

# Principal Global Technology Fund - Class USD

31 March 2024



## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital appreciation through investments in one collective investment scheme, which invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of technology related companies. The Fund will invest 95% of its NAV in the Franklin Technology Fund Class I (USD), which is an institutional share class denominated in USD (Target Fund). The Target Fund invests at least two thirds of its net invested assets in equity securities of US and non US companies expected to benefit from the development, advancement, and use of technology and communication services and equipment.

## Lipper Score

Total Return

Consistent Return

5

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## Morningstar Rating

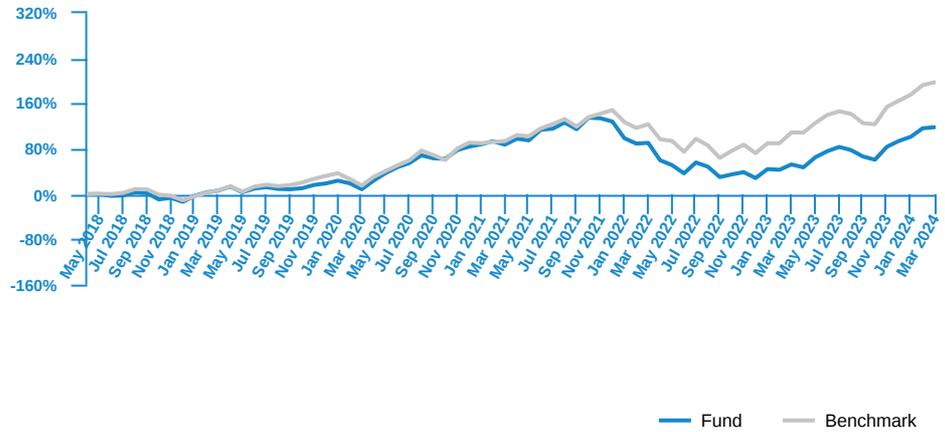
Sustainability



## Fund Information

<b>ISIN Code</b>	MYU1002GG007
<b>Lipper ID</b>	68490901
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	CPGTUSD MK
<b>Domicile</b>	Malaysia
<b>Currency</b>	USD
<b>Base Currency</b>	USD
<b>Fund Inception</b>	17 May 2018
<b>Benchmark</b>	The Fund adheres to the benchmark of the Target Fund for performance comparison. The benchmark of the Target Fund is MSCI World Information Technology Index
<b>Application Fee</b>	Up to 5.50% of the NAV per unit
<b>Management Fee</b>	Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of the Class
<b>Trustee Fee</b>	Up to 0.06% per annum of the NAV of the Fund
<b>Fund Size (USD)</b>	USD 38.71 million
<b>Fund Unit</b>	29.24 million units
<b>NAV per unit (As at 31 Mar 2024)</b>	USD 1.3241
<b>Initial Offering Period (IOP) Date</b>	7 Jun 2018
<b>Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price</b>	USD 1.00

## Fund Performance



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

Cumulative Performance (%)								
	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
<b>Fund</b>	12.52	0.87	12.52	31.10	43.12	16.42	105.04	118.39
<b>Benchmark</b>	12.35	1.71	12.35	32.12	42.46	53.73	178.41	197.93

Calendar Year Returns (%)							
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
<b>Fund</b>	51.12	-43.77	24.03	54.78	37.51	N/A	
<b>Benchmark</b>	53.66	-30.60	30.15	44.26	48.15	N/A	

Most Recent Fund Distributions			
	2022 Sep	2021 Sep	2020 Aug
<b>Gross (cent/unit)</b>	3.45	3.49	4.55
<b>Annualised Yield (%)</b>	4.37	2.37	2.84

Most Recent Unit Splits			
	2020 Sep		
<b>Ratio</b>			1:2

Note: May 2018 to March 2024.

