PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 8-K April 16, 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: **April 16, 2012** (Date of earliest event reported)

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16725

42-1520346

(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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		(17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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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 March 31, 2012 when that document is posted to the Company's investor relations web site

on or about April 26, 2012. AUM may include assets managed directly and pursuant to dual

employment agreements among affiliated companies.

As of March 31, 2012, the assets under management by asset manager were \$242.2 billion for

Principal Global Investors and \$56.6 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: <u>/s/ John Egan</u>

Name: John Egan

Title: Vice President - Investor Relations

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