EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC / MD Form N-Q May 28, 2010

### 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 811-4632

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 345 Park Avenue New York, NY 10154-0004 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 454-7190

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 3/31/10

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

THE EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — MARCH 31, 2010 (unaudited)

Shares Description Value(a)

INVESTMENTS IN GERMAN SECURITIES –

34.7%

COMMON STOCKS – 29.7%

AIRLINES – 3.4%

187,000 Deutsche Lufthansa \$ 3,106,286

AUTOMOBILES – 3.1%

60,000 Daimler\* 2,828,902

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS – 2.2%

36,000	HeidelbergCement	2,011,194		
30,000	CHEMICALS – 5.8%	2,011,174		
22,000	Linde	2,628,946		
17,000	Wacker Chemie	2,538,747		
27,000	.,	5,167,693		
	DIVERSIFIED TELECOMN			
	- 3.6%			
240,000	Deutsche Telekom 3,257,843			
	INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMI	ERATES – 1.7%		
22,000	Rheinmetall	1,578,141		
	INSURANCE – 2.2%			
16,000	Allianz	2,009,138		
	INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES – 1.8%			
110,000	United Internet*	1,670,990		
	PHARMACEUTICALS – 4.7			
47,000	Bayer	3,183,931		
27,000	Stada Arzneimittel	1,065,373		
	COETWARE 1 20	4,249,304		
0.000	SOFTWARE – 1.2%	1 072 408		
9,000	Software Total Common	1,073,408		
	Stocks (cost \$23,940,416)	26,952,899		
	PREFERRED STOCKS – 5.0			
	AUTOMOBILES – 1.0%	. 70		
10,642	Volkswagen*	919,415		
Shares	Description Valu HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS – 4	* /		
68,000		\$ 3,666,466		
30,000	Total Preferred	\$ 2,000,100		
	Stocks (cost			
	\$3,551,059)	4,585,881		
	Total Investments in			
	German Securities (cost			
	\$27,491,475)	31,538,780		
INVESTMENTS IN FRENCH COMMON STOCKS – 21.5%				
	COMMERCIAL BANKS – 4.29	%		
60,000	Societe Generale	3,779,309		
	FOOD PRODUCTS – 2.1%			
30,876	Danone	1,862,762		
07.500	INSURANCE – 2.4%	2 172 100		
97,500	AXA	2,172,199		
20 (22	MULTI-UTILITIES – 1.2%	1 107 244		
28,623	GDF Suez	1,107,344 FUELS 2.0%		
32,000	OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE Total	1,860,449		
32,000	HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT			
	2.1%	& SULLIES -		

	<b>Essilor International</b>	
30,000	S.A.	1,918,264
	AUTO COMPONENTS – 1	.8%
22,000	Michelin	1,623,673
	ENERGY EQUIPMENT &	SERVICES – 1.7%
55,000	Geophysique-Veritas*	1,562,741
	TEXTILES, APPAREL & L	UXURY GOODS –
	4.0%	
	LVMH Moet	
	Hennessy Louis	
31,000	Vuitton	3,628,942
	Total Investments in	
	French Common	
	Stocks (cost	
	\$18,831,072)	19,515,683

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## THE EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC.

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — MARCH 31, 2010 (unaudited) (continued)

Shares INVESTMENTS IN SPANISH COMMON STOCKS – 11.1%	Description	Value(a)	
	COMMERCIAL BANKS – 3.5%		
240,000	Banco Santander	\$ 3,194,536	
	DIVERSIFIED TELECOMN – 5.0%	MUNICATION SERVICES	
190,000	Telefonica	4,508,008	
	ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SERVICES – 1.7%		
25,000	Tecnicas Reunidas	1,574,205	
	INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS & ENERGY		
	TRADERS - 0.9%		
200,000	Iberdrola Renovables	831,911	
	Total Investments in		
	Spanish Common		
	Stocks (cost \$6,899,957)	10,108,660	
INVESTMENTS IN SWISS COMMON STOCKS – 10.7%			
	CHEMICALS – 1.3%		
710	Sika	1,200,646	

