

# TEN REASONS TO CHOOSE THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP® FOR YOUR EMPLOYER-SPONSORED RETIREMENT PLAN

*Our value promise: We work to motivate and inspire positive financial actions that can achieve measurable results toward your retirement plan goals.*

## 1. GLOBAL, DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES



- ▶ Venerable – More than 130 years of experience
- ▶ Fortune 500 company
- ▶ \$591.6 billion in assets under management<sup>1</sup>

## 2. RETIREMENT IS THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS



- ▶ Retirement operations account for more than 96% of assets under management<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Over 5 million plan participants served<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Greater than 70 years of experience in retirement plan services

## 3. POWERFUL PARTICIPANT EDUCATION



- ▶ **Know Your Score:** Every participant has a Retirement Wellness Score easily viewable and quickly adjustable on the participant website
- ▶ Printed materials and mobile-ready online tools available to help meet participant education needs throughout life stages
- ▶ Periodic online participant e-magazine delivered directly to inboxes
- ▶ Interactive voice response system and access to live world-class telephone support



## 4. FOCUS ON CLIENT SERVICE



- ▶ A national presence – more than 50 local support offices
- ▶ Over 3,600 employees dedicated to retirement plan services.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ 90% overall satisfaction with client service team.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ A written Service Warranty providing you with a level of indemnification, at no additional fee\*

## 5. OUTCOME-BASED RETIREMENT INVESTMENT EXPERTISE

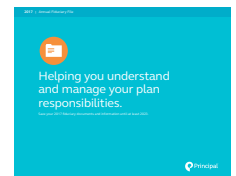


- ▶ Investment options that seek to address three key risks: volatility, inflation and longevity
- ▶ Global investment management means access to institutional-quality\* investment options
- ▶ Multi-boutique strategy of investment managers provides an expanded range of investment capabilities and a deeper degree of specialization

## 6. FIDUCIARY SUPPORT



- ▶ Fiduciary Handbook
- ▶ Annual Fiduciary File
- ▶ Information, tools, services and communication assistance to help make your fiduciary responsibility easier



## 7. FULL SPECTRUM OF CAPABILITIES



- ▶ Principal Total Retirement Suite<sup>SM</sup> offers total retirement solutions with the four main types of employer-sponsored retirement plans
- ▶ Two service options:
  - Full-service bundled
  - Full-service with a third party administrator (TPA)
- ▶ Among the leading service providers in all four plan types<sup>3</sup>

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

NONQUALIFIED PLANS

EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS

## 8. INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY ON YOUR SIDE



- ▶ Named to InformationWeek magazine's list of Top 500 IT Innovators for 17 consecutive years
- ▶ Award-winning defined contribution plan sponsor and participant website (Dalbar 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 WebMonitor Program)
- ▶ Commitment to ongoing cyber security to protect against threats to data
- ▶ Express Processing<sup>SM</sup>: A proprietary recordkeeping system for retirement plan data keeps internal and external information up-to-date and accurate

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## 9. ACCESS TO ONLINE DATA MANAGEMENT



- ▶ On principal.com, you can:
  - Easily manage plan and participant data through a convenient and secure interface
  - Conduct plan administrative tasks online
  - Track participants' eligibility and key enrollment dates
  - Review retirement plan reports
  - Integrate with your payroll service provider

## 10. INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY SUPPORT AND SERVICES



- ▶ We make available a range of investment fiduciary support and services
  - Principal Life provides support to cover the fiduciary concerns regarding Qualified Default Investment Alternatives (QDIA) and prudent monitoring and selection through the due diligence process for Sub-Advised Investment Option managers
  - Principal Life also provides plan sponsors and financial professionals a level of indemnification protection through our due diligence and third party fiduciary services<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The Principal Financial Group, as of June 30, 2016

<sup>2</sup>The Principal Financial Group, as of Dec 2016

<sup>3</sup>Based on number of recordkeeping plans, PLANSPONSOR Recordkeeping Survey, June 2016. Based on total number of NQDC plans, PLANSPONSOR NQDC 2015 Buyer's Guide, July 2015. Based on number of plans, PLANSPONSOR Recordkeeping Survey, June 2016. PLANSPONSOR DB Administration survey, May 2015.

<sup>4</sup>A level of indemnification protection offers protection on Broad Range Requirement under ERISA 404©, Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA) and prudent process for selection and monitoring.

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