



PGIM INDIA ARBITRAGE FUND

An open ended scheme investing in arbitrage opportunities

March 2021

Portfolio Positioning*

- We run a concentrated portfolio strategy (~40 stocks). Given our size we can be agile and selective in our approach and invest in companies which have the potential to offer higher arbitrage premiums compared to market average.
- We remain true to our mandate and manage a pure arbitrage portfolio that is fully hedged at all times. Fixed income allocation is primarily to top rated short term CDs / CPs and we refrain from taking any kind of credit and duration risks.
- As on month end, 68% of the portfolio was invested in equity arbitrage positions. The arbitrage premiums during the month were primarily in the 55-65 bps range.
- Nifty Futures closed down by -3.9%, during the March series as rapidly increasing COVID cases weighed on market sentiments. The move lower was led by PSU Banks, Oil & Gas, Realty, Metals and Auto sectors. The key monitorable for Indian equity markets in the near term are; the efficacy of the vaccination drive and number of COVID cases, Inflation trajectory, RBI policy meet and GDP growth.
- Going forward we expect arbitrage premiums to remain supported or gradually improve; led by a positive domestic and global risk on sentiment, sequential improvement in macro-economic data and sufficient liquidity. Although expectations of lower interest rates in the shorter end (since F&O is a leverage product) could at times keep arbitrage spreads under check.
- March saw roll over of futures higher than recent averages. Nifty rolled 82% v/s 3 month average of 77%, Bank Nifty rolled 88% v/s 3 month average of 77% and Stock Futures rolled at 93% v/s 3 month average of 92%. Aggregate Open Interest (OI) for Nifty increased to US\$ 2.52bn vs US\$ 2.37bn last month. Stock Futures OI declined marginally to US\$ 14.8bn vs US\$ 15.9bn last month, indicating unwinding of positions. The open interest data indicates sufficient liquidity and interest in derivative markets.
- The Nifty Call Options with strikes of 15000, 15500 and 16000 have the highest open interest build-up and Nifty Put Options with strikes of 13500, 14000 and 14500 have the highest open interest. Option data indicates Nifty trading range of 14500-15500 for the month. India VIX remained at similar levels of 22.69 compared to 22.89 last series indicating flattish demand for hedges and downside protection.
- Many stock futures at times were trading closer to parity or at a discount to cash price during the month. We used this opportunity to selectively re-balance the portfolio at favourable levels thereby benefiting overall performance. We reduced exposure primarily in BPCL, Axis Bank, Hindalco Industries and Vodafone Idea. We increased positions mainly in Larsen & Toubro, Infosys, ONGC, Dabur, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, State Bank of India and Maruti Suzuki.
- Arbitrage Funds offer yields similar to short maturity fixed income products but with added benefits of lower equity taxation, limited impact from market volatility (fully hedged positions) and sufficient liquidity.

Portfolio (Top Ten Holdings)

Issuer	% to Net Assets	% of NAV to Derivatives
Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.	4.17	-4.17
ITC Ltd.	3.81	-3.81
State Bank Of India	3.35	-3.35
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd.	2.99	-2.99
Indusind Bank Ltd.	2.93	-2.93
ICICI Bank Ltd.	2.91	-2.91
Ultratech Cement Ltd.	2.60	-2.60
Canara Bank	2.52	-2.52
Divi's Laboratories Ltd.	2.47	-2.47
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.	2.34	-2.34
Equity Holdings Total	68.92	-68.92
Margin Mutual Fund Units	28.40	
Cash & Current Assets	2.67	
Total	100.00	

All the above data are as on March 31, 2021

* These are based on fund manager's current outlook & Subject to change.

IDCW** History

Record Date	Regular Plan		Direct Plan	
	IDCW**/ unit (₹)#	NAV (₹)	IDCW**/ unit (₹)#	NAV (₹)
Regular IDCW**				
30-Jun-20	0.1500	11.7898	—	—
31-Dec-20	0.1200	11.6944	—	—
26-Mar-21	0.4800	11.6495	0.5200	11.7919
Monthly IDCW**				
18-Jan-21	—	—	0.0420	10.5652
17-Feb-21	0.0360	10.4803	0.0390	10.5549
17-Mar-21	—	—	0.0420	10.5386
Quarterly IDCW**				
30-Jun-20	0.1100	10.8753	0.1450	11.0749
25-Sep-20	0.1200	10.8441	0.1350	11.0262
31-Dec-20	0.1120	10.8159	0.1220	11.0026
Annual IDCW**				
23-Jun-16	1.0000	11.3878	1.0000	11.4996
23-Mar-18	1.0900	11.5175	1.1735	11.7558
27-Mar-20	0.5135	11.6692	0.5844	11.9696

On face value of ₹ 10. Post IDCW** per unit NAV will fall to the extent of the payout and applicable tax/surcharges/cess/other statutory levies. IDCW** distribution is subject to availability of distributable surplus. Past Performance may or may not be sustained in future.

**Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal option

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Source: pgim.com *Pensions & Investments Top Money Managers list, June 1, 2020; ranking reflects largest money managers by assets under management as of March 31, 2020; based on PFI total worldwide assets under management as of March 31, 2020. ¹All Information as of December 31, 2020.

Asset Allocation

Instruments	Indicative allocations (% of total Assets)		Risk Profile
	Minimum	Maximum	
Equity and Equity related instruments including Index and stock derivatives	65%	100%	High
Debt and Money Market instruments	0%	35%	Low to Medium

Please refer to the Scheme Information Document for more details on asset allocation.

Key Features



Benchmark Index:
Nifty 50 Arbitrage TR Index



Application Amount: ₹ 5000/- and in multiples of ₹ 1/- thereafter.

Additional Purchase: ₹ 1000/- and in multiples of ₹ 1/- thereafter.

Repurchase / Redemption Amount: Minimum of ₹ 1000/- and in multiples of ₹ 1/- thereafter or account balance whichever is lower.



Exit load: Nil

No exit load will be charged for switches and STP between any open-ended equity schemes, hybrid schemes (except PGIM India Arbitrage Fund) and fund of funds schemes.



Fund Manager:

Mr. Utkarsh Katkoria & Mr. Hitash Dang (Equity portion) and Mr. Kumaresh Ramakrishnan (Debt portion)

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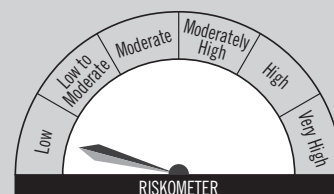
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Riskometer

This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*:

- Income over short term
- Income through arbitrage opportunities between the equity spot and equity derivatives market and arbitrage opportunities within the equity derivatives segment
- Degree of risk – LOW

*Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.



Investors understand that their principal will be at low risk

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