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# Small today. Large tomorrow.

# <u>PGIM INDIA</u> Phoenix portfolio





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# A perfect blend of structural and cyclical companies

Dear Investor,

### PERFORMANCE RECAP

Our portfolio declined by 0.6% vs a 1.5% decline for the Nifty Small-cap 250 Index and a 0.5% decline for the Nifty Mid-cap 150 Index in March '23. Our portfolio outperformed the Nifty Small-cap 250 Index by ~90bps on account of our overweight stance on Consumer Discretionary, Healthcare and Real Estate Sectors. The stocks that aided our performance were Mrs. Bectors' Foods, KPIT Tech, J.B. Chemicals, P&G Health and Carborundum Universal. This was partially negated by the underperformance of Greenply, and Kajaria Ceramics.

On a one-year basis, the portfolio delivered a return of 3.2% vs a 6.9% decline for the Nifty Small-cap 250 Index outperforming by 10.1%. Our portfolio allocation to small caps is ~47%, hence the performance should be seen in the light of the Small-Cap Index. The portfolio outperformed the Index mostly on stock selection in Real Estate, Pharma as well as Media Sectors and an overweight in Industrials and IT sector. The outperformers were Phoenix Mills, KPIT Technologies, Mrs Bectors Foods, J.B. Chemicals, Carborundum Universal and Indian Hotels.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

In this Investment Approach, we use a judicious mix of Structural and Cyclical companies

**Structural growth:-** India is a developing economy and market. There are a number of businesses that are unorganized and have low penetration. Hence, such companies can grow by gaining market share from other players and increased consumption once there is affordability and consumers become more aware. So, Real Estate, Pharmaceuticals, IT companies, etc., have been a part of this theme. We believe some of tomorrow's multi-baggers will be from this space and hence, we have bought these companies with a long-term perspective.

**Cyclical businesses:-** There are many companies in the mid and small cap space that are market leaders in their segments and are profitable but cyclical businesses. For instance, companies in Manufacturing, Finance, Auto Ancillaries, Commodities, Textiles sectors etc. The thought here has been to be invested for a period of 3 to 5 years.

#### PORTFOLIO OUTLOOK

We have seen a slowdown in consumption, particularly in discretionary spends and on the rural side, as was largely expected in an inflationary and high interest rate regime. Further, the possibility of El-Nino and an erratic monsoon does exist overlaid by possible fallouts of a lengthy election calendar. However, we believe these events are at best transitory, and they will be less of a worry with the passage of time and/or base effect catching on aided by the taking of corrective measures. Amongst these concerns, the Nifty too is down 8% from its peak and seems to be factoring them to varying extents.

India has underperformed most of its emerging as well as developed market peers in recent times (i.e. 6 months). While the Indian market's valuation has traded at a premium to its peers, with this relative underperformance the premium has come back to historical averages. What this implies is the valuations on a relative basis are more palatable than before. Further, Indian markets are expected to see an earnings growth of ~15% which makes India one of the real growth markets, with the valuation premium being reasonably justified.

On an absolute basis as well, valuations are more palatable at  $\sim$ 17x 1 year forward, and several sectors/stocks have seen a reasonable correction and are trading close to historical averages thereby making the risk reward more favorable. While the risks highlighted above exist, there are positives too in the form of improvement in CAD, weak commodities driving WPI softening, and the recent weakening in crude.

We continue to remain overweight on recovery plays i.e. Building Materials, Real Estate, Consumption and Industrials sectors. We have an allocation of ~22% in the Materials Sector and a ~10% allocation to stocks belonging to the house of Tatas. We believe that investors with a 3 to 5-year view would benefit from investing in the current scenario.

Yours Sincerely

Surjitt Singh Arora

### Top 15 Holdings of PGIM India Phoenix Portfolio as on March 31st, 2023

Date of Purchase	Equity	Sector	
12-Apr-22	Greenply Industries Ltd	Materials	5.99%
07-Aug-18	Carborundum Universal Ltd	Materials	5.56%
27-0ct-20	K P R Mill Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	5.30%
17-Sep-21	Procter & Gamble Health Ltd	Health Care	5.27%
01-Aug-16	JB Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd	Health Care	5.16%
04-Nov-22	VST Tillers Tractors Ltd	Industrials	4.82%
17-Sep-21	Trent Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	4.74%
23-Aug-16	Oberoi Realty Ltd	Real Estate	4.74%
11-0ct-21	Tata Consumer Products Ltd	Consumer Staples	4.68%
24-Aug-22	Sagar Cements Ltd	Materials	4.66%
06-Jul-17	Mayur Uniquoters Ltd	Materials	4.66%
17-Nov-22	Kajaria Ceramics Ltd	industrials	4.62%
20-Sep-21	Affle India Ltd	Communication Services	4.56%
13-Sep-21	Jamna Auto Industries Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	4.53%
28-Sep-21	Phoenix Mills Ltd	Real Estate	4.26%
	Total		73.55%

#### Portfolio Details as on March 31st, 2023

Weighted average RoE	14.18%
Portfolio PE (FY2024E)	27.41
Portfolio dividend yield	0.48%
Average age of companies (Years)	50

# Portfolio Composition as on March 31st, 2023

	1070
Mid Cap	36%
Small Cap	47%
Cash	7%

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

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

## PGIM India Phoenix Portfolio Performance as on March 31st, 2023

Period	Portfolio	Nifty Smallcap 250#	Nifty Midcap 150	
1 Month	-0.61%	-1.53%	-0.52%	
3 Months	0.29%	-7.31%	-4.49%	
6 Months	-3.50%	-4.47%	-2.59%	
1 Year	3.25%	-6.92%	1.99%	
2 Years	17.03%	12.44%	12.39%	
3 Years	35.08%	40.05%	36.23%	
5 Years	7.77%	6.98%	11.46%	
Since inception date 01/08/2016	10.28%	9.60%	13.51%	
Portfolio Turnover*	37.00%			

\*Portfolio Turnover ratio for the period April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023.

#w.e.f. August 1, 2022, the benchmark has changed to the Nifty Smallcap 250 Index from Nifty Midcap 100 Index.

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PGIM India Phoenix Portfolio - Annualised Performance as on March 31st, 2023							
	Current Year 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	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019		
PGIM India Phoenix Portfolio	3.25%	32.85%	79.87%	-38.70%	-3.73%		
Benchmark - NIFTY Smallcap 250#	-6.92%	35.80%	117.16%	-41.13%	-13.27%		

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Investment objective of PGIM India Phoenix Portfolio: The objective of the portfolio is to generate capital appreciation over the long term by investing in quality Mid and Small Cap Indian companies.

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