

PRINCIPAL MUTUAL FUND

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PRINCIPAL TAX SAVINGS FUND ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018-19

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRUSTEES TO PRINCIPAL MUTUAL FUND – PRINCIPAL TAX SAVINGS FUND

Report on the abridged financial statements

The accompanying abridged financial statements, which comprise of the abridged balance sheet as at 31 March 2019 and the abridged revenue account for the year ended 31 March 2019 and related notes of Principal Tax Savings Fund (the 'Scheme') are derived from the audited financial statements of the Scheme as at 31 March 2019 and for the year ended 31 March, 2019. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 24 July 2019.

These abridged financial statements have been prepared by Principal Asset Management Company Private Limited, the Scheme's Asset Manager (the 'AMC') pursuant to Regulation 56 (1) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and amendments thereto (the 'SEBI Regulations') and as per the format prescribed by SEBI vide circular number SEBI/IMD/CIR No.8/132968/2008 dated 24 July 2008 (the 'Circular') and are derived from the audited financial statements as at 31 March 2019 and for the year ended 31 March 2019, prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and standards specified in the Ninth Schedule to the SEBI Regulations and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in India to the extent applicable and covered by our report of even date to the Trustees of Principal Mutual Fund.

The abridged financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting policies and standards specified in the Ninth Schedule to the SEBI Regulations. Reading the abridged financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Scheme.

Management's responsibility for the Abridged Financial Statements

The Schemes' management and the Board of Directors of Principal Trustee Company Private Limited (the 'Trustee') and Principal Asset Management Private Limited (the 'AMC') (collectively referred to as 'Management') are responsible for the preparation of the abridged financial statements from the audited financial statements of the Scheme pursuant to Regulation 56 (1) of the SEBI Regulations, and in accordance with the format prescribed by SEBI vide circular number SEBI/IMD/CIR No.8/132968/2008 dated 24 July 2008.

In preparing the audited financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and

using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Scheme or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the abridged financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Standard on Auditing (SA) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

We are also responsible to conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Scheme to cease to continue as a going concern.

Opinion

In our opinion, the abridged financial statements, derived from the audited financial statements of the Scheme as at 31 March 2019 and for the year ended 31 March 2019 are a fair summary of those financial statements, and are in accordance with the accounting policies and standards specified in the Ninth Schedule to the SEBI Regulations and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in India to the extent applicable and as per the format prescribed by SEBI circular number SEBI/IMD/CIR No.8/132968/2008 dated 24 July 2008.

For B S R & Co. LLP

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No: 101248W/100022

Sd/-

Milind Ranade

Partner

Membership No: 100564

UDIN:19100564AAAACL4219

Mumbai

24 July 2019

TRUSTEE REPORT

To the Unitholders,

Directors of Principal Trustee Company Private Limited have the pleasure in presenting the Twenty Fifth Annual Report along with the audited financial statements of the Schemes of Principal Mutual Fund for the Financial Year 2018-2019.

1. Scheme Performance, Future Outlook and Operations of the Scheme:

(a) Equity Schemes - Overview during Financial Year 2018-2019

Returns from Indian equity markets were uneven for different segments of the market during FY 2018-19. While the NSE Nifty index which comprises 50 large cap names was up by 14.93% during the year, the BSE midcap index and the BSE small cap index were down 3.03% and 11.57% respectively during this period. Even within the large cap indices, few stocks contributed to most of the returns in the index. As an example, price rise in just five stocks contributed to 80% of the total rise in the Nifty during FY 2018-19.

Macroeconomic conditions for India remained benign through FY 18-19 except for the Rupee which was volatile especially around September-October. For the year, the Rupee was weaker by 6% against the USD. Government revenues for FY 18-19 were under pressure as both direct and indirect tax collections were below revised estimates for the year. However, the government was able to manage the fiscal slippage both by expenditure compression and by off balance sheet financing. CPI inflation moderated in the year through February '19 and though it rose in March 2019, it remained well within the comfort zone of the RBI.

In terms of flows into equity markets, Mutual funds had net inflows of ₹ 87,348 crores. However, the flows were front ended with 88% of these coming in the first seven months (April to October). Strong flows from Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in the last quarter of FY 18-19 took net FPI flows to near zero levels for the full year as against negative inflows in the first three quarters.

Global newsflow was mixed during the year. In the first half of FY 18-19, financial conditions tightened as US bond yields rose, the USD gained strength (it gained 8% between March and November 2018) and oil prices were higher (gaining 18% between March and September). Trade issues between US and China dominated headlines throughout the year and had a negative impact on market sentiment.

In India, the default by IL&FS and its associate entities towards their debt obligations in September had ramifications both in fixed income and equity markets. Concerns about credit quality and asset liability mismatches in some NBFCs and housing finance companies (HFCs) led to funding becoming more difficult for them both from banks and mutual funds. This tightening of credit conditions in the economy for the second half of FY 18-19 had an impact on the demand conditions in the real economy. There was a perceptible slowdown in automobile demand in H2, FY 18-19 though other factors beside lower availability of credit were also responsible.

