

# Principal SmallCap Inst

## Category: Small Cap Blend

PSLIX  
3/31/2021

### Fund Strategy

The investment seeks long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of companies with small market capitalizations at the time of purchase. The managers seek to invest in securities of companies that they believe have improving and sustainable business fundamentals, rising investor expectations, and attractive relative valuations.

### Fund Information

Strategy Asset (\$ mm):	1184.00
Share Class Assets (\$ mm):	396.00
Manager:	Phil Nordhus
Manager Tenure:	15 Years

### Portfolio Statistics

Alpha*:	2.04	P/E:	22.75
Beta*:	1.01	P/B:	2.66
Std Dev:	26.12	SEC Yield (%):	-
R2*:	98.48	Turnover:	41.60
	as of date 2/28/2021		as of date 3/31/2021

\*Best fit index: Morningstar US Small Cap TR USD

\*3-year statistic: Morningstar US Small Cap TR USD

### Top 10 Holdings (%)

as of 2/28/2021

Caesars Entertainment Inc / CZR	1.92
Principal Government Money Market Instl / PGVXX	1.68
Stifel Financial Corp / SF	1.55
Darling Ingredients Inc / DAR	1.54
Natera Inc / NTRA	1.50
Brookfield Renewable Corp Ordinary Shares - C	1.36
Atkore Inc / ATKR	1.33
Builders FirstSource Inc / BLDR	1.33
Sprout Social Inc Class A / SPT	1.31
Taylor Morrison Home Corp Class A / TMHC	1.26
% in Top 10 Holdings	14.79
# of Holdings	163

### Scorecard System

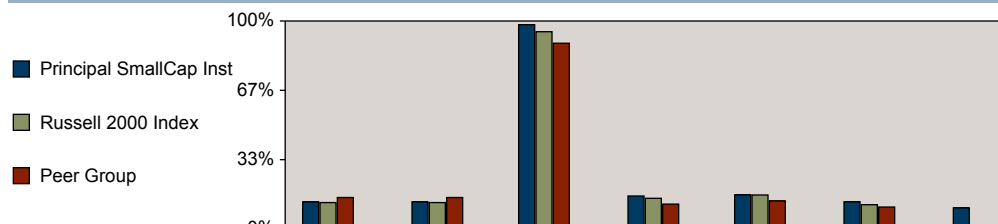
Active Strategies	Ticker	Style			Risk/Return			Peer Group		Qual. (2pt max)	Score 3/31/2021
		Style	Style Drift	R <sup>2</sup>	Risk / Return	Up / Down	Info Ratio	Return Rank	Info Ratio Rank		
Small Cap Blend											
Principal SmallCap Inst	PSLIX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10
		3.95/-76.40	24.80	97.00	21.08/16.41	98.49/97.67	0.01	15.00	15.00		SCB

Active Strategies	Score 3/31/2021	Score 12/31/2020	Score 9/30/2020	Score 6/30/2020	Score 3/31/2020	Score 12/31/2019	Score 9/30/2019	Score 6/30/2019
Principal SmallCap Inst	10	7	10	10	7	10	10	8
	SCB	SCB	SCB	SCB	SCB	SCB	SCB	SCB

The Scorecard System methodology incorporates both quantitative and qualitative factors into evaluating fund managers and their investment strategies. To be scored, there is a fund history requirement (5 years for active strategies and 3 years for passive strategies). The scoring system is built around pass/fail criteria, on a scale of 0-10 (with 10 being the best). 80% of the score is quantitative and 20% is qualitative. For Active and Asset Allocation Strategies, the scorecard factors are weighted 30% to style, 30% to risk/return, 20% to peer group rankings and 20% to qualitative factors (manager tenure, expense ratio relative to category average and strength of statistics). For Passive Strategies the scorecard factors are weighted 40% to style, 40% to peer group rankings and 20% to qualitative factors (expense ratio relative to category average, strength of statistics). For active, asset allocation and passive strategies, other significant factors may be considered into a fund's qualitative score. For further explanation of the Scorecard System, please refer to the Scorecard Tutorial.

