

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2012

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: **January 18, 2012**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>1-16725</b>	<b>42-1520346</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**711 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50392**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(515) 247-5111**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item**  
**7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

This report is filed quarterly to disclose assets under management ("AUM") by asset manager, prior to the availability of Principal Financial Group, Inc's (the "Company") quarterly earnings release. The amounts presented herein will be consistent with the format of AUM by asset manager and presented again in such format within the Company's financial supplement for the quarter ended December 31, 2011 when that document is posted to the Company's investor relations web site on or about February 2, 2012. AUM may include assets managed directly and pursuant to dual employment agreements among affiliated companies.

As of December 31, 2011, the assets under management by asset manager were \$227.8 billion for Principal Global Investors and \$50.5 billion for Principal International.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ John Egan  
Name: John Egan  
Title: Vice President – Investor Relations

Date: January 18, 2012