

U.S. Blue Chip Equity Fund - A Class Accumulation Units

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Investment advisor

Principal Global Investors, LLC ("PGI")

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Investment objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital growth over the medium to long term. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by generally investing at least 80% of its net asset value in "Equity and Equity Related Securities" of companies which are incorporated and/or listed on stock exchanges in the United States.

Index

Russell 1000 Growth NTR*

Fund facts

Fund size \$66.9m
Base currency USD
Fund domicile IRELAND
UCITS qualifying Yes
Dealing 10:00 AM GMT
Daily
SFDR Categorisation Article 6

Unit class facts

Launch date 28 Oct 2020
Currency USD
Minimum investment US\$ 1,000
Management fee(s) 1.20% pa
Income distribution Accumulating

Fund grading

3 Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 30 November 2023

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Performance (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	SI
Fund Cumulative Net	12.68	5.79	32.51	24.03	15.94	-	28.00
Index Cumulative	10.86	3.31	36.28	25.82	28.21	-	34.46
Fund Annualised Net	12.68	5.79	32.51	24.03	5.05	-	8.31
Index Annualised	10.86	3.31	36.28	25.82	8.64	-	10.05

12-month rolling return (%)

Dec 18 - Nov 19	Dec 19 - Nov 20	Dec 20 - Nov 21	Dec 21 - Nov 22	Dec 22 - Nov 23
-	-	26.36	-26.02	24.03

Risk analysis

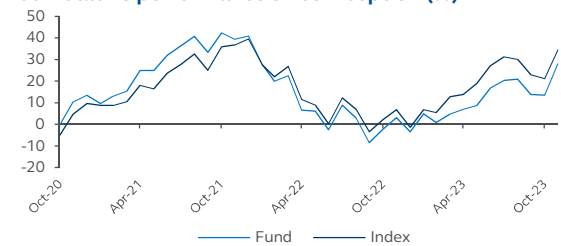
	1YR	3YR
Information Ratio	-0.3	-0.7
Alpha	-1.2	-3.6
Tracking Error	5.8	5.3
Standard Deviation	19.2	21.4
Beta	1.0	1.0

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Source: Fund Administrator: BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) DAC since February 2011, performance data prior to this date is sourced from PGI and/or its affiliates; and the Index.

Data: From December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) prices of the last Irish business day of the month. For Funds not open for dealing on this day this will be an indicative NAV. The performance data shown is net of fees and other charges but excludes any potential entry/exit charges- as such the return an investor receives may be lower. Prior to December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's month-end market close prices. (See performance note for further details.)

Cumulative performance since inception (%)



Fund analysis

	Fund	Index
Operating Margin %	27.3	25.3
Active Share	69.0	-
Div Yield Wtd Avg	0.6	0.7
Mkt Cap Wtd Avg USDm	644,822.2	1,107,194.3
# of Holdings	37.0	442.0

Any yields quoted on the fact sheet are calculated at portfolio level gross of tax and expenses.

Top 10 holdings (%)

	Fund
Microsoft Corporation	9.5
Amazon.com, Inc.	9.1
Alphabet Inc.	6.8
Adobe Incorporated	5.0
TransDigm Group Incorporated	5.0
Brookfield Corporation	4.8
Visa Inc.	4.6
MasterCard Inc.	4.6
Intuit Inc.	4.4
Progressive Corporation	3.8
Total	57.6
No. of holdings	37

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Difference
Financials	26.2	19.7
Information Technology	22.4	-21.5
Consumer Discretionary	14.2	-1.5
Industrials	11.2	5.4
Communication Services	9.9	-1.3
Real Estate	6.3	5.4
Health Care	6.0	-4.7
Materials	2.3	1.7
Consumer Staples	0.9	-3.2
Other	0.0	-0.6
Cash	0.6	0.6

Top 5 stock overweights/underweights (%)

	Difference
Overweight	
TransDigm Group Incorporated	4.9
Brookfield Corporation	4.8
Adobe Incorporated	3.8
Intuit Inc.	3.8
Progressive Corporation	3.4
Underweight	
Microsoft Corporation	-2.9
Tesla, Inc.	-2.9
Meta Platforms Inc.	-3.2
NVIDIA Corporation	-4.1
Apple Inc.	-12.4

Fund codes

Bloomberg	PRGBCEA ID
ISIN	IE00BKFHJTJ2
Lipper	68631156
SEDOL	BKFHJTJ7
CUSIP	G72481123
Valoren	49557109
WKN	A2QGRX

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- Equity markets are subject to many factors, including economic conditions, government regulations, market sentiment, local and international political events, and environmental and technological issues that may impact return and volatility. There is a risk that an investment will decline in value.
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Performance note

Index disclosure: The Fund is actively managed and aims to outperform the Russell 1000 Growth NTR (the "Index"). The portfolio manager may reference the Index as part of the investment management process, and it is also considered as part of the investment risk monitoring process. However, the portfolio manager maintains full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy.

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