### Performance Analysis

as of 3/31/2021



	Qtr	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Principal SmallCap Inst	13.02%	13.02%	98.23%	15.86%	16.41%	13.07%	10.14%
Russell 2000 Index	12.70%	12.70%	94.85%	14.76%	16.35%	11.68%	-
Peer Group Performance*	15.14%	15.14%	89.31%	11.96%	13.48%	10.55%	-
Peer Group Rank*	67	67	22	8	8	1	-
Peer Group Size (funds)*	-	-	656	609	512	361	-

\*Morningstar Peer Group: Small Blend

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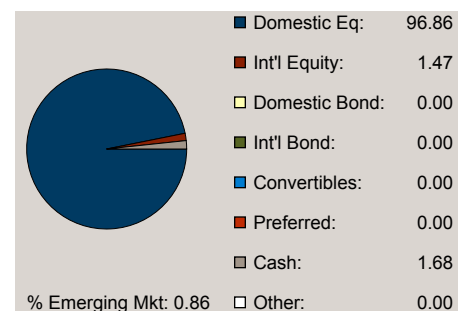
### Sector Allocation

as of 2/28/2021

Comm:	0.55	-
Energy:	2.12	-
Basic Materials:	2.19	-
Utilities:	2.85	-
Cons Defensive:	4.58	-
Real Estate:	5.15	-
Cons Cyclical:	14.76	-
Financial Services:	15.36	-
Industrials:	16.49	-
Technology:	17.28	-
Healthcare:	18.67	-

### Asset Allocation (%)

as of 2/28/2021



### Additional Information

Prospectus Net Exp. Ratio:	0.85
Prospectus Gross Exp. Ratio:	0.89
Avg Exp Ratio Morningstar (%):	1.05
12b-1 fees (%):	-
Closed - New Inv:	-
Closed - All Inv:	-
Min Investment:	\$0
Waiver Amt:	0.04
Waiver Exp Date:	2/28/2021
Strategy Inception:	12/6/2000
Share Class Inception:	3/1/2001

# Fund Fact Sheet Disclosures

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current Performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted.

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Performance data is subject to change without prior notice.

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The information used in the analysis has been taken from sources deemed to be reliable, including, third-party providers such as Markov Processes International, Morningstar, firms who manage the investments, and/or the retirement plan providers who offer the funds.

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Fund scores will change as the performance of the funds change and as certain factors measured in the qualitative category change (e.g., manager tenure). Fund scores are not expected to change dramatically from each measured period, however, there is no guarantee this will be the case. Scores will change depending on the changes in the underlying pre-specified Scorecard factors.

Neither past performance nor statistics calculated using past performance is a guarantee of a fund's future performance. Likewise, a fund's score using 401(k) Advisor's Scorecard<sup>SM</sup> System does not guarantee the future performance or style consistency of a fund.

The purpose of this report is to assist fiduciaries in selecting and monitoring investment options. A fund's score is meant to be used by the plan sponsor and/or fiduciaries as a tool for selecting the most appropriate fund.

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# Asset Class Definitions

**Conservative (CON):** a diversified asset allocation strategy including equity with an emphasis on fixed income. Demonstrates a lower overall volatility (risk) level when compared to the other asset allocation categories.

**Moderate Conservative (MC):** a diversified asset allocation strategy including equity and fixed income. Demonstrates a higher overall volatility (risk) level when compared to CON, but lower volatility level when compared to MOD, MA and AGG.

**Moderate (MOD):** a diversified asset allocation strategy including equity and fixed income. Demonstrates a higher overall volatility (risk) level when compared to CON and MC, but lower volatility level when compared to MA and AGG.

**Moderate Aggressive (MA):** a diversified asset allocation strategy including equity and fixed income. Demonstrates a higher overall volatility (risk) level when compared to CON, MC, and MOD, but lower volatility level when compared to AGG.

**Aggressive (AGG):** a diversified asset allocation strategy including fixed income with an emphasis on equity. Demonstrates a higher overall volatility (risk) level when compared to the other asset allocation categories.

**Large Cap Value (LCV):** large capitalization companies who have lower prices in relation to their earnings or book value.

**Large Cap Blend (LCB):** large capitalization companies who display both value and growth-like characteristics.

**Large Cap Growth (LCG):** large capitalization companies who have higher prices relative to their earnings or book value, generally due to a higher forecasted or expected growth rate.

**Mid Cap Value (MCV):** mid-capitalization companies who have lower prices in relation to their earnings or book value.

**Mid Cap Blend (MCB):** mid-capitalization companies who display both value and growth-like characteristics.

**Mid Cap Growth (MCG):** mid-capitalization companies who have higher prices relative to their earnings or book value, generally due to a higher expected growth rate.

**Small Cap Value (SCV):** small capitalization companies who have lower prices in relation to their earnings or book value.

