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PGIM INDIA CORE EQUITY PORTFOLIO



## From the desk of the Portfolio Manager for PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio



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#### The Road to Recovery

Dear Investor,

Economic recovery is underway with high-frequency indicators improving as the lockdown is progressively relaxed. Majority of the sectors are showing strong signs of recovery. However, the same does not hold true for the equity markets where we have seen a selective buying irrespective of underlying business realities. The portfolio performance showed a wide divergence with its benchmark NSE 500 in the month of October 20. The Core Equity Portfolio delivered -2.66% as against the benchmark return of 2.57% for the period. CRISIL, PI Industries and Container Corporation were the top three contributors with returns of 16%,11% and 7% respectively. The top three detractors were GEPIL (-52%), Bosch (-15%) and Rallis India (-13%).

CRISIL has consolidated its industry position as a leader in ratings. Ratings by CRISIL are the gold standard. With the regulatory push to channelise the corporate borrowings through the capital markets instead of borrowings from the banks, the business has significant growth potential. Economic recovery is another driver for the business.

PI Industries did well on the back of strong earnings growth in Q2. On a YoY basis, the domestic business grew 33%, while exports clocked an increase of 25%. EBITDA margins expanded with expansion of gross margins and operating leverage kicking in. The order book in CSM business of \$1.5 billion and strong growth in domestic business should work for the business. Management has raised resources through QIP to focus on the acquisition of high ROCE businesses in pharma and speciality chemicals.

Container Corporation of India is likely to see the long-term volumes and margins growth with the commissioning of DFIC. The Company posted an impressive 26% QoQ growth in sales in the quarter ending Sep 20.

GEPIL shares corrected sharply as the parent announced the decision to exit new-build coal power plants. Though the company will continue to service the existing customers, it has raised questions on the long-term prospects of the business as the thermal power is still a significant source of power generation in the country. Given the likelihood of long-term challenges for the business, we exited the position.

Rallis India was impacted by higher-than-expected fall in the international business though the domestic business registered a decent growth. We believe in the long-term growth prospects of farm essentials and crop care as a theme and hence will continue to hold the allocation in our portfolio.

Bosch (I) Ltd, shares did not fare well during the month. However, the automotive demand is improving, and a healthy recovery is expected in FY 22 as the economic activities normalize. Bosch expected to reap the benefits of increased content per vehicle as well as margin improvement driven by increased localisation.

The portfolio continues to focus on buying monopolies, annuities and business leaders across diversified sectors and industries. We are exiting few businesses and replacing them with beneficiaries of long-term themes like digitisation, financialization and health care. Our ground checks point out to recovery in manufacturing as well as the decent success of Make In India. Most of the underlying businesses in the portfolio barring few are doing well and are priced at reasonable valuations. All that a portfolio needs is sector/stock rotation and broad-based market that is cognizant of the valuations.

Wishing you a very Happy Diwali!

Stay safe.

Yours Sincerely,

# Top 15 Holdings of PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio Discretionary Portfolio Regular Plan as on October 30th, 2020

Date of Purchase	Equity	Sector	%
Jan-2016	Oracle Financial Services   IT Services / Products Software Ltd		5.93%
Aug-2018	Cipla Ltd Pharmaceuticals		5.25%
May-2018	Bharat Electronics Ltd	Industrial Electronics	5.14%
Oct-2017	Power Grid Corporation Of India Ltd	•	
Jun-2015	ITC Ltd	FMCG	4.76%
Feb-2018	Multi Commodity Exchange Of India Ltd	Other Financial Services	4.58%
Jul-2016	Rallis India Ltd	Pesticides And Agrochemicals	
Mar-2015	Castrol India Ltd Lubricants / oils		4.04%
Aug-2013	Cummins India Ltd Engineering		3.98%
Jul-2013	Indraprastha Gas Ltd	a Gas Ltd City Gas Distribution	
Sep-2015	State Bank of India	Banking / Financial Services	3.84%
Jul-2013	Container Corporation of Logistics India Ltd		3.75%
Apr-2014	CRISIL Ltd	Credit Rating	3.75%
Aug-2013	Great Eastern Shipping Co Ltd	Shipping	3.64%
Jul-2013	VST Tillers Tractors Ltd	Agricultural Equipment	3.17%
	Total		65.34%

#### **Model Portfolio Details**

Portfolio Details as on October 30th, 2020			
Weighted average RoCE	27.75%		
Portfolio PE (1-year forward) (Based on FY 20)	19.57		
Portfolio dividend yield	2.67%		
Average age of companies	61 Years		

Portfolio Composition as on October 30th, 2020			
Large Cap	34.25%		
Mid Cap	31.00%		
Small Cap	24.00%		
Cash	10.75%		

Large Cap: Market cap of the 100th company in the Nifty 500 (sorted by market cap in descending order) as on October 30th, 2020

Midcap: Market cap below 100th company to the market cap of the 250th company in the Nifty 500 (sorted by market cap in descending order) as on October 30th, 2020

Small Cap: Market cap lower than the 250th company in the Nifty 500 (sorted by market cap in descending order) as on October 30th, 2020

### PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio - Performance as on October 30th, 2020

Period	Portfolio	NIFTY 500	NIFTY 50
1 Month	-2.66%	2.57%	3.51%
3 Months	-1.64%	6.09%	4.87%
6 Months	9.25%	19.58%	18.08%
1 Year	-7.93% -0.68%		-1.70%
2 Years	-1.56%	5.55%	6.84%
3 Years	-1.91%	1.49%	3.95%
5 Years	3.89%	7.25%	7.61%
Since Inception Date 08/07/2013	11.69%	10.76%	9.82%
Portfolio Turnover Ratio*	20.11%		

<sup>\*</sup>Portfolio Turnover ratio for the period November 1st, 2019 to October 30th, 2020

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#### PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio - Annualised Performance as on October 30th, 2020

	Current Year April 1, 2020 to October 30, 2020	April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019	April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018
PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio	20.87%	-23.79%	3.79%	5.34%
Benchmark - NIFTY 500	36.94%	-27.60%	8.43%	11.47%

Performance is calculated on Time Weighted Rate of Return (TWRR) basis

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