	29-Mar-19				
	Index	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)
Broad Markets					
Nifty 50	11624	7.70	7.01	6.34	14.93
S&PBSE Sensex	38673	7.82	7.22	6.75	17.30
S&PBSE 100	11809	7.47	5.81	6.00	12.44
S&PBSE 200	4908	7.56	5.46	5.96	10.71
S&PBSE 500	15305	7.80	5.26	5.94	8.35

S&PBSE MID CAP	15480	8.11	0.27	4.85	-3.03
S&PBSE SMALL CAP	15027	9.77	2.18	4.13	-11.57
Sectoral Performance					
S&PBSE AUTO	18825	0.10	-9.64	-12.35	-21.75
S&PBSE Bankex	34142	13.70	12.40	21.97	25.53
S&PBSE CD	23857	11.43	15.28	24.68	7.16
S&PBSE CG	18472	8.10	-1.85	7.97	-0.03
S&PBSE FMCG	11742	3.42	-0.74	2.08	14.10
S&PBSE HC	14408	4.70	3.48	-4.11	9.50
S&PBSE METAL	11355	5.47	-4.09	-14.49	-14.76
S&PBSE Oil & Gas	15270	10.63	11.06	2.79	4.48
S&PBSE PSU	7640	13.42	5.58	6.54	-2.81
S&PBSE Teck	7622	0.41	7.86	-1.41	17.02

Source – MFI Explorer

(b) Debt Schemes – Overview during Financial Year 2018-2019

During the Financial Year 2018-19, debt market saw two phases in movement in interest rates. The RBI started the year with policy rate at 6% in April 2018, moving it up to 6.5% by Aug 2018 and then cutting rates again to 6.25% by Feb 2019. Through the financial year, inflation remain well anchored with CPI remain ranged between 4.28% to 2.86% between March 2018 and March 2019 while GDP data deteriorated materially to 5.8% for Q4FY19 from 8.1% in Q4FY18.

In the first half of the FY (April to Sep 2018) the Indian Government 10 year benchmark went up sharply peaking out at 8.02% in Sep 2018 from 7.40% in Apr 2018. This was in the background of Brent crude prices moving up from 68.83 USD per barrel to app. 82USD per barrel as on Sep 2018, INR depreciating to 72.49 from 65.18 and ten year US Treasuries moving from 2.78% to 3.06% in the same period. Thereafter in the second half (Oct 2018 to March 2019), yields had a steady movement downwards. The Indian Government 10 year benchmark moved down to 7.35% in March 2019 from 8.02% in Sep 2018. This was in the background of Brent crude prices falling to app. 67.5 USD per barrel in March 2019 from 82USD per barrel in Sep 2018, INR appreciating to 69.16 from 72.49 and ten year US Treasuries rallying down from 3.06% to 2.41% in the same period. Higher oil prices, higher global treasuries, depreciating currency and RBI in a rate hike mode were the main reasons contributing to the increase in yields in the first half. Thereafter a falling trend in Brent crude price, decreasing US, appreciating currency and RBI in a rate cut mode towards the second half of the year resulted in decline in yields. The yields came down also because in the second half, RBI injected durable liquidity via OMOs (purchase of dated gsecs) close to ₹ 3 lakh crore. The OMOs got necessitated as banking system liquidity went into decisive deficit zone oct onwards due to slow down in expenditure by GOI to maintain fiscal deficit.

The debt market got impacted severely in the middle of the year with a large AAA rated company defaulting in its obligations from Sep 2018 onwards. This impacted the credit spreads materially reflected in widening of spreads even for AAA corporate bonds. The AAA Corp bond 10 year spread moved higher to 103bps from app 61bps between March 2018 and 2019. The spreads for lower rated corporates especially NBFCs/HFCs moved up even higher. Yields on one year CDs rose to almost 8.7% in Sep 2018 from 7.37% in March 2018 before normalizing to 7.48% in March 2019. This

movement was also reflected in One year T bill levels which rose to 7.65%, from 6.47% in March 2018 before normalizing to 6.37% in March 2019.

Fiscal deficit for 2018-19 came in at 3.4% of GDP, a slight slippage from the original budgeted estimate of 3.3% mainly by curtailing expenditure and postponing subsidies. This was necessitated due to lower than budgeted revenues both through direct taxes and indirect taxes.

On the global front the Federal Reserve Bank in the US effected three rates hike- in June 2018, Sep 2018 and Dec 2018. Each time the rates were increased by 0.25% The Fed Funds rate ended FY 2019 in the range of 2.25%-2.5% vs 1.50% - 1.75% at the end of March 2018. Among other important global events, trade protectionism measures imposed by the US Trump government has led to counter tariff impositions by China and other targeted countries leading to fears of escalating trade tensions and impact on global growth. This has led to a safe heaven buying of UST resulting in significant fall in yields. The resulted impact on potential slowdown in growth prompted RBI to begin its rate cut journey with first cut in Feb 2019 changing policy rate to 6.25% from 6.5%. Despite this the policy rate ended the year at 25bps higher than March 2018 when it was at 6%

Performance of Scheme as on March 29, 2019:

Principal Tax Savings Fund – An open ended equity linked saving scheme with a statutory lock in of 3 years and tax benefit.

Period	Date	Appreciation (%)	
		Scheme Returns (%)/##	Nifty 500 TRI
Regular Plan			
Last 1 Year	28-Mar-2018	2.43	9.70
Last 3 Years	31-Mar-2016	16.68	15.88
Last 5 Years	31-Mar-2014	16.45	14.42
Since Inception	31-Mar-96	16.20	13.65
Direct Plan			
Last 1 Year	28-Mar-2018	3.34	9.70
Last 3 Years	31-Mar-2016	17.32	15.88
Last 5 Years	31-Mar-2014	17.07	14.42
Since Inception	1-Jan-13	16.02	13.21

Note: Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future

##Returns have been calculated assuming that the Dividend have been re-invested.

During the Financial Year 2018-2019, the Scheme underperformed the benchmark as underweight positions in IT sector, significant exposure to mid and small cap stocks and adverse stock selection in financial sector hurt the fund.