**Small Cap Blend (SCB):** small capitalization companies who display both value and growth-like characteristics.

**Small Cap Growth (SCG):** small capitalization companies who have higher prices relative to their earnings or book value, generally due to a higher forecasted or expected growth rate.

**International Large Cap Value (ILCV):** primarily large capitalization foreign companies displaying both value-like characteristics.

**International Large Cap Blend (ILCB):** primarily large capitalization foreign companies displaying both value and growth-like characteristics.

**International Large Cap Growth (ILCG):** primarily large capitalization foreign companies displaying both growth-like characteristics.

**International Small-Mid Cap Value (ISMV):** primarily small and mid capitalization foreign companies displaying both value-like characteristics.

**International Small-Mid Cap Growth (ISMG):** primarily small and mid capitalization foreign companies displaying both growth-like characteristics.

**Emerging Market Equity (EME):** foreign companies in countries that are not considered to have fully developed markets or economies.

**Global Equity (GE):** large capitalization domestic and foreign companies displaying both value and growth-like characteristics.

**Core Fixed Income (CFI):** domestic fixed income securities representing a broad array of fixed income securities including government, credit and mortgage backed securities.

**Intermediate Government (IG):** domestic Government or Government-backed fixed income securities.

**U.S. Government TIPS (UGT):** treasury inflation protected securities which are Government securities designed to offer inflation protection by adjusting the principal based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

**Short-Term Bond (STB):** a broad array of fixed income securities that have short durations and/or maturities (typically 1-3 years).

**High Yield (HY):** below investment grade domestic fixed income securities, which have a higher likelihood of default.

**Global Fixed Income (GFI):** a broad array of fixed income securities across many different countries.

**Multisector Bond (MB):** a broad array of fixed income securities across many different sectors including domestic government, corporate, sovereign and emerging markets debt. They generally have few limitations when it comes to domicile, sectors, maturities or credit ratings.

**Specialty Fixed Income (SFI):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on utility companies.

**Stable Value (SV):** a conservative fixed income strategy that is designed to preserve capital.

**Money Market (MM):** conservative, short-term oriented money market securities.

**Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIC):** products that have some type of guarantee from the issuer or provider.

**REIT (RE):** real estate securities traded on a stock exchange.

**Technology (TEC):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on technology related companies.

**Natural Resources (NR):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on natural resource related companies.

**HealthCare (HC):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on healthcare related companies.

**Communication (COM):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on communications related companies.

**Financial Services (FS):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on financial services companies.

**Utilities (UTI):** a particular segment of the stock market focused on utility companies.

**Specialty (SPC):** a unique area of the market.

**-P:** Asset Class abbreviations with a “-P” after the abbreviation indicate that the strategy was classified as passively managed. When not indicated, all other strategies are classified as actively managed and/or asset allocation.

# Investment Risk Disclosures

Consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of the investment company carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the investment company. Please contact your advisor for the most recent prospectus. Prospectus should be read carefully before investing.

**International/Emerging Markets:** The investor should note that funds that invest in international securities involve special additional risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, political risk, and risk associated with varying accounting standards. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.

**Sector Funds:** The investor should note that funds that invest exclusively in one sector or industry involve additional risks. The lack of industry diversification subjects the investor to increased industry-specific risks.

**Non-Diversified Funds:** The investor should note that funds that invest more of their assets in a single issuer involve additional risks, including share price fluctuations, because of the increased concentration of investments.

**Small-Cap Stocks:** The investor should note that funds that invest in stocks of small cap companies involve additional risks. Smaller companies typically have a higher risk of failure, and are not as well established as larger blue-chip companies. Historically, smaller-company stocks have experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the overall market average.

**Mid-Cap Stocks:** The investor should note that funds that invest in companies with market capitalization below \$10 billion involve additional risks. The securities of these companies may be more volatile and less liquid than the securities of larger companies.

**High-Yield Bonds:** The investor should note that funds that invest in lower-rated debt securities (commonly referred to as junk bonds) involve additional

risks because of the lower credit quality of the securities in the portfolio. The investor should be aware of the possible higher level of volatility, and increased risk of default.

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**Stable Value Funds:** The investor should note that these funds invest in short to intermediate term securities that can and may lose value. These funds, while managed to protect principal, do not guarantee the investor's principal, nor are they insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency.

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**Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIC):** Contract that guarantees the repayment of principal and a fixed or floating rate over a specified period of time. The guarantee is backed by the provider, typically an insurance company.

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