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Principal Life Insurance Company Principal® Life CoreNotes® (Callable) Issued Through Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-88 (the "Trust")

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Principal[®] Life CoreNotes[®] offered hereby, and the Funding Agreement (specified below) sold by Principal Life Insurance Company to the Trust (specified herein), the payment obligations of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantee (specified below) issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. to the Trust, supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes, the funding agreements and the guarantees set forth in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement, to which reference is hereby made.

Purchasing Agent Discount:

\$2,574,000.0

1. The Notes

Principal Amount:

Issue Price:	100.0%	Original	l Issue Date:	09/08/05		
Net Proceeds to the Trust:	\$2,554,695.0	\$2,554,695.0 Stated Maturity Date:		09/15/09		
Interest Payment Dates:	The 15th day of	every sixth mon	th commencing on 03/15/2006.			
Initial Interest Payment Date:	03/15/06	03/15/06				
Regular Record Date:	The 1st day of e	The 1st day of every sixth month commencing on 03/01/2006.				
Type of Interest Rate:	x Fixed Rate	o Floating Rate				
Fixed Rate Notes:	x Yes	o No.	If, Yes,			
Interest Rate:	4.50%					
Floating Rate Notes:	o Yes	x No.	If, Yes,			
Regular Floating Rate Notes: Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es):	o Yes	o No.	If, Yes,			
Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note: Floating Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es): Fixed Interest Rate: Fixed Rate Commencement Date:	o Yes	o No.	If, Yes,			
Initial Interest Rate, if any:	N/A					
Initial Interest Reset Date:	N/A					

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Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply: N/A o CMT Rate o CD Rate o Commercial Paper Rate o LIBOR o Treasury Rate o Prime Rate o Other (See Attached) If LIBOR: o LIBOR Reuters Page o LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page LIBOR Currency: If CMT Rate: Designated CMT Telerate Page: If 7052: o Weekly Average o Monthly Average Designated CMT Maturity Index: Index Maturity: N/A Spread (+/-): N/A Spread Multiplier: N/A Interest Reset Date(s): N/A Interest Rate Determination Date(s): N/A Maximum Interest Rate, if any: N/A Minimum Interest Rate, if any: N/A Calculation Agent: Citibank, N.A. Computation of Interest: N/A (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus and prospectus supplement) Day Count Convention: N/A (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus and prospectus supplement) Discount Note: o Yes x No. If, Yes, Total Amount of Discount: Initial Accrual Period of Discount: Additional/Other Terms: Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation: x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or o \$__ _or_% Individual Put Limitation: x \$250,000; or o \$_ Trust Put Limitation: x 2%; or \$_ **Redemption Provisions:** x Yes If, Yes, o No. 09/15/06 Initial Redemption Date: Redemption: x In whole only and not in part o May be in whole or in part Additional Other Terms: Any redemption date will be an Interest Payment Date falling on or after the Initial Redemption Date Repayment: o Yes x No. If, Yes, Repayment Date(s): Repayment Price: Repayment: o In whole only and not in part o May be in whole or in part Additional/Other Terms: Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified): N/A Securities Exchange Listing: o Yes x No. If, Yes, Name of Exchange:

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\$1,000

Authorized Denominations:

Ratings:

The Notes issued under the Program are rated AA by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). Principal Life expects the Notes to be rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

Purchasing Agent(s) Purchasing Notes as Principal: x Yes o No.

Purchasing Agent(s)	Principal Amount
Merrill Lynch	\$2,574,000.0
Total:	\$2,574,000.0

If, Yes,

State of Organization of the Trust: New York

Additional/Other Terms: None

Special Tax Considerations: None

2. The Funding Agreement

Funding Agreement Issuer: Principal Life Insurance Company

Funding Agreement No.: 7-07125

Deposit: \$2,574,015.0

Net Deposit: \$2,554,695.0

Effective Date: 09/08/05

Stated Maturity Date: 09/15/09

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of every sixth month commencing on 03/15/2006.

Initial Interest Payment Date: 03/15/06

Type of Interest Rate: x Fixed Rate o Floating Rate

Fixed Rate Funding Agreement: x Yes o No. If, Yes,

Interest Rate: 4.50%

Floating Rate Funding Agreement: o Yes x No. If, Yes,

Regular Floating Rate Funding Agreement: o Yes o No. If, Yes,

Interest Rate:

Interest Rate Basis(es):

Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Funding Agreement: o Yes o No. If, Yes,

Floating Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es): Fixed Interest Rate:

Fixed Rate Commencement Date:

Initial Interest Rate, if any: N/A

Initial Interest Reset Date: N/A

Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply: N/A

o CD Rate o CMT Rate o Commercial Paper Rate o LIBOR o Treasury Rate o Prime Rate

o Other (See Attached)

If LIBOR: o LIBOR Reuters Page o LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page

LIBOR Currency:

If CMT Rate:

Designated CMT Telerate Page:

If 7052: o Weekly Average o Monthly Average

Designated CMT Maturity Index:



Index	x Maturity:	N/A				
Sprea	ad (+/-):	N/A				
Sprea	ad Multiplier:	N/A				
Intere	est Reset Date(s):	N/A				
Intere	est Rate Determination Date(s):	N/A				
Maxi	imum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A				
Minii	mum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A				
Day Count C	ole unless different than as specified in the prospectus	N/A				
Total Initia	nding Agreement: Amount of Discount: al Accrual Period of Discount: tional/Other Terms:	o Yes	x No.	If, Yes,		
	rvivor's Option: ıal Put Limitation:		x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or			
Indiv	ridual Put Limitation:		o \$or_% x \$250,000; or			
Trust	Put Limitation:		o \$ x 2%; or \$			
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Repa	yment Date(s): yment Price: yment:	o In whole only and not		If, Yes,		
Addi	tional/Other Terms:	o May be in whole or in part				
Sinking Fund	d (not applicable unless specified):	N/A				
Ratings:						
	nding Agreement issued under the Program is rated $f A$ al Life expects the Funding Agreement to be rated $f A$ a					
Additional/C	Other Terms:	None				
Special Tax Considerations:		None				
3. The Guar	rantee					
Guarantee Is	rantee Issuer: Principal Financial Group, Inc.					
Effective Date:		09/08/05				
Additional/C	Other Terms:	None				