

Stable core. Strong portfolio.

PGIM INDIA CORE EQUITY PORTFOLIO



From the desk of Portfolio Manager



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Focus on companies with high earnings visibility

Dear Investor,

PERFORMANCE RECAP

Our portfolio delivered a return of 6.59% vs a 2.87% return for the Nifty 50 TRI during the month of May '23, thereby outperforming by ~370bps. Our overweight stance on Autos, Chemicals, Pharma and Industrials aided our performance for the month. The stocks which outperformed were Maruti Suzuki, VST Tillers & Tractors, Eicher Motors, PI Industries, Syngene International and Astral Ltd.

On a one-year basis, our portfolio delivered a return of 20.91% vs a 12.94% return for the Nifty 50 TRI, outperforming the benchmark by ~800 bps. The changes in the portfolio (during Sept-Nov '21 period) with a tilt towards Growth at Reasonable Prices (GARP) approach has led to an improvement in the overall performance.

The portfolio outperformed the Index due to our overweight position in Industrials, Building Materials, Autos and underweight stance in the Information Technology (IT) sector. Four of our top holdings i.e. Timken India, Phoenix Mills, SBI, and Cummins India, contributed meaningfully to our outperformance, thereby reflecting the high conviction calls in the portfolio. Infosys and MCX were the laggards in our portfolio.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

We invest in structurally strong companies, that are termed as good quality companies. A good quality company is a company that has reached a minimum scale in terms of revenue, has gone through at least one downcycle and emerged as a stronger company, has a consistency in cash flows and higher return on capital employed over the last 10 years. The second aspect has been to always own companies which are market leaders in a particular domain. We have, over a period of time, seen that market leaders generally tend to come back stronger with a higher market share after the downturn as weaker players usually exit in the downturn.

PORTFOLIO OUTLOOK

FY23 earnings were broadly in-line. The key highlights were:

- Full year FY23 Revenue and Earnings for Nifty 500 grew by 23% and 9% at Rs 136 trillion and Rs 11.09 trillion, respectively.
- Nifty 500 Earnings logged a healthy CAGR of 15% over FY18-23.
- Full year BFSI / Non-BFSI Net Earnings at Rs 4.4 trillion and Rs 6.7 trillion grew by 50% and -7.4%, respectively.
- BFSI constituted 39.4% of the overall earnings in FY23 vs 29% for full year FY22.
- Oil & Gas and Metal, Mining were key drags on earnings. Excluding the same, 402 non-BFSI companies earnings grew 9% in 4Q and 13% in FY23.

In the near-term, market focus would shift towards the general election schedule in 2024. As we approach closer to the date, we could see increased market volatility due to speculation about the election outcome. We are of the view that these are transient factors and would advise investors to look past them to benefit from the long-term India growth story. We continue with our positive stance on the Indian equity market from a medium to longer term perspective.

With global economies seeing a growth slowdown in an inflationary environment and uncertain geo-political situation, India appears favorably placed due to its relatively higher GDP growth rate and moderating inflation outlook. A higher proportion of working-age population, rising household income and stable government policy will act as structural growth drivers for the economy. Focus on continuous asset creation, benign policy environment, prudent fiscal management and improved global standing augurs well for the economic growth of the country. Corporate India, by and large, is expected to see strong earnings growth on the back of this structural demand outlook coupled with its strong balance-sheet.

We see consumption and manufacturing spearheading India's growth led by demographics, higher per capita income and penetration with exports remaining a longer term but invaluable growth driver. We are positive on Industrials, Autos and Building Materials. We have increased our weight in Information Technology (IT) sector and are now equal weight on the sector vs underweight earlier. We continue to believe that investors with a 3-to-5-year view may benefit from investing in the current scenario.

Yours Sincerely

Surjitt Singh Arora

Top 15 Holdings of PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio Discretionary Portfolio as on May 31st, 2023

Date of Purchase	Equity	Sector	%
Dec-2021	Astral Ltd	Industrials	7.05%
Nov-2022	Maruti Suzuki India Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	6.97%
Jul-2013	VST Tillers Tractors Ltd	Industrials	6.71%
Sep-2021	Timken India Ltd	Industrials	5.68%
Aug-2013	Cummins India Ltd	Industrials	4.81%
May-2018	Bharat Electronics Ltd	Industrials	4.72%
Aug-2017	P I Industries Ltd	Materials	4.65%
Aug-2022	Eicher Motors Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	4.64%
Feb-2023	Nestle India Ltd	Consumer Staples	4.54%
Sep-2021	Phoenix Mills Ltd	Real Estate	4.51%
April-2023	Syngene International Ltd	Health Care	4.18%
Oct-2017	Power Grid Corporation Of India Ltd	Utilities	4.00%
Sep-2015	State Bank Of India	Financials	3.98%
Oct-2021	Navin Fluorine International Ltd	Materials	3.94%
Feb-2023	Mphasis Ltd	Information Technology	3.88%
	Total		74.26%

Portfolio Details as on May 31st, 2023			
Weighted average RoCE	25.69%		
Portfolio PE (FY2025E)	22.99		
Portfolio dividend yield	1.43%		
Average age of companies (Years)	47		
Standard Deviation	14.29%		
Sharpe Ratio	1.41		
Treynor Ratio	23.06		
Jensen Alpha	8.55		
Beta	0.87		

Portfolio Composition as on May 31st, 2023		
Large Cap	42%	
Mid Cap	41%	
Small Cap	14%	
Cash	3%	

Large Cap: Market cap of the 100th company in the Nifty 500 (sorted by market cap in descending order) as on May 31st, 2023

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 May 31st, 2023

Small Cap: Market cap lower than the 250th company in the Nifty 500 (sorted by market cap in descending order) as on May 31st, 2023

PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio - Performance as on May 31st, 2023

Period	Portfolio	NIFTY 50 (TRI)#	
1 Month	6.59%	2.87%	
3 Months	11.30%	7.44%	
6 Months	4.60%	-0.80%	
1 Year	20.91%	12.94%	
2 Years	17.15%	10.40%	
3 Years	27.15%	26.09%	
5 Years	11.75%	12.90%	
Since inception date 08/07/2013	15.55%	13.69%	
Portfolio Turnover*	52.07%		

*Portfolio Turnover ratio for the period June 1st, 2022 to May 31st, 2023. #w.e.f. April 1, 2023, the benchmark has changed to the Nifty 50 (TRI) from Nifty 500. To view the portfolio's performance relative to other Portfolio Managers, you may click here.

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PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio - Annual Performance as on May 31st, 2023

	Current Year* April 1, 2023 to May 31st, 2023	April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023	April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022	April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021	April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020
PGIM India Core Equity Portfolio	12.98%	4.89%	24.45%	53.25%	-23.66%
Benchmark - NIFTY 50 (TRI)#	7.09%	0.59%	20.26%	72.54%	-25.02%

^{*}Absolute returns for YTD period

Performance is calculated on Time Weighted Rate of Return (TWRR) basis. #w.e.f April 01, 2023 benchmark has changed from NIFTY 500 to NIFTY 50 (TRI) To view the portfolio's performance relative to other Portfolio Managers, you may click here.

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- 1) the timing of inflows and outflows of funds; and
- 2) differences in the portfolio composition because of restrictions and other constraints.

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