

Figures as of April 30, 2025

Net Asset Value USD 105.21 (A Class), USD 106.57 (B

Class), USD 106.81 (C Class)

Fund Size USD 5.3 million Inception Date\* Feb 21, 2025 Cumulative Total Return Annualized Total Return 19.3% in USD

\* The track record is the combination of two consecutive track records of Oaks Asset Management and Prana India Equity. From January 31, 2021 to September 30, 2024, it is the performance of the ABC Equity Portfolio managed by Oaks Asset Management for listed Indian equities. Since the launch on February 21, 2025 it is the performance of Prana India Equity.



Performance				
	April	YTD	1 Year	Lifetime
A Class	1.3%	5.2%	-	5.2%
B Class	1.4%	6.5%	-	6.5%
C Class	1.5%	6.7%	-	6.7%

Largest Holdings	
Reliance Industries	5.4%
Larsen & Toubro	3.4%
Power Grid Corp of India	3.2%
State Bank of India	3.2%
DLF	3.2%
JSW Steel	3.1%

Exposure	
Materials	14.1%
Industrials	13.2%
Energy	9.9%
Utilities	8.2%
Financials	7.7%
Cash	23.5%

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From Global Geoeconomics to Regional Geopolitics. April began with US tariff announcements escalating into a trade war with China, leading to a sharp sell-off in equity and bond markets. A threemonth moratorium on tariffs was announced, prompting a global market recovery. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) injected liquidity, cut rates by 25 bps to 6%, and initiated trade talks with the US, UK & EU. Apple plans to shift iPhone production for US markets to India. Meanwhile, India faced a terrorist attack, escalating into conflict with Pakistan, suggesting a prolonged dispute.

Prana India Equity Fund was up 1.5% in USD in April. April saw a dip followed by recovery, with banks and consumer sectors leading the gains. We are underweighting these sectors as they performed well from 2009 to 2020 but may underperform this decade, as seen since 2021. We've increased cash allocations to 23.5% and hedged 37.5% of INR exposure, anticipating that markets aren't considering the potential impact of prolonged conflict on Indian equity and FX markets.

Wartime economics likely to revitalize Indian manufacturing. We believe wartime economics will boost global growth and reduce debt this decade. Tariff wars, direct trade deals, and current conflicts will revive Indian manufacturing, demanding more energy and metals. Reliance announced plans to build the world's largest integrated facilities for solar cells, battery storage, and electrolyzes for green hydrogen. Steel production will increase sharply, and iron ore firms are scaling up. We have investments in JSW Steel and NMDC, India's largest steel maker and iron ore producer.

Agriculture is likely to be a key sector in the new world of tariffs. In an era of tariffs, long-term food supply is crucial to prevent inflation and unrest. India's large agricultural base positions it as a significant exporter. Agriculture is a focal sector in US negotiations for lower tariffs. We invest in ITC, UPL, Coromandel & RCF (fertilizers and crop protection), Godrej Agrovet, Avanti Feeds (animal and shrimp feed, packaged meat and shrimp), and Balrampur Chini (sugar and ethanol for biofuels). These companies' robust balance sheets and strong rural presence enable them to benefit from industry growth.

Name Theme Nature Prana India Equity Fund

Macro Themes driving India's Transition Long-only equity fund, actively

managed

Focus

Listed Indian equities

#### Structure

A sub-fund of the Protea UCITS Umbrella domiciled in Luxembourg

Distributions
Fiscal Year End
Reporting
Currency Classes
Trading

Umbrella domiciled in Luxembourg Income annually December 31 Semi-annually in USD USD, CHF, EUR (all unhedged)

Daily issuance and redemption,

based on net asset value

Fund Manager Custodian Bank Investment Manager Advisor

FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited OAKS Asset Management, India Deloitte

Management Fee Management Fee Management Fee

A Class: 1.2% annually B Class: 2.4% annually B Class: 2.9% annually

Issuance Fee Redemption Fee None None

A Class

Auditors

ISIN LU2850665907

B Class

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C Class

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# **General Information**

## **Investment Opportunity**

As India is about to cross the \$2,500 GDP per capita threshold, it is entering a phase of accelerated economic growth. The country is well-positioned to benefit from geopolitical shifts and supply chain realignments. This trend will enhance India's attractiveness as a destination for global investments.

# Investment Strategy

The objective of the Prana India Equity fund is to create sustained shareholder value by identifying macro themes that are driving India's transition and selecting and allocating to sectors that are capturing these themes. It is an all-cap strategy with a large cap bias. The strategy is benchmark agnostic. At least two-thirds of the total assets are to be invested in companies which are domiciled in India. At most one-third of the total volume of funds can be invested in equity-oriented stocks and money market instruments of issuers worldwide.

### Risk Management

The Indian stock market has many of the risks and characteristics of emerging markets. Prana India Equity is well diversified to avoid concentration risk. The weight of each position in the portfolio is subject to a maximum limit of 10%, while the positions over 5% in aggregate must not make up more than 40% of the portfolio. Upside and downside risks are managed by shifting allocation between the core portfolio (>65% of assets) which includes companies capturing India's economic transition, a satellite portfolio (<35%) meaning companies with large weights but outside the core sectors and cash (<33%).

#### Investment Manager

HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited is a Hong Kong based independent investment management company. Its investment team has been managing Asian equity portfolios since 1994.

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