

# **Principal Blue Chip Fund**

Second quarter 2020

## Fund overview

The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital by investing in highquality companies led by owneroperators. The Fund uses a highly active approach to U.S. large-cap equities and aims for long-term outperformance with less risk.

# Morningstar overall rating:

#### $\star \star \star \star \star$

Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> as of 06/30/2020 among 1237 Large Growth Funds

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#### Ticker

Class I: PBCKX Class C: PBLCX Class A: PBLAX Class R6: PGBHX

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**Bill Nolin, CFA** 27 years of experience

#### Thomas Rozycki, CFA

20 years of experience

#### **Fund information**

Fund	Index
\$6.6B	—
40	435
27.3%	25.7%
65.6%	—
\$419.8B	\$580.9B
1.1	1.0
24.2%	
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Source: FactSet

<sup>1</sup> Weighted average <sup>2</sup> Turnover is calculated semi-annually; reflects most

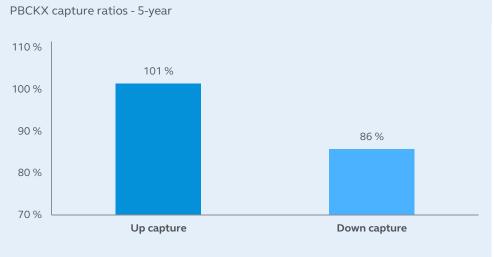
recent available calculation. Active share: Measures how much different portfolio weights in securities are from benchmark weights. The higher the active share, the more the portfolio differs from the benchmark. **Sharpe ratio:** Measures how an investment balances risks and rewards. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the investment's historical risk-adjusted performance.

# A highly active approach that focuses on owner-operators

• A wide latitude to depart from index weights results in higher active share and more concentrated top holdings than peers.

A focus on risk reduction

- Aligned incentives: Owner-operators tend to be passionate and cost conscious. We believe they have longer-term outlooks and are better capital allocators.
- An experienced team with a history of delivering excess riskadjusted returns over market cycles.



#### Versus Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020

Source: Morningstar

Capture ratios: Shows the relationship of the fund's performance to the performance of an index during a specific timeframe, as a percentage of that index's positive (upside capture) and negative (downside capture) performance. Represents quarterly returns for both fund and index returns. Index performance information reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. Indices are unmanaged and individuals cannot invest directly in an index

### Why allocate to a portfolio:

- Core U.S. equity holding: Strategy aims to outperform large-cap indexes through market cycles with less risk.
- Complementary to indices: The highly active approach complements passive core equity holdings because companies with large inside ownership (the owner-operators the team emphasizes) are underrepresented in indices.3

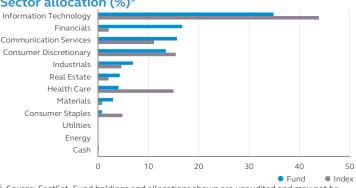
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Most major indexes are float-adjusted to reflect the portion of each company's shares available for trading. Given owner-operator stakes are tightly held (not available in the open market), companies with significant ownership by such insiders tend to be most impacted by float adjustment. For more, see our paper, "Skin in the game." Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss. Aligned Investors is a specialist equity investment group within Principal Global Investors.

Top 5 holdings<sup>4</sup>

#### Sector allocation (%)<sup>5</sup>

- 5	% of net assets
Amazon.com Inc	9.7
Alphabet Inc - C Shares	6.7
PayPal Holdings Inc	5.1
Microsoft Corp	5.0
Adobe Inc	4.9
Total	31.4

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.



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 (%)									
	3-month	Year-to- date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception (06/14/2012)	Expense ratio <sup>11</sup> (net/gross)	Expense limit expiration date	
Class I <sup>6</sup>	27.70	10.65	21.83	21.45	17.59	_	17.69	0.66/0.73	12/30/2020	
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index <sup>7,8</sup>	27.84	9.81	23.28	18.99	15.89	17.23	16.90	_	_	
Morningstar Category Average	27.43	7.84	17.34	15.95	12.84	15.12	_	_	_	
Morningstar rankings and ratings										
Category and number of funds in category: Large Growth	1372	1363	1343	1237	1084	809		_	—	
Class I percentile rankings <sup>9</sup>	_	—	29	12	8	_	_	_	_	
Class I ratings <sup>10</sup>	_	_	_	* * * *	* * * * *	_	Overall * * * * *	_		
Calendar year returns (%)	2013	2	014	201	5	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Class I <sup>6</sup>	29.32	1	0.77	5.37	7	8.87	28.86	2.96	38.79	
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index <sup>7,8</sup>	33.48	1	3.05	5.67	7	7.08	30.21	-1.51	36.39	
Morningstar Category Average	33.92	1	0.00	3.60	)	3.23	27.67	-2.09	31.90	

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- Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains.
- Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index is a market-capitalization weighted index of those firms in the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values
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- 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.
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