The net assets of the Scheme amounted to ₹ 408.01 Crs as at March 31, 2019 as compared to ₹ 375.50 Crs as at March 31, 2018.

Outlook and Operations of the Scheme:

a. Equity Market:

Post the formation of the new government at the centre, market participants await the union budget. While the budget may not be too different from the interim budget presented in February in terms of numbers, the market will watch for direction of policy in the budget speech and will look for further steps in the direction of improving 'ease of doing business'. The fiscal stance of the government and expenditure management will be of particular interest given that government revenues have been under pressure in the past few quarters. However, we do expect GST revenues to continue to show improvement as the government gets strict with implementation and on defaulters. There could be some relief to the government if some portion of RBI excess reserves are transferred to it.

The market will watch for the progress of the monsoon which has been delayed and patchy in June. While this has delayed sowing, there could be some impact on food price inflation if monsoon rains are below normal. Consumer demand sentiment is weak currently, especially for automobiles and consumer durables. While the situation of tight credit for NBFCs and housing finance companies is better than it was, and select companies are able to raise funds, we think it will take some time for things to stabilize and become normal.

The consensus estimates for earnings growth for the Nifty for FY 20 are in the range of 20-25%. More than half of the growth in earnings is expected to come from financials as banks have provided for past stressed assets and incremental slippages have been moderate. However, if there are negative surprises in this regard from banks or from other sectors given that GDP numbers point to a slowing economy, the earnings estimates for FY 20 would be revised down. The market valuations are at slight premium to historical valuations. We think given the challenges, it is likely that FY 20 will be another year of moderate returns from equity.

b. Debt Market:

RBI has reduced repo rate for the third time by 25bps in June 2019 taking the policy rate to 5.75. This was also accompanied with change in the stance of policy. The policy stance which was 'neutral' during the whole of last financial year; has been now changed to 'accommodative'. Going forward given the change in stance, we rule out any more rate hikes. In the visible future we expect RBI may further reduce policy rates in range of 25-50 bps based on evolving market conditions. We believe that GDP data which was mere 5.8% in Jan-Feb-Mar 2019 quarter is not likely to significantly improve given all round slow down visible in consumption and investment data points. The monthly auto sales (two wheeler, commercial vehicles and passenger car), export-import data, credit growth data especially by nbfc which has slowed down disbursements either due to lack of funding availability or due to prudent liquidity policies, unsold housing inventory, rural consumption trend as reflected in recent consumer company results, global trade war related tensions etc all point towards lack of probability of any 'u' shape recovery in growth. India's growth also is currently impacted by growth slowdown globally as reflected in recent downwards revision in the world oil demand by OPEC nations. On the other hand, inflation looks well anchored to remain in the comfort zone of the policy maker (4+-2%) especially after material reduction in core inflation numbers in recent months. Inflation should also remain supported due to lower cost of landed price of fuel in the visible future. Given the growth-inflation dynamics have turned towards necessity to focus more on growth slowdown rather than threat of any increase in inflation, we foresee RBI to remain accommodative for visible future.

While gilt, corporate bond and money market rates have been falling following RBI rate cuts over few months, we believe they will remain supported from here onwards with volatility in small range. However we also believe RBI will ensure enough liquidity is available at any point of time to ensure smooth flow of credit in the system. The ongoing NBFC/HFC crisis is a threat which if not focused on can result in incrementally more damages and hence believe government would take appropriate steps to stem any further impact.

Operations:

Principal Mutual Fund (PMF) as at March 31, 2019 offered Twenty Two Schemes. These include Ten Equity Schemes (including two Equity Linked Savings Schemes), one Balanced Scheme, One Fund of Funds Scheme (Overseas), Three Retirement Savings Fund (one fund with three Plans with different asset allocation), and Seven Debt Schemes/Plans including one Liquid Scheme. The total assets under management across all these Schemes as on March 31, 2019 was ₹ 7,264.98 Crore.

The AMC operates out of 11 branches, including Mumbai. Increased use of technology coupled with optimum allocation and utilization of resources has helped us to enhance operational efficiency at PMF. During the year, SEBI has introduced significant changes to the MF regulations which has impacted the industry as a whole. PMF has continued to modify its processes, wherever required, to remain compliant with the said regulations at all times.

In line with the above SEBI circular SEBI/HO/IMD/DF3/CIR/P/2017/114 dated October 06, 2017 w.r.t Categorization and Rationalization of Mutual Fund Schemes, below is the gist of changes in the schemes of Principal Mutual Fund:

Erstwhile Scheme Name	Changes carried out to the scheme (Fundamental Attributes change/ Change in type of scheme/ No Change)	Revised Scheme Name	Effective date for Change in fundamental attributes
Principal Emerging Bluechip Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	No change	April 23, 2018
Principal Arbitrage Fund	Change in type of scheme	No change	Not applicable
Principal Dividend Yield Fund	Change in type of scheme	No change	Not applicable
Principal Growth Fund	Change in type of scheme	Principal Multi Cap Growth Fund	Not applicable
Principal Dynamic Bond Fund	Change in type of scheme	No change	Not applicable
Principal Tax Savings Fund	Change in type of scheme	No change	Not applicable
Principal Equity Savings Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	No change	May 10, 2018
Principal Large Cap Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Focused Multicap Fund	May 10, 2018
Principal Index Fund - Nifty	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Nifty 100 Equal Weight Fund	May 10, 2018
Principal Global Opportunities Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	No change	May 14, 2018
Principal Money Manager Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Ultra Short Term Fund	May 16, 2018
Principal Short Term Income Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Short Term Debt Fund	May 18, 2018
Principal Low Duration Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	No change	May 18, 2018
Principal Debt Saving Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Corporate Bond Fund	May 18, 2018
Principal Credit Opportunities Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Credit Risk Fund	May 18, 2018
Principal Smart Equity Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Balanced Advantage Fund	June 04, 2018
Principal Personal Tax Saver Fund	Change in type of scheme	No change	June 10, 2018
Principal Cash Management Fund	No Change	No change	Not applicable
Principal Balanced Fund	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Hybrid Equity Fund	June 11, 2018
Principal Asset Allocation Fund of Funds with three separate plans namely:	Change in Fundamental Attributes	Principal Retirement Savings Fund with three separate plans namely:	June 11, 2018
i) Conservative Plan		i) Conservative Plan	
ii) Moderate Plan		ii) Moderate Plan	
iii) Aggressive Plan		iii) Progressive Plan	

