

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: 9/30/2012

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

THE EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 (unaudited)

| Shares | Description | Value(a) |
|--------------------------------|---|------------|
| INVESTMENTS IN GERMANY – 38.2% | | |
| | COMMON STOCKS – 34.0% | |
| | AIRLINES – 1.3% | |
| 70,000 | Deutsche Lufthansa | \$ 949,933 |
| | AUTO COMPONENTS – 1.2% | |
| 9,000 | Continental | 882,145 |
| | CHEMICALS – 2.5% | |
| 11,000 | Linde | 1,896,006 |
| | DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES – 1.3% | |
| 80,000 | Deutsche Telekom | 985,306 |

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| | ELECTRIC UTILITIES – 3.1% | |
| 100,000 | E.ON | 2,375,153 |
| | HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & SERVICES – 3.1% | |
| 20,000 | Fresenius SE & Co. | 2,324,087 |
| | INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES – 1.3% | |
| 10,000 | Siemens | 998,297 |
| | INSURANCE – 4.3% | |
| 19,000 | Allianz | 2,262,872 |
| | Hannover | |
| 15,000 | Rueckversicherung | 959,419 |
| | | 3,222,291 |
| | MEDIA – 2.3% | |
| 40,000 | Axel Springer | 1,734,961 |
| | METALS & MINING – 2.2% | |
| 28,000 | Aurubis | 1,633,344 |
| | PERSONAL PRODUCTS – 2.7% | |
| 28,000 | Beiersdorf | 2,056,536 |
| | PHARMACEUTICALS – 2.8% | |
| 25,000 | Bayer | 2,149,086 |
| | SOFTWARE – 3.9% | |
| 45,000 | PSI† | 948,131 |
| 28,000 | SAP | 1,984,864 |
| | | 2,932,995 |
| | SPECIALTY RETAIL – 2.0% | |
| 16,000 | Fielmann† | 1,485,728 |
| | Total Common Stocks (cost \$23,033,346) | 25,625,868 |
| Shares | Description | Value(a) |
| | PREFERRED STOCKS – 4.2% | |
| | AUTOMOBILES – 2.4% | |
| | Volkswagen | |
| 10,000 | (cost \$951,062) | \$ 1,825,903 |
| | HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS – 1.8% | |
| | Henkel & Co. | |
| 17,000 | (cost \$644,340) | 1,353,355 |
| | Total Preferred Stocks (cost \$1,595,402) | 3,179,258 |
| | Total Investments in Germany (cost \$24,628,748) | 28,805,126 |
| | INVESTMENTS IN FRANCE – 19.3% | |
| | BUILDING PRODUCTS – 1.3% | |
| 28,000 | Cie de St-Gobain | 984,508 |
| | COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES – 2.4% | |
| 15,000 | Societe BIC | 1,814,069 |
| | ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – 2.8% | |

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| 60,000 | Alstom HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES – 1.9% | 2,105,802 |
| 15,000 | Essilor International INSURANCE – 2.4% | 1,405,990 |
| 120,000 | AXA IT SERVICES – 1.9% | 1,788,986 |
| 21,000 | AtoS OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS – 2.6% | 1,465,147 |
| 40,000 | Total PHARMACEUTICALS – 2.6% | 1,986,047 |
| 23,000 | Sanofi TEXTILES, APPAREL & LUXURY GOODS – 1.4% | 1,962,958 |
| 7,000 | LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton Total Investments in France (cost \$13,620,945) | 1,053,480 14,566,987 |

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| Shares | Description | Value(a) |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| INVESTMENTS IN SPAIN – 9.1% | | |
| | COMMERCIAL BANKS – 3.4% | |
| 342,000 | Banco Santander* | \$2,549,305 |
| | DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES – 1.8% | |
| 100,000 | Telefonica | 1,334,536 |
| | INSURANCE – 2.0% | |
| 540,000 | Mapfre† | 1,480,892 |
| | OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS – 1.9% | |
| 76,000 | Repsol YPF | 1,475,180 |
| | Total Investments in Spain (cost \$6,754,203) | 6,839,913 |
| INVESTMENTS IN NETHERLANDS – 7.9% | | |
| | CHEMICALS – 1.2% | |
| 18,000 | Koninklijke DSM | 898,352 |
| | COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS – 2.1% | |
| 18,000 | Gemalto | 1,584,850 |
| | DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES – 1.2% | |
| 120,000 | ING Groep* | 949,135 |
| | FOOD PRODUCTS – 2.2% | |
| 22,000 | Nutreco | 1,631,131 |
| | SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT – 1.2% | |
| 17,000 | AS MLHolding | 909,453 |
| | Total Investments in Netherlands (cost \$6,009,496) | 5,972,921 |
| INVESTMENTS IN UNITED KINGDOM – 7.8% | | |
| | COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES – 2.3% | |
| 47,000 | Aggreko | 1,755,465 |
| | HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES – 2.3% | |
| 160,000 | Smith & Nephew | 1,765,945 |
| | MULTI-UTILITIES – 1.0% | |
| 140,000 | Centrica | 741,064 |
| Shares | Description | Value(a) |

