

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 8-K

October 26, 2009

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: **October 26, 2009**
(Date of earliest event reported)

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item
7.01**

This report is filed quarterly to disclose assets under management by asset manager, prior to the availability of Principal Financial Group, Inc.'s (the "Company") quarterly earnings materials. The amounts presented herein will be consistent with the format of assets under management by asset manager and presented again in such format within the Company's financial supplement for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 when that document is posted to the Company's investor relations web site on or about November 2, 2009.

As of September 30, 2009, the assets under management by asset manager were \$206.1 billion for Principal Global Investors and \$28.1 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.

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President Investor

By: /s/ Thomas J.

Name: Thomas J. Graf

Title: Senior Vice

Relations

Date: October 26, 2009