Brief background of Sponsors, Trust, Trustee Co. and AMC Co.

A. Sponsor and Constitution of the Mutual Fund

Principal Mutual Fund is sponsored by Principal Financial Services Inc., USA [acting through its wholly owned subsidiaries Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Ltd. and Principal International India Ltd], Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Ltd. is the Settlor of the Mutual Fund Trust with Principal International India Ltd as co-settlor. The settlors have entrusted a sum of ₹ 25 lakhs to the Trustee as the initial contribution towards the corpus of the Mutual Fund. Principal Financial Services Inc. is a member of the Principal Financial Group - a leading provider of financial products and services globally to businesses and individuals including retirement and investment services, Mutual Funds, life and health insurance, annuities and mortgage banking. Established in 1879, the Principal Financial Group has more than \$675.4 billion in assets under management and serves 24 million customers with offices in 25 countries throughout Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and North America (as on March 31, 2019). The business of Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Limited, is to carry out business activities which are not prohibited under the Laws of Mauritius and the laws of the countries where the Company is transacting business and to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

On August 24, 2018, Principal International India Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Principal Financial Services Inc.), acquired Punjab National Bank's stake in Principal Asset Management Private Limited (formerly known as Principal Pnb Asset Management Company Private Limited) and Principal Trustee Company Private Limited. Accordingly, Principal Financial Services Inc. holds 100% paid up capital of AMC and Trustee Company (through its wholly owned subsidiary Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Ltd. and Principal International India Limited).

The present share holding pattern of the AMC is as follows:

Name of the Shareholder	% of equity capital
Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Limited*	78.62
Principal International India Ltd	21.38

* includes shares held by its nominee

B. Principal Trustee Company Private Limited ("the Trustee"): The Trustee is the exclusive owner of the Trust Fund and holds the same in trust for the benefit of the Unitholders.

Principal Trustee Company Private Limited (formerly IDBI-PRINCIPAL Trustee Company Limited), a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 is the Trustee to the Fund with effect from October 18, 2002. Prior to October 18, 2002, Board of Trustees discharged the Trusteeship function of the Fund. The Trustee has the exclusive ownership of the Trust Fund and is vested with the general powers of superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the Trust.

On June 23, 2003, Principal Financial Services Inc. USA acquired 100% stake in IDBI-PRINCIPAL Trustee Company Limited, through its wholly owned subsidiary Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Limited. Name of the Trustee Company was changed to Principal Trustee Company Private Limited, to reflect the change in ownership.

On May 5, 2004, Punjab National Bank and Vijaya Bank became equity shareholders of the Trustee Company and post this, Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Limited, Punjab National Bank and Vijaya Bank held 65%, 30% and 5% respectively of the paid up equity capital of the Trustee Company.

On June 27, 2014, Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) limited acquired Vijaya Bank's 5% stake in Principal Trustee Company Private Limited. Accordingly, Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Limited and Punjab National Bank hold 70% and 30% respectively of the paid up equity capital of the Trustee Company.

Subsequently, on August 24, 2018 Principal Financial Services Inc., (the existing sponsor) has through its wholly owned subsidiary Principal International India Ltd (PIL) acquired PNB's entire stake constituting 30% of the paid-up equity share capital of the Principal Trustee Company Pvt. Ltd. Accordingly, Principal Financial Group (Mauritius) Limited and Principal International India Ltd hold 70% and 30% respectively of the paid up equity capital of the Trustee Company.

C. Asset management Company (AMC): Principal Asset Management Private Limited (formerly known as Principal Pnb Asset Management Company Private Limited) (AMC) is a private limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 on November 20, 1991 having its Registered Office at Exchange Plaza, 'B' Wing, Ground Floor, NSE Building, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051, India. Principal Asset Management Private Limited (formerly known as Principal Pnb Asset Management Company Private Limited) has been appointed as the Asset Management Company of the Principal Mutual Fund by the Trustee vide Investment Management Agreement (IMA) dated November 25, 1994 executed between Trustee and AMC. The AMC has also been registered as a Portfolio Manager under the provisions of SEBI (Portfolio Manager) Regulations, 1993 vide SEBI Registration no. INP00000951. Further, the AMC has obtained No Objection from SEBI for undertaking activities which are in the nature of advisory services to offshore funds, venture capital funds, financial consultancy and exchange of research pertaining to securities.

2. Liabilities and Responsibilities of Trustee and Settlor

The key responsibility of the Trustee is to safeguard the interest of the Unit holders and inter-alia ensure that Principal Asset Management Private Limited (formerly known as Principal Pnb Asset Management Company Private Limited) functions in the interest of investors and as laid down under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, the provisions of the Investment Management Agreement, Statement of Additional Information and Scheme Information Document of the respective Schemes. From the information provided to the Trustees and the reviews the Trustee has undertaken, the Trustee believes Principal AMC has operated in the interests of the Unit holders.

