

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 2015

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: August 18, 2015  
(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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On August 19, 2015, in connection with action taken by the Board of Directors of Principal Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company"), the Company announced the promotion of Daniel J. Houston to the position of president and chief executive officer, effective August 18, 2015. Mr. Houston previously held the position of president and chief operating officer. Larry D. Zimpleman previously served as the Company's chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Zimpleman will continue to serve as chairman. The text of the announcement is included with this report as Exhibit 99.

Mr. Houston's annual salary will be \$775,000, subject to periodic adjustment in accordance with the Company's regular salary review policy. In addition, Mr. Houston will continue to participate in the Company's annual and long-term incentive compensation plans, qualified and non-qualified savings and retirement plans and other benefits as described in the Company's current proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 8, 2015. Mr. Houston's annual incentive award opportunity has been increased from 200% to 350% of his current base salary for target performance. Realized compensation may vary considerably above or below the target award opportunity based upon performance results.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release Announcing Houston Promotion

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/ Karen E. Shaff  
Name: Karen E. Shaff  
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

Date: August 19, 2015