DIVERSIFIED MINERALS – 2.5%

120,000 Xstrata\* 2,273,069 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - 3.4% ABB\* 140,000 3,063,082 INSURANCE – 3.5% 2,500 Helvetia Holding 878,183 9,000 **Zurich Financial Services** 2,311,134 3,189,317 Total Investments in Swiss Common Stocks (cost \$7,799,724) 9,726,114 INVESTMENTS IN DUTCH COMMON STOCKS-5.8% FOOD PRODUCTS – 2.7% 80,000 Unilever 2,423,497 DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 0.5% 75,000 SNS REAAL\* 470,841 Shares Description Value(a) ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SERVICES – 2.6% 120,000 SBM Offshore \$2,404,830 Total Investments in **Dutch Common** Stocks (cost \$4,833,195) 5,299,168 INVESTMENTS IN SWEDISH COMMON STOCKS -2.8% **HOUSEHOLD DURABLES – 1.5%** 60,000 Electrolux† 1,375,325 CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING – 1.3% 65,000 Skanska 1,184,724 Total Investments in Swedish Common Stocks (cost \$2,136,540) 2,560,049 INVESTMENTS IN IRISH COMMON STOCKS – 2.8% CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS – 2.8% CRH (cost 100,000 \$2,472,765) 2,501,142 INVESTMENTS IN ITALIAN COMMON STOCKS -2.3% COMMERCIAL BANKS – 2.3% UniCredit\* (cost 700,000 \$1,422,533) 2,071,322 INVESTMENTS IN LUXEMBOURG COMMON **STOCKS - 1.9%** METALS & MINING – 1.9% ArcelorMittal (cost 40,000 \$824,339) 1,757,969 INVESTMENTS IN DANISH COMMON STOCKS - 1.8%

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – 1.8%

Vestas Wind Systems\* (cost

30,000 \$1,950,276) 1,633,102

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — MARCH 31, 2010 (unaudited) (continued)

Shares	Description	Value(a)	
INVESTMENTS IN GREEK COMMON STOCKS – 1.5		1.50	
	COMMERCIAL BANKS – 1.5%		
4.40.000	Alpha Bank* (cost		
143,000	\$1,949,983)	\$ 1,355,987	
INVESTMENTS IN BELGIAN COMMON STOCKS –			
1.0%			
	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES – 1.0% KBC Ancora*† (cost		
37,000	\$917,200)	925,923	
INVESTMENTS IN NORWEGIAN COMMON STOCK		,	
0.7%			
	ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SERVICES – 0.7%		
	Seadrill Ltd. (cost		
27,000	\$504,762)	629,949	
<b>-1,000</b>	Total Investments in	025,5 .5	
	Common and		
	Preferred Stocks –		
	98.6% (cost		
	\$78,033,821)	89,623,848	
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL – 1.9%	ψ70,033,021 <i>)</i>	07,023,040	
SECORTILES ELIVERING COLLATERIAL - 1.9%	Daily Assets		
	Fund Institutional,		
	0.22% (cost		
1,700,676	\$1,700,676)(b)(c)	1,700,676	
CASH EQUIVALENTS – 0.1%	\$1,700,070)(0)(0)	1,700,070	
CASH EQUIVALENTS - 0.170	Central Cash		
	Management Fund,		
100 (70	0.16% (cost	100 (70	
109,678	\$109,678)(c)	109,678	

Total Investments –

100.6% (cost

91,434,202

\$79,844,175)\*\*
Other Assets and
Liabilities, Net –
(0.6%)

0.6%) (506,716)

**NET** 

ASSETS-100.0% \$90,927,486

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 \$80,425,882. At March 31, 2010, net unrealized appreciation for all securities based on tax cost was \$11,008,320. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost of \$16,721,806 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value of \$5,713,486.
- † All or a portion of these securities were on loan. The value of all securities loaned at March 31, 2010 amounted to \$1,607,161, which is 1.8% of the net assets.
- (a) Value stated in US 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.

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — MARCH 31, 2010 (unaudited) (continued)

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 March 31, 2010 in valuing the Fund's investments.

Category	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	}	Total
Common Stocks and/or Other Equity Investments(d)						
Germany	\$31,538,780	\$	0	\$	0	\$31,538,780
France	19,515,683		0		0	19,515,683
Spain	10,108,660		0		0	10,108,660
Switzerland	9,726,114		0		0	9,726,114
Netherlands	5,299,168		0		0	5,299,168
Sweden	2,560,049		0		0	2,560,049
Ireland	2,501,142		0		0	2,501,142
Italy	2,071,322		0		0	2,071,322
Luxembourg	1,757,969		0		0	1,757,969
Denmark	1,633,102		0		0	1,633,102
Greece	1,355,987		0		0	1,355,987
Belgium	925,923		0		0	925,923
Norway	629,949		0		0	629,949
Short-Term						
Instruments	1,810,354		0		0	1,810,354
Total	\$91,434,202	\$	0	\$	0	\$91,434,202

(d) See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations

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#### 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/Michael G. Clark

Michael G. Clark

President

Date: May 21, 2010

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.

Registrant: The European Equity Fund, Inc.

By: /s/Michael G. Clark

Michael G. Clark

President

Date: May 21, 2010

By: /s/Paul Schubert

Paul Schubert

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: May 21, 2010