The Sponsor and any of its associates including co-settlors is not responsible or liable for any loss resulting from the operations of the Mutual Fund beyond the initial contribution of an amount of ₹ 25 lakhs towards setting up of Principal Mutual Fund.

3. Investment Objectives and Policy of Investment of the Current Scheme

Principal Tax Savings Fund – An open ended equity linked saving scheme with a statutory lock in of 3 years and tax benefit.

The investment objective is to build a high quality growth-oriented portfolio to provide long-term capital gains to the investors. The Scheme aims at providing returns through capital appreciation.

The Scheme will invest its assets in a portfolio of equity and equity related instruments. The focus of the investment strategy would be to identify stocks which can provide capital appreciation in the long term. The aim will be to build a diversified portfolio across major industries and economic sectors by using "fundamental analysis" as its selection process.

4. Significant Accounting Policies

The Significant Accounting Policies form part of the Notes to the Accounts annexed to the Balance Sheet of the Scheme. Accounting policies are in accordance with Securities Exchange Board of India (Mutual Fund) Regulations, 1996.

5. Unclaimed Dividends & Redemptions for the financial year 2018-2019

Scheme	Unclaimed Dividends		Unclaimed Redemptions	
	No of Investors	Amount (₹)	No of Investors	Amount (₹)
Principal Tax Savings Fund	13,282	32,058,155.54	679	13,103,629.40

6. Investor Grievances

The data on Investor Grievance as per the SEBI prescribed is enclosed herewith as **Annexure I**.

7. General Policies & Procedures for exercising the voting rights & Exercise of Proxy Votes

- As per the requirements of the SEBI Circular No. SEBI/IMD/CIR No.18/198647/2010 dated March 15, 2010 and SEBI Circular No. CIR/IMD/DF/05/2014 dated March 24, 2014 the General policies and procedures for exercising voting rights (along with the relevant disclosures) in respect of the shares held by the Schemes of Principal Mutual Fund has been hosted on our website www.principalindia.com.
- During the FY 2018-19, the proxy voting was exercised by Principal Asset Management Private Limited (formerly known as Principal Pnb Asset Management Company Private Limited) for and on behalf of Principal Mutual Fund ("the Fund"). The summary of proxy votes cast by Principal Mutual Fund/AMC across all the investee companies is as follows:

Summary of Votes cast during the F.Y. 2018-2019					
F.Y.	Quarter	Total No. of Resolutions	Break - up of vote decisions		
			For	Against	Abstained
2018-2019	April-June	176	168	7	1
2018-2019	July-September	1524	1383	139	2
2018-2019	October - December	96	81	15	0
2018-2019	January- March	189	134	55	0

For complete voting details for the period of 2018-19, unit holders can log on to the website (www.principalindia.com) of the Fund. Further the said Details are also available in the Annual Report for the period 2018-19. A copy thereof is available on the said website of the fund and shall be sent / emailed to the unit holders free of cost on demand.

8. Statutory Information

- The Sponsors/Co- Settlers are not responsible or liable for any loss resulting from the operations of the Schemes of Principal Mutual Fund beyond their initial contribution of an amount of ₹ 25 lakhs towards setting up Principal Mutual Fund, and such other accretions/ additions to the same;
- The price and redemption value of the units, and income from them, can go up as well down with fluctuations in the market value of its underlying investment;
- Full Annual Report shall be disclosed on the website www.principalindia.com and shall also be available for inspection at the Head Office of Principal Mutual Fund. Present and prospective unitholder can obtain copy of the trust deed, the full Annual Report of the Fund / AMC at a price.

Acknowledgement

The Trustee wish to thank Securities and Exchange Board of India, Reserve Bank of India and Association of Mutual Funds in India for their support and direction. The Trustees also wish to thank all the Unitholders, distributors, key partners and service providers for their commitment and strong support.

For Principal Trustee Company Private Limited

Sd/-

Michael Pinto
Director

Date: July 24, 2019

Place: Mumbai

Redressal of Complaints received against Principal Mutual Fund during 2018-2019

Annexure I

Name of Mutual Fund : Principal Mutual Fund

Total Number of Folios : 5,63,812

Complaint Code	Type of Complaint#	(a) No. of complaints pending at the beginning of the year Total	Action on (a) and (b)									
			(b) No. of Complaints received during the year Total	Resolved				Non Actionable*	Pending			
				Within 30 days	30-60 days	60-180 days	Beyond 180 days		0-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months
I A	Non receipt of Dividend on Units	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I B	Interest on delay payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I C	Non receipt of Redemption Proceeds	-	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I D	Interest on delay payment of redemption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II A	Non receipt of Statement of Account/Unit Certificate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II B	Discrepancy in Statement of Account	-	343	343	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II C	Non receipt of Annual Report/Abridged Summary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III A	Wrong switch between Schemes	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III B	Unauthorized switch between Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III C	Deviation from Schemes attributes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III D	Wrong or excess charges/load	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III E	Non updation of changes viz. address, PAN, bank details, nomination, etc	-	62	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IV	Others	-	82	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		0	510	510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: #including against its authorised persons/distributors/employees etc. *Non actionable means the compliants that are incomplete/outside the scope of Mutual Fund.

