

# European Responsible Equity Fund - A Class Accumulation **Units**

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# Investment advisor

Principal Global Investors, LLC

### Sub investment advisor

Principal Global Equities has expertise across U.S., international and emerging equity markets.

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#### **Fund managers**

Juliet Cohn 41 Yrs Industry Exp Paul Blankenhagen, CFA 31 Yrs Industry Exp

# Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term predominantly through investment in European equities that we believe are mispriced by the market and have potential for significant growth.

MSCI Europe NTR Index

# **Fund facts**

Fund size Launch date	\$135.5m 24 Jun 1996
Fund base currency	USD
Min investment	US\$ 1,000
Fund domicile	IRELAND
UCITS qualifying	Yes
Dealing cut off	10:00 AM GMT
Dealing Cut on	Daily
	5pm Hong Kong
	SAR
SFDR Categorisation	Article 8
Fee structure	A Class
Preliminary charge	max 5%
Management fee	1.50% pa
Admin charge	0.15% pa
Trustee fee	Not more than
	0.022% pa

Investor minimum

Please contact Principal Global Investors

# **Fund grading**

3 Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 31 October 2023



# Important note

- · The European Responsible Equity Fund will invest primarily in the equity securities of companies domiciled or with their core business in Europe (including Eastern Europe), which the Adviser believes are mispriced by the market and have the potential for significant growth.
- The Fund invests in a single region. Compared with a well-diversified fund, its concentration risk is relatively high and hence it might be more volatile than a
- Investment involves risk. There is no assurance on investment returns and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- The investment decision is yours but you should not invest in this Fund unless the intermediary who sells it to you has advised you that it is suitable for you
- and explained how it is consistent with your investment objectives.

   You should not invest solely in reliance on this marketing material alone. You should read the Summary Prospectus and the relevant Supplement(s) before investing including the Special Investment Considerations and Risks section of the Summary Prospectus.

# Performance (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	-4.00	-12.28	1.56	12.10	7.57	22.58	37.32
Cumulative Index	-3.73	-11.23	3.93	15.74	25.79	26.53	34.38
Fund Annualised Net	-4.00	-12.28	1.56	12.10	2.46	4.15	3.22
Index Annualised	-3.73	-11.23	3.93	15.74	7.95	4.82	3.00

Fund performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis. Please see performance notes for further details.

# Calendar year performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund Net	-25.34	18.63	15.93	25.61	-15.84
Index	-15.06	16.30	5.38	23.77	-14.86

#### Cumulative performance since inception (%)



# Top 10 holdings (%)

	Fund
Novo Nordisk A/S	5.7
AstraZeneca PLC	3.8
ASML Holding NV	3.6
Royal Dutch Shell Plc	3.6
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	3.2
Roche Holding Ltd	2.7
Schneider Electric SE	2.4
HSBC Holdings Plc	2.3
Iberdrola SA	2.2
Unilever PLC	2.2
Total	31.9
No. of holdings	80

# Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
Financials	18.4	0.7
Health Care	18.0	2.1
Industrials	15.5	0.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.5	2.0
Consumer Staples	8.4	-4.0
Information Technology	7.0	0.2
Energy	6.6	0.1
Materials	4.8	-2.3
Utilities	3.0	-1.4
Communication Services	1.2	-2.0
Other	0.0	-0.8
Cash	4.7	4.7

# Top 5 stock overweights/underweights (%)

	Difference
Overweight	
Novo Nordisk A/S	2.4
3i Group plc	1.8
AstraZeneca PLC	1.7
Iberdrola SA	1.5
Schneider Electric SE	1.5
Underweight	
Allianz SE	-1.0
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	-1.1
SAP SE	-1.5
TotalEnergies SE	-1.6
Novartis AG	-2.1

# Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
United Kingdom	27.1	3.6
France	22.4	3.9
Denmark	8.4	3.2
Switzerland	7.6	-7.5
Netherlands	6.8	0.0
Sweden	6.1	1.4
Germany	4.1	-8.6
Spain	3.5	-0.5
Ireland	2.1	1.3
Italy	2.0	-2.1
Norway	1.7	0.6
Greece	1.6	1.6
Belgium	0.6	-0.9
Other	1.2	-0.7
Cash	4.7	4.7

# **Fund codes**

#### Accumulation units:

PIFEGFA ID Bloomberg IE0001148372 ISIN 60008019 Lipper SEDOL 0114837 CUSIP G7244L206 Valoren 514304 986041 WKN

Income units:

ISIN IE0000712996 60008020 Lipper 0071299 SEDOL CUSIP G7244L214

# Registration\*

Belgium, Chile (CMF), Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Macau, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and UK

# Performance note

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