfolio geographic allocation (%)[3]



Representative portfolio characteristics[3]

	Portfolio	Index
Return on equity	16.2%	16.2%
Earnings growth[5]	15.3%	12.8%
Earnings revisions[6]	34.0%	54.8%
Price/earnings[7]	15.9x	16.0x
Active share[8]	73.9%	-
Number of holdings	61	386
Market cap (weighted average)	$127.7B	$146.4B

Composite risk statistics (gross)[9]

	3YR	5YR
Sharpe ratio	1.12	0.25
Standard deviation	12.64	16.64
Information ratio	0.46	-0.37
Tracking error	3.03	4.01

[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] Average of trailing one-year and forward one-year earnings per share (EPS) growth.

[6] Percentage of companies with positive EPS revisions less percentage with negative EPS revisions.

[7] Forward one-year price/earnings estimates.

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

[9] Source: Principal Global Investors.

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

Independent idea generation using proprietary stock ranking framework

In-depth evaluation of positive change catalysts, sustainability, and risk considerations

Strong collaboration between analysts and portfolio managers aligns high conviction company recommendations with portfolio objectives

Isolating stock selection as the primary driver of results, using a comprehensive system of checks and balances to help avoid unrewarded risks

Perspective and precision: a disciplined, repeatable approach for better fundamental outcomes

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