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2019

PRINCIPAL TAX SAVINGS FUND (₹ in Lacs)

	As at March 31, 2019	As at March 31, 2018
LIABILITIES		
Unit Capital	1,941.87	1,833.15
Reserves & Surplus		
Unit Premium Reserves	438.06	(843.52)
Unrealised Appreciation Reserve	7,595.62	7,896.38
Other Reserves	30,811.52	28,656.19
Loans & Borrowings	-	-
Current Liabilities & Provisions		
Provision for doubtful Income/Deposits	-	-
Other Current Liabilities & Provisions	851.64	752.93
TOTAL	41,638.71	38,295.13
ASSETS		
Investments		
Listed Securities:		
Equity Shares	39,924.31	35,722.51
Preference Shares	-	-
Equity Linked Debentures	-	-
Other Debentures & Bonds	-	-
Securitized Debt securities	-	-
Securities Awaited Listing:		
Equity Shares	0.75	-
Preference Shares	-	-
Equity Linked Debentures	-	-
Other Debentures & Bonds	-	-
Securitized Debt securities	-	-
Unlisted Securities		
Equity Shares	-	-
Preference Shares	-	-
Equity Linked Debentures	-	-
Other Debentures & Bonds	-	-
Securitized Debt securities	-	-
Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	13.93	-
Commercial Paper	-	-
Certificate of Deposits	-	-
Bill Rediscounting	-	-
Units of Domestic Mutual Fund	-	-
Foreign Securities	-	-
Total Investments	39,938.99	35,722.51
Deposits	8.25	15.80
Other Current Assets		
Cash & Bank Balance	100.34	182.36
CBLO/ Reverse Repo/ TREPS	929.50	1,794.33
Others	661.63	580.13
Deferred Revenue Expenditure (to the extent not written off)	-	-
TOTAL	41,638.71	38,295.13

Notes to Accounts - Annexure I

For B S R & Co. LLP
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For and on behalf of Principal Asset Management Private Limited
(Formerly known as Principal Pnb Asset Management Company Private Limited)

For and on behalf of Principal Trustee Company Private Limited

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Director

Place : Mumbai
Date : July 24, 2019

Sd/-
P.V.K. Mohan
Fund Manager

ABRIDGED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

PRINCIPAL TAX SAVINGS FUND (₹ in Lacs)

	Current Year ended March 31, 2019	Previous Year ended March 31, 2018
INCOME		
Dividend	453.28	343.02
Interest	67.96	80.83
Realised Gain / (Loss) on Foreign Exchange Transactions	-	-
Realised Gains / (Losses) on Interscheme sale of investments	-	-
Realised Gains / (Losses) on External sale / redemption of investments	1,786.67	4,630.24
Realised Gains / (Losses) on Derivative Transactions	-	-
Other income	-	0.01
(A)	2,307.91	5,054.10
EXPENSES		
Management fees	528.76	681.76
Service tax / GST on Management fees	95.18	117.97
Transfer agents fees and expenses	33.99	46.22
Custodian fees	3.31	3.04
Trusteeship fees	4.53	4.21
Commission to Agents	157.22	113.22
Marketing & Distribution expenses	115.27	2.88
Audit fees	1.58	2.08
Other operating expenses	44.65	57.70
(B)	984.49	1,029.08
NET REALISED GAINS / (LOSSES) FOR THE YEAR (A - B = C)	1,323.42	4,025.02
Change in Unrealised Depreciation in value of investments (D)	300.76	-
NET GAINS / (LOSSES) FOR THE YEAR (E = C - D)	1,022.66	4,025.02
Change in unrealised appreciation in the value of investments (F)	-	1,041.63
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR (E + F = G)	1,022.66	5,066.65
Opening Balance	28,656.19	24,600.97
Add: Balance transfer from Unrealised Appreciation Reserve	7,896.38	6,854.75
Less: Balance transfer to Unrealised Appreciation Reserve	7,595.62	7,896.38
Add / (Less): Equalisation	831.91	30.20
Total (Including G)	30,811.52	28,656.19
Dividend appropriation		
Less: Income Distributed during the year	-	-
Less: Tax on income distributed during the year	-	-
Retained Surplus / (Deficit) carried forward to Balance sheet	30,811.52	28,656.19

Notes to Accounts - Annexure I

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Annexure I to the Abridged Balance Sheet and Revenue Account for the Year Ended March 31, 2019

1 Investments :-

- Except Government Securities, CBLO, Reverse Repo, TREPS and Treasury Bills (which are held in the name of the Mutual Fund) all other investments of the scheme are registered in the name of Principal Trustee Company Pvt. Ltd. - Trustee to Principal Mutual Fund for the benefit of the Schemes unitholders.
- There was no exposure to derivative products during the year ended March 31, 2019 & previous year ended March 31, 2018.
- During the year ended March 31, 2019 the scheme has made investments in securities of the Associate / Group Companies of the Sponsor. Details of Aggregate Value of Investments made by the scheme during the year ended March 31, 2019 is given in **Annexure II**.
The above investments were considered sound before making investment. The AMC evaluated the same on merits and on arm's length basis and in accordance with the investment objectives of the respective Schemes.
- There were no open position of securities borrowed and / or lent by the scheme as at March 31, 2019 and as at March 31, 2018.
- Non Performing Assets as at March 31, 2019 cost was ₹ Nil (as at March 31, 2018 cost was ₹ Nil).
- Outstanding and accrued income is net of provision for doubtful income and investments is net of Provisions as mentioned below:

(₹ In Lakhs)

Scheme	Year ended March 31, 2019		Year ended March 31, 2018	
	Provision for Doubtful Income	Provision for Investments	Provision for Doubtful Income	Provision for Investments
Principal Tax Savings Fund	0.54	-	0.54	-

Carrying Value / Market Value as at March 31 2019 is Nil, (as at March 31 2018 is Nil)

1.7 Aggregate value of Unrealised Gain / Loss as at the end of the Financial Year, expressed as a percentage to Net Assets.