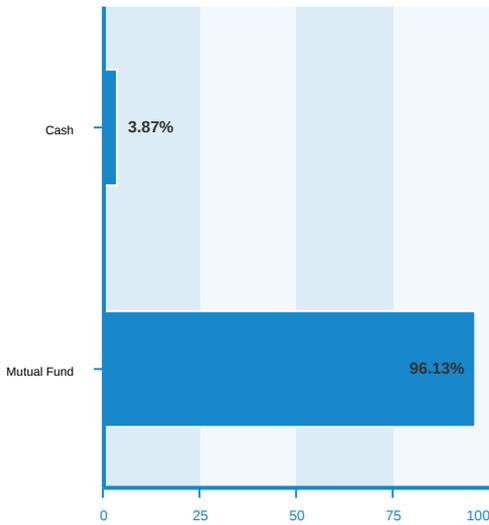
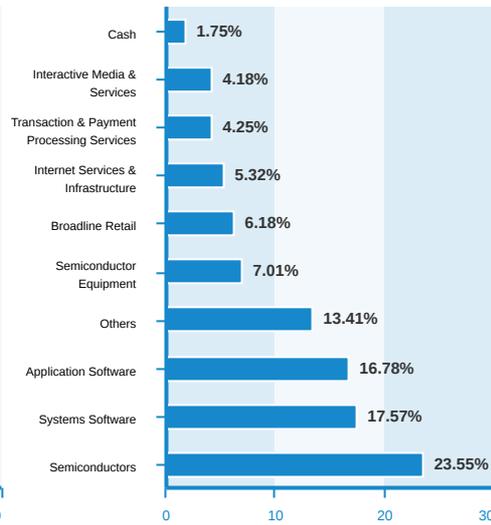
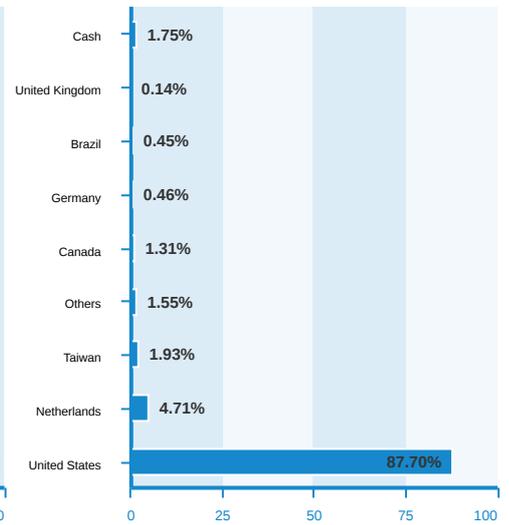
Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV.

Source : Lipper

Top Holdings *	Country	% of Net Assets	Fund Risk Statistics	
Nvidia Corporation	United States	8.73	<b>Beta</b>	1.09
Microsoft Corporation	United States	7.73	<b>Information Ratio</b>	-0.34
Amazon.Com Inc	United States	6.18	<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	0.03
ASML Holding NV	Netherlands	3.28	(3 years monthly data)	
ServiceNow Inc	United States	3.22		
Mastercard Inc	United States	3.18		
Apple Inc	United States	2.85		
Synopsys Inc	United States	2.83		
Advanced Micro Devices Inc	United States	2.51		
Intuit Inc	United States	2.34		

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Any repeated issuer shown means same issuer with different coupon rate and/or maturity date. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

**Asset Allocation (%)****Sector Allocation (%) \*****Regional Allocation (%) \***

\* Of the target fund

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 will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

**Fund Manager's Report**

The Fund increased by 0.87% during the month, underperformed the benchmark by 0.84%

Global equities collectively posted strong gains for the first quarter of 2024 as the extended a five-month rally. Optimism about an economic soft landing in certain regions bolstered investor sentiment. Meanwhile, expectation for interest-rate cuts in the U.S. and Europe diminished amid cautious central bank comments, along with higher-than-anticipated inflation data. Developed market equities collectively reached a new record high and modestly outperformed a global index and global growth stocks outpaced global value stocks. Within the IT sector, the standout industry-level performers were semiconductor, semiconductor materials/equipment, and systems software companies, while tech hardware makers and IT services firm were notable laggards.

The fund's return lagged the index in March as the positive impact of a beneficial allocation mix was overwhelmed by a detrimental stock selection. In the wake of another quarter of robust earnings results for IT, a few factors that could drive strong sector returns in the coming months, (1) Inflection in revenue and earnings growth after several quarters of post-pandemic demand digestion; (2) Resilient secular demand for digital transformation (DT) and the 'application' phase of generative AI; (3) Stable inflation and interest-rate environment; (4) Reasonable equity valuations on an earnings growth-relative basis.

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Carefully consider a fund's objective, risks, charges and expenses.

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