

EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC / MD

Form N-Q

November 29, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED**

**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

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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 10154-0004

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Diane Kenneally

One International Place

Boston, MA 02110

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 250-2500

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 9/30/2018

**ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

The European Equity Fund, Inc.

Schedule of Investments

as of September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Common Stocks 99.5%</b>		
<b>Germany 18.5%</b>		
<b>Capital Markets 3.2%</b>		
Deutsche Boerse AG	20,000	<b>2,680,511</b>
<b>Chemicals 2.0%</b>		
Evonik Industries AG	48,000	<b>1,719,801</b>
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 2.5%</b>		
Siemens Healthineers AG 144A*	48,000	<b>2,111,425</b>
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 1.9%</b>		
Fresenius SE & Co KGaA	22,000	<b>1,615,833</b>
<b>Insurance 2.4%</b>		
Allianz SE (Registered)	9,000	<b>2,006,899</b>
<b>Internet &amp; Direct Marketing Retail 0.4%</b>		
Zalando SE 144A*	8,000	<b>311,348</b>
<b>Personal Products 2.9%</b>		
Beiersdorf AG	22,000	<b>2,483,027</b>
<b>Software 3.2%</b>		
SAP SE	22,000	<b>2,708,385</b>
<b>Total Germany (Cost \$13,743,404)</b>		<b>15,637,229</b>
<b>Sweden 14.1%</b>		
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 2.0%</b>		
Hexagon AB "B"	29,000	<b>1,698,347</b>
<b>Household Products 3.0%</b>		
Essity AB "B"	100,000	<b>2,511,156</b>

**Machinery 6.7%**

Alfa Laval AB	76,000	2,058,834
SKF AB "B"	105,000	2,069,596
Volvo AB "B"	88,000	1,553,994
		<b>5,682,424</b>

**Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 2.4%**

Lundin Petroleum AB	52,000	<b>1,988,512</b>
<b>Total Sweden</b> (Cost \$10,329,241)		<b>11,880,439</b>

**Switzerland 13.6%****Building Products 2.2%**

Geberit AG (Registered)	4,000	<b>1,863,855</b>
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**Capital Markets 2.7%**

Partners Group Holding AG	2,841	<b>2,264,017</b>
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**Chemicals 2.1%**

Sika AG (Registered)	12,000	<b>1,755,349</b>
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**Insurance 1.5%**

Baloise Holding AG (Registered)	8,168	<b>1,251,663</b>
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**Life Sciences Tools & Services 3.1%**

Lonza Group AG (Registered)*	7,700	<b>2,640,495</b>
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**Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 2.0%**

Logitech International SA (Registered)	38,000	<b>1,706,091</b>
<b>Total Switzerland</b> (Cost \$8,183,060)		<b>11,481,470</b>

**France 12.9%****Aerospace & Defense 2.7%**

Thales SA	16,000	<b>2,273,557</b>
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**Commercial Services & Supplies 1.4%**

Edenred	30,000	<b>1,143,863</b>
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**Construction & Engineering 2.0%**

Bouygues SA	40,000	<b>1,729,557</b>
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**Health Care Equipment & Supplies 5.8%**

BioMerieux	23,000	1,917,936
Essilor International Cie Generale d'Optique SA	20,000	2,960,408
		<b>4,878,344</b>

**Household Durables 1.0%**

SEB SA	5,000	<b>851,306</b>
<b>Total France</b> (Cost \$9,513,536)		<b>10,876,627</b>

**Netherlands 8.8%****Banks 1.1%**

	Shares	Value (\$)
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ING Groep NV	71,000	922,226
<b>Beverages 2.8%</b>		
Heineken NV	25,000	2,344,866
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 3.4%</b>		
Royal Dutch Shell PLC "B"	82,000	2,874,853
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment 1.5%</b>		
ASML Holding NV	7,000	1,308,085
<b>Total Netherlands</b> (Cost \$5,861,712)		<b>0,450,030</b>
<b>Denmark 7.8%</b>		
<b>Chemicals 2.8%</b>		
Chr Hansen Holding A/S	23,323	2,368,297
<b>Electric Utilities 2.8%</b>		
Orsted A/S 144A	35,000	2,378,249
<b>Pharmaceuticals 2.2%</b>		
Novo Nordisk A/S "B"	40,000	1,883,848
<b>Total Denmark</b> (Cost \$5,519,626)		<b>N,630,394</b>
<b>United Kingdom 7.4%</b>		
<b>Metals &amp; Mining 2.3%</b>		
Randgold Resources Ltd (ADR)	27,000	1,918,542
<b>Multiline Retail 1.4%</b>		
B&M European Value Retail SA	238,769	1,204,135
<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 1.9%</b>		
Ashtead Group PLC	50,000	1,588,680
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services 1.8%</b>		
Vodafone Group PLC	700,000	1,501,326
<b>Total United Kingdom</b> (Cost \$7,183,720)		<b>N,212,683</b>
<b>Ireland 5.3%</b>		
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging 2.3%</b>		
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	50,000	1,977,864
<b>Food Products 3.0%</b>		
Kerry Group PLC "A"	23,000	2,538,995
<b>Total Ireland</b> (Cost \$4,051,599)		<b>L,516,859</b>
<b>Italy 3.7%</b>		
<b>Banks 1.8%</b>		
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA	600,000	1,533,745
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 1.9%</b>		
Telecom Italia SpA*	2,650,000	1,609,642