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| | | WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES – 2.2% | |
| | 580,000 | Vodafone Group | 1,646,047 |
| | | Total Investments in United Kingdom (cost \$5,052,230) | 5,908,521 |
| INVESTMENTS IN NORWAY – 4.7% | | | |
| | 23,000 | CHEMICALS – 1.5% Yara International | 1,152,812 |
| | 24,000 | ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SERVICES – 3.2% Fred Olsen Energy | 1,073,000 |
| | 40,000 | TGS Nopec Geophysical | 1,305,624 |
| | | Total Investments in Norway (cost \$2,888,068) | 2,378,624 |
| INVESTMENTS IN ITALY – 3.5% | | | 3,531,436 |
| | 1,000,000 | COMMERCIAL BANKS – 3.5% Intesa Sanpaolo | 1,521,693 |
| | 260,000 | UniCredit* | 1,080,904 |
| | | Total Investments in Italy (cost \$2,790,054) | 2,602,597 |
| INVESTMENTS IN LUXEMBOURG – 2.9% | | | |
| | 80,000 | MEDIA – 2.9% SES | 2,177,963 |
| | | Total Investments in Luxembourg (cost \$2,097,894) | 2,177,963 |
| INVESTMENTS IN FINLAND – 2.3% | | | |
| | 56,000 | INSURANCE – 2.3% Sampo | 1,743,914 |
| | | Total Investments in Finland (cost \$1,417,011) | 1,743,914 |

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| Shares | Description | Value(a) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| INVESTMENTS IN AUSTRIA – 1.4% | | |
| 18,000 | MACHINERY – 1.4% Andritz | \$ 1,020,370 |
| | Total Investments in Austria (cost \$773,049) | 1,020,370 |
| INVESTMENTS IN SWITZERLAND – 1.2% | | |
| 2,500 | CHEMICALS – 1.2% Syngenta | 934,741 |
| | Total Investments in Switzerland (cost \$834,335) | 934,741 |
| INVESTMENTS IN DENMARK – 1.2% | | |
| 15,000 | CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING – 1.2% FLSmidth & Co. | 870,859 |
| | Total Investments in Denmark (cost \$1,140,720) | 870,859 |
| | Total Investments in Common and Preferred Stocks – 99.5% (cost \$68,006,753) | 74,975,348 |
| SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL – 1.8% | | |
| 1,320,530 | Daily Assets Fund Institutional, 0.23% (cost \$1,320,530)(b)(c) | 1,320,530 |
| CASH EQUIVALENTS – 0.9% | | |
| 705,980 | Central Cash Management Fund, 0.15% (cost \$705,980)(c) | 705,980 |
| Number of contracts | Description | Value(a) |
| PUT OPTIONS PURCHASED – 0.3% | | |
| 500 | DAX Index, Expiration: 12/21/2012 Exercise Price EUR 5,900 | \$ 86,182 |

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| | (cost \$117,648) | |
| | CAC 40 Index, | |
| | Expiration: | |
| | 12/21/2012 Exercise | |
| | Price | |
| | EUR 2,900 | |
| 350 | (cost \$129,976) | 132,360 |
| | Total Investments in | |
| | Purchased Options – | |
| | 0.3% | |
| | (cost \$247,624) | 218,542 |
| | Total Investments – | |
| | 102.5% | |
| | (cost \$70,280,887)** | 77,220,400 |
| | Other Assets and | |
| | Liabilities, | |
| | Net – (2.5%) | (1,892,796) |
| | NET ASSETS – | |
| | 100.0% | \$75,327,604 |

For information on the Fund's policies regarding the valuation of investments and other significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semi-annual or annual financial statements.

* Non-income producing security.

** The cost for federal income tax purposes was \$70,402,036. At September 30, 2012, net unrealized appreciation for all securities based on tax cost was \$6,818,364. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost of \$10,649,672 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value of \$3,831,308.

† All or a portion of these securities were on loan. The value of all securities loaned at September 30, 2012 amounted to \$1,256,828, which is 1.7% of net assets.

(a) Value stated in U.S. dollars.

(b) Represents collateral held in connection with securities lending. Income earned by the Fund is net of borrower rebates.

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

Currency Abbreviations

EUR – Euro

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.

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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 inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of September 30, 2012 in valuing the Fund's investments.

| Category | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Common Stocks and/or Other Equity Investments(1) | | | | |
| Germany | \$28,805,126 | \$ — | \$ — | \$28,805,126 |
| France | 14,566,987 | — | — | 14,566,987 |
| Spain | 6,839,913 | — | — | 6,839,913 |
| Netherlands | 5,972,921 | — | — | 5,972,921 |
| United Kingdom | 5,908,521 | — | — | 5,908,521 |
| Norway | 3,531,436 | — | — | 3,531,436 |
| Italy | 2,602,597 | — | — | 2,602,597 |
| Luxembourg | 2,177,963 | — | — | 2,177,963 |
| Finland | 1,743,914 | — | — | 1,743,914 |
| Austria | 1,020,370 | — | — | 1,020,370 |
| Switzerland | 934,741 | — | — | 934,741 |
| Denmark | 870,859 | — | — | 870,859 |
| Short-Term Instruments(1) | 2,026,510 | — | — | 2,026,510 |
| Purchased Options | 218,542 | — | — | 218,542 |
| Total | \$77,220,400 | \$ — | \$ — | \$77,220,400 |

There have been no transfers between fair value measurement levels during the period ended September 30, 2012.

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

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.

By: /s/W. Douglas Beck
W. Douglas Beck
President

Date: November 20, 2012

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/W. Douglas Beck
W. Douglas Beck
President

Date: November 20, 2012

By: /s/Paul Schubert
Paul Schubert
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date:

November 20, 2012