Figures as of May, 30, 2025

Net Asset Value USD 108.06 (A Class), USD 109.39 (B

Class), USD 109.75 (C Class)

Fund Size USD 5.5 million Inception Date\* Feb 21, 2025 Cumulative Total Return Annualized Total Return 19.7% in USD

\* The track record is the combination of two consecutive track records of Oaks Asset Management and Prana India Equity. From January 28, 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				
	May	YTD	1 Year	Feb 2025
A Class	2.7%	8.1%	-	8.1%
B Class	2.8%	9.4%	-	9.4%
C Class	2.9%	9.7%	-	9.7%

Largest Holdings	
Reliance	5.0%
DLF	3.7%
Larsen & Toubro	3.6%
State Bank of India	3.6%
NTPC	3.3%
Power Grid	3.3%

Exposure	
Industrials	15.1%
Materials	15.0%
Energy	9.9%
Utilities	8.7%
Consumer Staples	7.9%
Cash	17.4%

# Newsletter May 2025

- Escalating tensions end in ceasefire between India and Pakistan
- Prana India Equity Fund was up 2.9% in USD in May
- India's manufacturing to be in focus
- Stock level activity

Escalating tensions between India and Pakistan end in ceasefire. In early May, geopolitical tensions on the Indian subcontinent escalated. Following an April terrorist attack, India attacked several terrorist training centers in Pakistan, sparking a conflict between their armed forces. Both parties agreed to a ceasefire after several days of intense fighting involving fighter jets, missiles and drones which marked the most severe clashes in decades between the two nations. This conflict tested various weapon systems and could be a boost to India's defense manufacturing and export potential.

Prana India Equity Fund rose 2.9 % in USD in May. Markets corrected during the conflict but quickly rebounded to 2025 highs with the ceasefire. Industrials, Real Estate, Auto, Hospitality, and Metals drove the rally, leading our outperformance. The INR fell by 1% in May and our hedges (approximately 37.5% of the portfolio) paid off. We used some surplus cash and closed 25% of our INR hedge.

India's manufacturing to be in focus. India is increasing its focus on manufacturing due to tariffs and defense pressures. The National Manufacturing Mission, which will be launched in June, aims to boost manufacturing's share of GDP from 15% to 25% and integrate half of the rural workforce. Inspired by "Make in China 2025", it will enhance industrial infrastructure, skilled workers, increase female labor participation, diversify industrial bases across states, and scale up MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises). Key growth enablers include power, water supply, logistics, and human capital, aligning with our portfolio themes and potentially generating significant returns over the decade.

Stock level activity. Defense stocks gained attention in May due to the conflict. We invested in Bharat Electronics but exited the position by month-end as the sector became overheated. We increased our core infrastructure-related positions like Larsen Toubro and reduced our exposure to JSW Steel after a strong performance. We also added Staples and Healthcare positions, along with INR hedges and USD deposits, to prepare for potential corrections in June.

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

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 Auditors 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: 2.9% annually B Class: 2.4% annually C Class: 1.2% annually

Issuance Fee Redemption Fee None None

A Class

ISIN LU2850665907

B Class

ISIN LU2850666038

C Class

ISIN LU2850666111

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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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