

### Important Notes

- I. The Principal European 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.
- II. 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 well-diversified fund.
- III. Investment involves risk. There is no assurance on investment returns and your investments may suffer significant loss.
- IV. 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.
- V. You should not invest solely in reliance on this marketing material alone. You should read the Prospectus and the relevant Supplement(s) before investing including the Special Investment Considerations and Risks section of the Prospectus.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

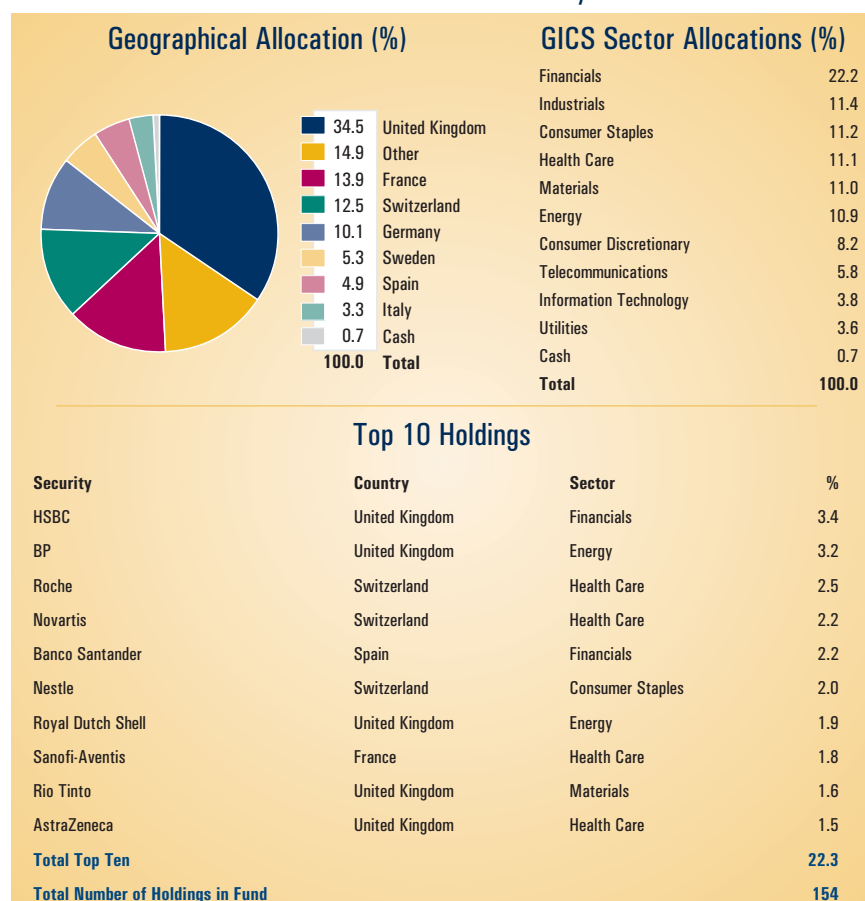
The Principal Global Investors Funds **European Equity Fund** aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term predominantly through investment in European equities that we believe are mispriced by the market and have potential for significant growth.

### Why Invest in the European Equity Fund?

The **European Equity Fund** offers investors:

- Access to companies that the investment manager believes are undergoing significant restructuring and the resultant expected decline in operating costs.
- An investment in a region where the business culture is evolving towards a situation in which shareholder and management interests will be more closely aligned.
- Access to companies that the investment manager believes exhibit improving business fundamentals, sustainable competitive advantages, rising investor expectations, and attractive relative valuation.

### What Were the Fund's Investments as at 31 January 2010?\*



\* In preparing the asset exposure of the Fund, we have taken into account both direct and indirect investments and the effects of futures and options contracts. Investors should be aware that the exposure of the Fund can change significantly on a daily basis.

Investments do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

### Fund Rating

Standard & Poor's Fund Management Rating **AA**  
Issued as at June 2008

### QUICK FUND FACTS

#### Lead Investment Professionals

Juliet Cohn, Chris Ibach

**Launch date** 24 November 1992

**Fund structure** Irish Unit Trust  
(UCITS Qualified)

**Registration** France, Germany, UK,  
Switzerland, Hong  
Kong, Ireland,  
Guernsey, Jersey,  
Sweden, Spain,  
Italy, Finland  
& the Netherlands

**Base currency** US\$

**Fund size** US\$105.0 million

**Dealing Cutoff** 10am Dublin  
5pm Hong Kong

**Pricing** Daily

#### Sub-investment Advisor

Principal Global Investors (Europe) Limited

#### Investor minimum

For minimum investment amounts, please  
contact Principal Global Investors.

