

EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC / MD
Form SC TO-I
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule TO
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

The European Equity Fund, Inc.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

The European Equity Fund, Inc.

(Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

COMMON STOCK,
\$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

John Millette

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(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation
\$3,555,054.72(a)

Amount of Filing Fee
\$407.41(b)

- (a) Calculated as the aggregate maximum purchase price to be paid for 529,026 shares in the offer, based upon a price of \$6.72 (98% of the net asset value per share of \$6.86 on July 18, 2012).
- (b) Calculated as \$114.60 per \$1,000,000 of the Transaction Valuation.

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- ☐ third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- ☒ issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- ☐ going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- ☐ amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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☐ Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

☐ Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

Introductory Statement

This Issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to an offer by The European Equity Fund, Inc., a diversified, closed-end management investment company incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland (the Fund), to repurchase for cash up to 529,026 of the Fund's issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Offer to Repurchase, dated July 25, 2012, and the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the Offer to Repurchase), which are filed as exhibits to this Schedule TO. The price to be paid for the shares is an amount equal to 98% of the Fund's net asset value per share (that is, the value of the Fund's assets minus its liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding) as determined by the Fund on the next business day following the expiration date of the tender offer, or such later date to which the offer is extended.

Items 1 through 9 and Item 11.

The information in the Offer to Repurchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference with respect to Items 1 through 9 and Item 11 of this Issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO.

Item 10. Financial Statements.

Not applicable.

Item 12. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

THE EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND, INC.

By: /s/ W. DOUGLAS BECK

Name: W. Douglas Beck

Title: President

Dated: July 25, 2012

Exhibit List

- (a)(1)(i) Offer to Repurchase, dated July 25, 2012.
- (a)(1)(ii) Form of Letter of Transmittal.
- (a)(1)(iii) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- (a)(1)(iv) Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(1)(v) Form of Letter to Clients for Use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(1)(vi) Text of Letter to Stockholders of the Fund dated July 25, 2012.
- (a)(1)(vii) Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9.
- (a)(5) Press Release issued by the Fund dated July 25, 2012.
- (b)-(h) Not applicable.