FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940												
Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Nordin Diane C			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2017			3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [ PFG ]						
(Last) 711 HIGH STREET	(First)	(Middle)				Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		10% Owner Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) DES MOINES	IA	50392			X Director Officer (give title below)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X    Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						2. Amount o (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)				2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Der (Instr. 4)		4. Conv Exercis of Deriv Security			6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Security			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney

10/26/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Power of Attorney

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Daniel J. Houston, Deanna D. Strable-Soethout, Karen E. Shaff, Clint L. Woods and Parameters (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a beneficial owner of securities of Principal Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company")

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Schedule 13D, Form 3, 4

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection of the connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection of the connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the take the connection with the connectio

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or property.

The Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Schedules 13D, Forms 3, 4 and 5 or Form 144 with rest

From and after the date hereof, any Power of Attorney previously granted by the undersigned concerning the subject matter hereof is hereby revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 25th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Diane C. Nordin

Name: Diane C. Nordin

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