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# PGIM INDIA PHOENIX PORTFOLIO



# From the desk of Portfolio Manager



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## Focusing on Companies with Strong Growth Visibility

Dear Investor,

#### PERFORMANCE RECAP

Our portfolio delivered a return of 5.00% vs. 3.03% return for Nifty50 TRI index during the month of July 2023. Our portfolio outperformed the index by ~197 bps on account of our overweight stance on Consumer Discretionary, Healthcare, and Real Estate sector. The stocks which aided our performance were Mrs. Bectors' Foods, Indian Hotels, J.B. Chemicals, P&G Health, Carborundum Universal, and Oberoi Realty. This was partially negated by the underperformance of Jamna Auto and Greenply Industries.

On a one-year basis, the portfolio delivered a return of 24.01% vs. a 16.28% for Nifty 50 TRI Index, thereby outperforming by ~727 bps. The portfolio outperformed the index mostly on stock selection in Real Estate, Pharma as well as Media Sector 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. The underperformers were Greenply Industries and Jamna Auto.

The outperformance should be considered in the light of lower beta i.e. 0.61 vs. the benchmark (Nifty 50 TRI). At the same time, the Sharpe ratio of the strategy is 2.03 vs. 1.42 for Nifty 50. Hence, the risk-adjusted return is superior.

#### **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 which are unorganized, and their penetration is very low. 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 tomorrows' 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 which are market leaders in their segments, and are profitable but cyclical businesses. For instance, companies in the Manufacturing, Finance, Auto Ancillaries, Commodities, Textiles sectors. The thought here has been to be invested for a period of 3 to 5 years.

#### PORTFOLIO OUTLOOK

The 1QFY24 aggregate earnings so far have been in line with consensus estimates. Once again, the earnings growth was propelled by domestic cyclicals, such as Banking & Financial Services (BFSI) and Auto. The Nifty 50 made all-time high in July 2023, and trades at 19x FY24E EPS and 16x FY25E which is 5-7% premium to historical averages. Earnings growth expectations for Nifty 50 in FY24-25E remains strong at 11% and 17% YoY for FY24E and FY25E (Source: Bloomberg). And with inflation print remaining low, regulator could start cutting rates in this year itself.

In the near-term, market focus would shift towards the general election scheduled 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 these factors 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 growth slowdown in an inflationary environment and uncertain geo-political situation, India appears favourably placed due to its relatively higher GDP growth rate and moderating inflation outlook. Higher proportion of working-age population, rising household income and a stable government policy will act as structural growth drivers for the economy. With focus on continuous asset creation, benign policy environment, prudent fiscal management and improved global perception, India stands out. 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.

The portfolio comprises about ~56% of small-cap stocks and ~27% of mid-cap stocks. We continue to remain overweight on recovery plays i.e., Building Materials, Real Estate, Healthcare and Industrials sector. We have an allocation of ~15.0% in Healthcare Sector, and a ~13.0% 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.

#### Portfolio Details

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

Date of Purchase	Equity	Sector	%
07-Aug-18	Carborundum Universal Ltd	Materials	5.40%
01-Aug-16	JB Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd	Health Care	5.32%
04-Nov-22	VST Tillers Tractors Ltd	Industrials	5.19%
17-Nov-22	Kajaria Ceramics Ltd	Industrials	5.03%
23-Aug-16	Oberoi Realty Ltd	Real Estate	4.99%
17-Sep-21	Procter & Gamble Health Ltd	Health Care	4.90%
20-Apr-23	Artemis Medicare Services Ltd	Health Care	4.74%
17-Sep-21	Trent Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	4.65%
11-0ct-21	Tata Consumer Products Ltd	Consumer Staples	4.54%
22-Jun-23	C E Info Systems Ltd	Information Technology	4.48%
28-Sep-21	Phoenix Mills Ltd	Real Estate	4.44%
24-Aug-22	Sagar Cements Ltd	Materials	4.19%
12-Apr-22	Greenply Industries Ltd	Materials	4.04%
27-0ct-20	K P R Mill Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	4.01%
20-Jun-23	Sandhar Technologies Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	3.65%
	Total		69.57%

Portfolio Details as on July 31st, 2023				
Weighted average RoE	14.59%			
Portfolio PE (FY2025E)	26.05			
Portfolio dividend yield	0.35%			
Average age of companies (Years)	49			
Standard Deviation	10.97%			
Sharpe Ratio	2.03			
Treynor Ratio	36.46			
Jensen Alpha	12.64			
Beta	0.61			

Portfolio Composition as on July 31st, 2023			
Large Cap	10%		
Mid Cap	27%		
Small Cap	56%		
Cash	7%		

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

 $\textbf{Midcap:} \ \, \textbf{Market cap below 100th company to the market cap of}$ the 250th company in the Nifty 500 (sorted by market cap in descending order) as on July 31st, 2023

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

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

Period	Portfolio	NIFTY 50 (TRI)#	
1 Month	5.00%	3.03%	
3 Months	17.30%	9.91%	
6 Months	23.24%	12.55%	
1 Year	24.01%	16.28%	
2 Years	14.92%	13.23%	
3 Years	32.87%	22.73%	
5 Years	12.69%	13.03%	
Since inception date 01/08/2016	13.04%	13.92%	

#w.e.f. April 1, 2023, the benchmark has changed to the Nifty 50 (TRI) from Nifty Smallcap 250 Index. To view the portfolio's performance relative to other Portfolio Managers, you may click here.

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#### PGIM India Phoenix Portfolio - Annual Performance as on July 31st 2023

	Current Year* April 1, 2023 to July 31, 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 Phoenix Portfolio (Net of all fees and charges levied by the portfolio manager)	22.92%	3.25%	32.85%	79.87%	-38.70%
Benchmark - NIFTY 50 (TRI)#	14.42%	0.59%	20.26%	72.54%	-25.02%

<sup>\*</sup>Absolute returns for YTD period

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2) differences in the portfolio composition because of restrictions and other constraints.

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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