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<b>Total Italy</b> (Cost \$4,324,530)		<b>K,143,387</b>
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Belgium 2.9%</b>		
<b>Banks 2.9%</b>		
KBC Group NV (Cost \$1,908,100)	33,000	<b>2,456,710</b>
<b>Spain 2.4%</b>		
<b>Banks 0.2%</b>		
Bankinter SA	20,000	<b>184,245</b>
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 2.2%</b>		
NH Hotel Group SA	248,000	<b>1,810,251</b>
<b>Total Spain</b> (Cost \$1,986,925)		<b>1,994,496</b>
<b>Finland 2.1%</b>		
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 2.1%</b>		
Neste OYJ (Cost \$1,636,751)	21,000	<b>1,736,525</b>
<b>Total Common Stocks</b> (Cost \$74,242,204)		<b>84,016,849</b>
		<b>Contracts Value (\$)</b>
<b>Put Options Purchased 0.2%</b>		
<b>Exchange-Traded Index Options Contracts</b>		
Deutsche Boerse AG German Stock Index, Expiration Date		
12/21/2018, Strike Price EUR 10,000, Notional Amount	1,300	<b>169,855</b>
EUR 65,000,000 (Cost \$431,898)		
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Cash Equivalents 0.2%</b>		
DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund, 2.03% (Cost \$185,436) (a)	185,436	<b>185,436</b>
	<b>% of Net</b>	
	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Total Investment Portfolio</b> (Cost \$74,859,538)	99.9	<b>84,372,140</b>
<b>Other Assets and Liabilities, Net</b>	0.1	<b>02,507</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	100.0	<b>84,444,647</b>

A summary of the Fund's transactions with affiliated investments during the period ended September 30, 2018 are as follows:

<b>Value (\$)</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>at</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>Realized</b>	<b>Change in</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>Gain</b>	<b>of shares</b>	<b>at</b>
<b>12/31/2017</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>Gain/</b>	<b>Unrealized</b>		<b>Distributions</b>	<b>at</b>	<b>9/30/2018</b>
			<b>(Loss)</b>	<b>Appreciation</b>		<b>(\$)</b>	<b>9/30/2018</b>	

	(\$)	(Depreciation)					
		(\$)					
<b>Securities Lending Collateral 0.0%</b>							
DWS Government & Agency Securities Portfolio “DWS Government Cash Institutional Shares”, 1.89% (a)							
(b)							
-	20,602,287	20,602,287	-		17,669	-	-
<b>Cash Equivalents 0.2%</b>							
DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund, 2.03% (a)							
271,114	19,247,318	19,332,996	-		19,074	-	185,436 185,436
<b>271,114</b>	<b>39,849,605</b>	<b>39,935,283</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>36,743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,436 185,436</b>

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.
- (a) Affiliated fund managed by DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.
- (b) Represents collateral held in connection with securities lending. Income earned by the Fund is net of borrower rebates.
- 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.
- ADR: American Depositary Receipt

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 September 30, 2018 in valuing the Fund's investments.

Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks (c)				
Germany	\$ 15,637,229	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,637,229
Sweden	11,880,439	—	—	11,880,439
Switzerland	11,481,470	—	—	11,481,470
France	10,876,627	—	—	10,876,627
Netherlands	7,450,030	—	—	7,450,030
Denmark	6,630,394	—	—	6,630,394
United Kingdom	6,212,683	—	—	6,212,683
Ireland	4,516,859	—	—	4,516,859
Italy	3,143,387	—	—	3,143,387
Belgium	2,456,710	—	—	2,456,710
Spain	1,994,496	—	—	1,994,496
Finland	1,736,525	—	—	1,736,525
Short-Term Instruments (c)	185,436	—	—	185,436
Derivatives (d)				
Purchased Options	169,855	—	—	169,855
Total	\$ 84,372,140	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 84,372,140

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

(d) 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/Hepsen Uzcan

By: Hepsen Uzcan

President

Date: 11/23/2018

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.

/s/Hepsen Uzcan

By: Hepsen Uzcan

President

Date: 11/23/2018

By: /s/Diane Kenneally



Diane Kenneally

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: 11/23/2018