#### ISIN codes:

- Income units IE0000712996
- Accumulation units IE0001148372

#### Lipper ID:

- Income units 60008020
- Accumulation units 60008019

### Fee Structure

#### A Class

- Application fee/  
Preliminary charge max 5%
- Management fee 1.50% pa
- Administration charge 0.15% pa
- Trustee fee
  - Up to \$100 million 0.02%
  - Above \$100 million 0.01%

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## EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND REVIEW AS AT 31 JANUARY 2010

### Market Review

European markets started the year in a buoyant move, before falling bad mid month to end January down 2.9%, and as the dollar strengthened we saw returns further eroded for a U.S. dollar based investor.

The sentiment change was driven by poorer than expected earnings, fears of slowing Chinese growth and calls from President Obama to limit risk taking by the banks.

There have been growing market concerns about sovereign debt, especially in Greece, as the market has been increasingly concerned about the country's ability to control their debt. Greek debt currently amounts to 120% of GDP and the country has the highest debt/GDP ration in Europe. Their large and rising deficit, together with a substantial long-term pension deficit, has worried the market that they might default on their debt or cause major frictions within the euro. The Greek government's announcement of a three year stability plan did little to calm the market.

### Fund Review

The fund outperformed the MSCI Europe Index for the month of January.

The strongest sectors were the technology and staples sectors, the former boosted by better than expected results, the latter by its perceived defensive earnings, especially in the tobacco sector. The weakest sectors were financials and materials, the former were led by the capital markets industry whilst the latter were led down by the metals sector. The best performing markets were Denmark, Finland and Sweden, whilst the weakest were Spain, Greece and Portugal, where the market grew increasingly concerned about those countries' debt levels. The fund benefitted from holdings in the Finnish engine manufacturer Wartsila which rose 22% during the month, German television broadcaster ProSieben which rose 20% and British software group Microfocus which rose 12%.

### Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

European markets still do not look particularly expensive as in a global context. They are selling on a multiple of under 16x for the current year and a yield close to 3.3%. It is clear that some dividends will be cut, or even passed, but equities have not yielded as much for several decades. Corporate activity is down from its record levels, and is likely to stay more subdued whilst it is clearly harder for companies to get funding. In this environment, we believe that it remains critical to focus on stock selection. We will continue to focus on those companies where we believe the market does not yet fully discount their earnings prospects.

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## FUND PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 JANUARY 2010

### Accumulative Performance (%)

	PGIF	Index*
1 month	-5.4	-5.9
3 months	-1.4	-1.7
6 months	6.8	8.1
Year-to-date	-5.4	-5.9
1 year	34.2	43.7
2 years	-26.7	-23.5
3 years	-26.9	-22.5
4 years	-8.6	-2.1
5 years	13.8	16.2
7 years	92.5	100.5
10 years	5.5	23.2
Since Inception	437.4	328.4

### Annualised Performance (%)

	PGIF	Index*
2 years	-14.3	-12.5
3 years	-9.9	-8.1
4 years	-2.2	-0.5
5 years	2.6	3.1
7 years	9.8	10.4
10 years	0.5	2.1

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	PGIF	Index*
2009	28.2	35.8
2008	-46.5	-46.4
2007	11.3	13.9
2006	37.2	33.7
2005	13.0	9.4
2004	21.2	20.9
2003	35.6	38.5
2002	-15.4	-18.4
2001	-24.7	-19.9
2000	-15.5	-8.4
1999	34.0	15.9

*Performance is calculated on a bid-to-bid basis up to 1 June 2000 and on a NAV-to-NAV basis thereafter, includes the reinvestment of all investment income, and does not take account of application fee or tax, but does include trustee and management fees. The performance information reflects performance of the A Class income units. Investors should obtain their own independent tax advice.*

*\*Outperforming the MSCI Europe Net Accumulation Index is not specifically included in the objective for the Fund, and the figures shown in the table are provided as a comparison only. The two methods of calculation of performance may not be identical.*

*Past performance is not indicative of future performance. All figures are stated in USD unless otherwise noted.*

*From Fund inception to 31 October 2002, the source of performance is based on the previous Advisor, BT Funds Management.*

*From 1 November 2002, the source of performance is based on the current Advisor, Principal Global Investors, LLC.*