(₹ In Lakhs)

Scheme	Year ended March 31, 2019		Year ended March 31, 2018	
	Unrealised Gain / (Loss)	% to Net Assets	Unrealised Gain / (Loss)	% to Net Assets
Principal Tax Savings Fund	7,595.62	18.62	7,896.38	21.03

1.8 Aggregate Value of Purchase and Sale made during the year, expressed as a percentage of Average Daily Net Asset Value :

(₹ In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2019		Year ended March 31, 2018	
	Amount	% of Avg. Net Assets	Amount	% of Avg. Net Assets
Purchases	281,429.22	732.36	355,417.85	989.71
Sales*	279,630.85	727.68	354,649.35	987.57

* Sales includes redemptions / maturities

1.9 The Aggregate book value of Non-Traded / Thinly traded Investments, which have been valued in good faith in accordance with the guidelines for valuation of securities of Mutual Fund issued by SEBI, expressed as percentage to Net Assets is given below :

(₹ In Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2019		Year ended March 31, 2018	
	Amount	% of Avg. Net Assets	Amount	% of Avg. Net Assets
Book Value	-	-	-	-
Market / Fair Value	0.75	0.00	-	-

2 As per the requirements of Regulation 25 (8) of SEBI Regulation 1996, the details of Payments made to Associates during the year is given in **Annexure III**.

3 As per the SEBI disclosure vide circular No. MFD/CIR No.3/211/2001 dated April 30, 2001; Scheme does not have a single unit holder holding more than 25% of the NAV at the end as on March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019.

4 Expenses other than management fees are inclusive of service tax / GST wherever applicable.

5 Details of movements in Unit Capital during the year is given in **Annexure IV**.

6 In view of the AMFI Best Practices Guidelines Circular No. 56/2015-16, the IEF accrual was set aside in a separate bank account and the consolidated balance across all schemes as on March 31, 2019 is ₹ 92.89 Lakh. The break-up of which is as under:

(₹ In Lakhs)

Particulars	2018-19	2017-18
Opening balance	70.10	24.10
Add: Accrual during the year	146.98	126.16
Less: Transferred to AMFI*	73.49	63.08
Add: Income earned during the year	5.27	2.29
Less: Spent during the year	55.97	19.37
Closing balance	92.89	70.10

* Amounting ₹ 6.12 Lakh transferred to AMFI on 02nd April 2019 and ₹ 5.85 Lakh transferred to AMFI on 03rd April 2018.

7 Previous Year's figures have been regrouped and reclassified, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with current year's presentation.

8 There was no Contingent Liability as on 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2018.

9 ₹ 0.00' in notes to accounts and annexures indicates amount less than a five hundred and '₹ -' indicates Nil amount.

10 SEBI circular dated October 6, 2017 w.r.t Categorization and Rationalization of Mutual Fund Schemes was issued in order to bring uniformity across Mutual Fund schemes and to standardize the scheme categories and characteristics of each category.

In line with the above SEBI circular, schemes has undergone fundamental attribute change as below:

Scheme Name	Erstwhile Scheme Name	Changes carried out to the scheme (Fundamental Attributes change/ Change in type of scheme/ No Change)	Effective date for Change in fundamental attributes
Principal Tax Savings Fund	Principal Tax Savings Fund	Change in type of scheme	Not applicable

Annexure II
Details of Investments made in Associates / Group Companies

(₹ In Lakhs)

Associate Name	Scheme Name	March 31, 2019			March 31, 2018		
		Purchase	Sale / Redemption	Holding	Purchase	Sale / Redemption	Holding
Larsen & Toubro Limited	Principal Tax Savings Fund	-	103.91	1,070.31	316.99	121.59	1,119.01
Grand Total		-	103.91	1,070.31	316.99	121.59	1,119.01

(₹ In Lakhs)

Associate Name	Scheme Name	Dividend Income	
		March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
Larsen & Toubro Limited	Principal Tax Savings Fund	13.02	9.57
Grand Total		13.02	9.57

Annexure III : Details of Payments made to Associates in terms of regulation 25(8):

i) Brokerage paid to associates/related parties/group companies of Sponsor/Asset Management Company (AMC) for securities transaction: Nil (Previous year: Nil)

ii) Commission paid to associates/related parties/group companies of Sponsor/ Asset Management Company (AMC) for Distribution of units across various Schemes of Principal Mutual Fund

Name of associate/related parties/ group companies of Sponsor/AMC	Nature of Association / Relation	April 01, 2018/ Launch date to March 31, 2019/Maturity date		April 01, 2017/ Launch date to March 31, 2018/Maturity date	
		Business given (₹ In lakhs & % of total business received by the fund)	Commission paid (₹ In lakhs & % of total commission paid by the fund)	Business given (₹ In lakhs & % of total business received by the fund)	Commission paid (₹ In lakhs & % of total commission paid by the fund)
Punjab National Bank #	Associate of Investment Manager	164,691.28(11.12%)	134.20(4.02%)	801,342.88(20.63%)	586.82(14.33%)
Principal Retirement Advisors Pvt. Ltd	Associate of Investment Manager	132.63(0.05%)	10.22(0.33%)	637.67(0.02%)	15.15(0.49%)

Punjab National Bank has ceased to be a shareholder effective August 24, 2018. Hence mobilisation and commission detail for Punjab National Bank has been disclosed till August 23, 2018.

