

EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC / MD
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04632

The European Equity Fund, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

345 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10154

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Paul Schubert

60 Wall Street

New York, NY 10005

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 250-3220

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 3/31/2017

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

The European Equity Fund, Inc.

Schedule of Investments

as of March 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks 98.2%		
Germany 20.3%		
Aerospace & Defense 2.7%		
MTU Aero Engines AG	16,000	2,087,199
Capital Markets 1.1%		
Deutsche Boerse AG	8,600	792,806
Chemicals 1.9%		
LANXESS AG	22,000	1,480,016
Construction & Engineering 2.6%		
HOCHTIEF AG	12,000	1,989,000
Insurance 3.4%		
Allianz SE (Registered)	14,000	2,600,548
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail 1.9%		
Zalando SE 144A*	36,000	1,460,461
Pharmaceuticals 3.3%		
Merck KGaA	22,000	2,513,367
Software 3.4%		
SAP SE	26,000	2,558,166
Total Germany (Cost \$12,456,832)		15,481,563
Netherlands 14.7%		
Banks 3.0%		
ING Groep NV	150,000	2,273,647
Beverages 3.2%		
Heineken NV	29,000	2,475,500
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 2.9%		
Royal Dutch Shell PLC "B"	82,000	2,239,829

Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 3.1%		
ASML Holding NV	18,000	2,395,272
Specialty Retail 2.5%		
GrandVision NV 144A	76,000	1,866,177
Total Netherlands (Cost \$10,267,053)		11,250,425
Switzerland 13.3%		
Building Products 2.3%		
Geberit AG (Registered)	4,000	1,726,682
Capital Markets 2.0%		
Partners Group Holding AG	2,841	1,529,420
Chemicals 2.9%		
Syngenta AG*	5,025	2,212,145
Life Sciences Tools & Services 1.5%		
Lonza Group AG (Registered)*	6,000	1,136,059
Metals & Mining 1.4%		
Glencore PLC*	280,000	1,096,376
Specialty Retail 3.2%		
Dufry AG (Registered)*	16,000	2,440,868
Total Switzerland (Cost \$8,205,853)		10,141,550
France 11.9%		
Commercial Services & Supplies 2.5%		
Edenred	80,000	1,895,509
	Shares	Value (\$)
Construction & Engineering 2.1%		
Vinci SA	20,000	1,589,574
Health Care Equipment & Supplies 1.1%		
Essilor International SA	7,000	852,872
Insurance 3.1%		
AXA SA	93,000	2,412,938
Media 3.1%		
Lagardere SCA	80,000	2,362,753
Total France (Cost \$7,547,554)		9,113,646
United Kingdom 11.1%		
Aerospace & Defense 2.0%		
BAE Systems PLC	188,000	1,510,358
Energy Equipment & Services 2.4%		
TechnipFMC PLC*	56,000	1,832,439

Household Products 1.3%		
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	11,000	1,002,146
Media 1.5%		
WPP PLC	53,777	1,178,093
Trading Companies & Distributors 1.5%		
Ashtead Group PLC	56,000	1,157,470
Wireless Telecommunication Services 2.4%		
Vodafone Group PLC	700,000	1,821,458
Total United Kingdom (Cost \$8,585,515)		8,501,964
Sweden 10.2%		
Commercial Services & Supplies 3.0%		
Securitas AB "B"	147,000	2,304,385
Household Products 2.8%		
Svenska Cellulosa AB SCA "B"	65,000	2,103,395
Machinery 4.4%		
SKF AB "B"	89,245	1,771,749
Volvo AB "B"	110,000	1,629,529
Total Sweden (Cost \$6,800,928)		0,809,058
Denmark 6.9%		
Chemicals 1.4%		
Chr Hansen Holding A/S	16,000	1,030,016
Marine 2.6%		
AP Moller - Maersk A/S "B"	1,200	1,996,865
Pharmaceuticals 0.9%		
Novo Nordisk A/S "B"	19,241	662,777
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 2.0%		
Pandora A/S	14,000	1,554,459
Total Denmark (Cost \$5,478,391)		M,244,117
Ireland 3.9%		
Airlines 1.4%		
Ryanair Holdings PLC*	71,000	1,105,054
Food Products 2.5%		
Kerry Group PLC "A"	24,000	1,904,408
Total Ireland (Cost \$3,043,390)		K,009,462
Italy 3.0%		
Diversified Telecommunication Services 3.0%		
Telecom Italia SpA* (Cost \$2,111,308)	2,500,000	2,254,393

	Shares	Value (\$)
Belgium 2.9%		
Banks 2.9%		
KBC Groep NV (Cost \$1,908,100)	33,000	2,195,313
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$66,404,924)		05,001,491
	Contracts	Value (\$)
Put Options Purchased 0.1%		
Exchange-Traded Index Options Contracts		
EURO STOXX50 Index, Expiration Date 6/16/2017, Strike Price 3,000.00 (Cost \$213,305)	240	47,238
	Shares	Value (\$)
Cash Equivalents 1.0%		
Deutsche Central Cash Management Government Fund, 0.74% (Cost \$746,284) (a)	746,284	046,284
	% of Net	Value (\$)
	Assets	
Total Investment Portfolio (Cost \$67,364,513)**	99.3	05,795,013
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net	0.7	M68,897
Net Assets	100.0	06,363,910

* Non-income producing security.

The cost for federal income tax purposes was \$67,625,308. At March 31, 2017, net unrealized appreciation for all securities based on tax cost was \$8,169,705. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost of \$12,569,929 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value of \$4,400,224.

(a) Affiliated fund managed by Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

144A: Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

For purposes of its industry concentration policy, the Fund classifies issuers of portfolio securities at the industry sub-group level. Certain of the categories in the above Schedule of Investments consist of multiple industry sub-groups or industries.

**Fair Value
Measurements**

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The level assigned to the securities valuations may not be an indication of the risk associated

with investing
in those
securities.

The following is
a summary of
the inputs used
as of March 31,
2017 in valuing
the Fund's
investments.

Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks (b)				
Germany	\$ 15,481,563	\$ —	—	\$ 15,481,563
Netherlands	11,250,425	—	—	11,250,425
Switzerland	10,141,550	—	—	10,141,550
France	9,113,646	—	—	9,113,646
United Kingdom	8,501,964	—	—	8,501,964
Sweden	7,809,058	—	—	7,809,058
Denmark	5,244,117	—	—	5,244,117
Ireland	3,009,462	—	—	K,009,462
Italy	J,254,393	—	—	J,254,393
Belgium	2,195,313	—	—	2,195,313
Short-Term Instruments (b)	746,284	—	—	746,284
Derivatives (c)				
Purchased Options	47,238	—	—	47,238
Total	\$ 05,795,013	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 05,795,013

There have been no transfers between fair value measurement levels during the period ended March 31, 2017.

(b) See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

(c) Derivatives include value of options purchased.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) The Chief Executive and Financial Officers concluded that the Registrant's Disclosure Controls and Procedures are effective based on the evaluation of the Disclosure Controls and Procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

(b) There have been no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

ITEM
3. EXHIBITS

Certification pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) is filed and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.CERT.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: The European Equity Fund, Inc.

/s/Brian E. Binder

By: Brian E. Binder

President

Date: May 18, 2017

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/Brian E. Binder

Brian E. Binder

President

Date: May 18, 2017

/s/Paul Schubert

By: Paul Schubert

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: May 18, 2017