Note : Commission paid to associates has been disclosed on payment basis towards the entire mobilisation introduced by the distributors (comprising of existing mobilisation and the new flow during the year). Whereas the details of business given indicates the gross mobilisation (net of rejections, if any) during the corresponding period.

iii) Fees/Charges Paid to Associates / Related Parties / Group Companies of Sponsor AMC

(₹ In Lakhs)

Name of the Related Party	Nature of Transactions	For the year ended March 31, 2019 (₹)	Outstanding as at March 31, 2019 (₹)	For the year ended March 31, 2018 (₹)	Outstanding as at March 31, 2018 (₹)
Punjab National Bank	Bank Charges	0.00	-	0.00	-

Annexure IV

Details of Movement in Unit Capital for the year ended March 31, 2019

Plans	Outstanding at the beginning of the year		Subscription for the year		Redemption for the year		Outstanding at the end of the year	
	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)
Direct Plan - Half Yearly Dividend Option*	19,553.428	1.96	17,492.145	1.75	-	-	37,045.573	3.70
Direct Plan - Growth Option*	759,985.572	76.00	480,693.953	48.07	17,760.664	1.78	1,222,918.861	122.29
Regular Plan-Half Yearly Dividend Option*	83,750.800	8.38	62,581.094	6.26	-	-	146,331.894	14.63
Regular Plan - Growth Option*	17,468,253.470	1,746.83	1,759,953.473	176.00	1,215,761.860	121.58	18,012,445.083	1,801.24
Total	18,331,543.270	1,833.15	2,320,720.665	232.07	1,233,522.524	123.35	19,418,741.411	1,941.87

* Face Value is ₹ 10 per unit

Details of Movement in Unit Capital for the year ended March 31, 2018

Plans	Outstanding at the beginning of the year		Subscription for the year		Redemption for the year		Outstanding at the end of the year	
	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)	Units	Amount (₹ In Lakhs)
Direct Plan-Half Yearly Dividend Option*	-	-	19,553.428	1.96	-	-	19,553.428	1.96
Direct Plan - Growth Option*	213,753.392	21.38	559,101.231	55.91	12,869.051	1.29	759,985.572	76.00
Regular Plan-Half Yearly Dividend Option*	-	-	83,750.800	8.38	-	-	83,750.800	8.38
Regular Plan - Growth Option*	17,594,099.731	1,759.41	1,835,351.745	183.54	1,961,198.006	196.12	17,468,253.470	1,746.83
Total	17,807,853.123	1,780.79	2,497,757.204	249.78	1,974,067.057	197.41	18,331,543.270	1,833.15

* Face Value is ₹ 10 per unit

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KEY STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019
PRINCIPAL TAX SAVINGS FUND

Particulars	Regular Plan				Direct Plan			
	Half Yearly Dividend Option		Growth Option		Half Yearly Dividend Option		Growth Option	
	March 31, 2019 (₹)	March 31, 2018 (₹)	March 31, 2019 (₹)	March 31, 2018 (₹)	March 31, 2019 (₹)	March 31, 2018 (₹)	March 31, 2019 (₹)	March 31, 2018 (₹)
1. NAV per unit (₹):								
Open	204.58	NA	204.58	175.78	209.61	NA	209.61	179.45
High	221.75	232.37	221.75	232.37	227.70	237.73	227.70	237.73
Low	187.68	193.68	187.68	176.78	193.41	197.97	193.41	180.48
End	209.58	204.58	209.58	204.58	216.63	209.61	216.63	209.61
2. Closing Assets Under Management (₹ in Lakhs)	March 31, 2019				March 31, 2018			
Average (AAuM)	40,787.08				37,542.21			
3. Gross income as % of AAuM ¹	38,427.73				35,911.16			
4. Expense Ratio:	6.01%				14.07%			
a. Total Expense as % of AAuM (plan wise)								
- Regular plan	2.61%				2.88%			
- Direct plan	1.75%				2.42%			
b. Management Fee as % of AAuM (plan wise)								
- Regular plan	1.65%				1.90%			
- Direct plan	1.22%				1.86%			
5. Net Income as a percentage of AAuM ²	3.44%				11.21%			
6. Portfolio turnover ratio ³	0.32				0.45			
7. Total Net Dividend per unit distributed during the year / period (plan wise)								
Individuals/HUF	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Returns (%) ⁴	March 31, 2019		March 31, 2018		March 31, 2019		March 31, 2018	
a. Last One Year	2.43		16.55		3.34		16.97	
Benchmark	9.70		12.60		9.70		12.60	
b. Since Inception	16.20		16.87		16.02		18.62	
Benchmark	13.65		13.05		13.21		13.59	
Benchmark	March 31, 2019				March 31, 2018			
	Nifty 500 Index - TRI**				S&P BSE 200 - TRI***			

Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future

**NAV of growth option is considered for computation of returns. Returns (in %) are calculated on Compounded Annualised Basis (CAGR).

For computation of since inception returns the allotment NAV has been taken as ₹ 10 Performance figures have been computed based on the last declared NAV. Returns have been calculated based on NAV of Growth option, wherever applicable."

**As TRI data is not available since inception of the scheme, benchmark performance is calculated using composite CAGR of Nifty 500 Index PRI values from date 31-03-1996 to 26-11-1998 and TRI values since 26-11-1998.

***As TRI data is not available since inception of the scheme, benchmark performance is calculated using composite CAGR of S&P BSE 200 Index PRI values from date 31-03-1996 to 29-06-2007 and TRI values since 29-06-2007.

- indicates NIL

1. Gross income = amount against (A) in the Revenue account i.e. Income.

2. Net income = amount against (C) in the Revenue account i.e. Net Realised Gains / (Losses) for the year / Period

3. Portfolio Turnover = Lower of sales or purchase divided by the Average AuM for the year/period.

4. AAuM=Average daily net assets

**Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks,
read all scheme related documents carefully.**