# Prime Value Opportunities Fund Fund Update (Class A and B) – March 2025

- Weakness in equities continued into March, following a softer February.
- The ASX300 Accumulation Index fell 3.3%. New flows around Trump policies drove market direction.
- > The Fund fell 3.4% during the month, marginally lower than the market. The portfolio is well diversified in quality companies across different industry verticals that should do well in most market environments. Since inception, the Fund's upside capture is 97% with downside capture of 84%.

	Total Return*	Benchmark (8% pa)	Value Add
Since inception (p.a.)	9.3%	8.0%	1.3%
10 Years (p.a.)	7.0%	8.0%	-1.0%
7 Years (p.a.)	6.9%	8.0%	-1.1%
5 Years (p.a.)	11.4%	8.0%	3.4%
3 Years (p.a.)	4.1%	8.0%	-3.9%
1 Year	1.6%	8.0%	-6.4%
3 Months	-3.1%	2.0%	-5.1%
1 Month	-3.4%	0.7%	-4.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Fund returns are calculated net of management fees, assuming all distributions are re-invested. Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council (FSC). The returns are calculated before performance fees which are charged against individual accounts. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

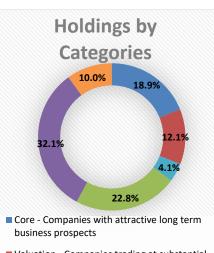
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FYTD	ITD
FY 2013					1.8%	1.7%	4.3%	6.2%	(0.6%)	4.0%	(2.2%)	(1.6%)	14.1%	14.1%
FY 2014	4.4%	2.6%	4.3%	5.0%	(1.1%)	1.5%	(1.9%)	5.9%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	(1.4%)	21.4%	38.5%
FY 2015	2.5%	1.0%	(4.1%)	3.1%	(1.9%)	0.7%	1.5%	5.7%	1.4%	(1.0%)	0.5%	(4.3%)	4.6%	44.9%
FY 2016	5.3%	(3.7%)	0.1%	5.5%	1.7%	2.4%	(3.4%)	(1.9%)	3.6%	2.3%	4.4%	(1.8%)	14.9%	66.5%
FY 2017	6.5%	(1.7%)	(0.5%)	(4.9%)	(0.2%)	2.7%	(1.1%)	2.4%	2.1%	1.3%	(1.2%)	1.2%	6.3%	77.0%
FY 2018	(1.2%)	1.0%	0.4%	4.2%	1.6%	0.4%	(0.2%)	2.5%	(2.5%)	3.0%	2.1%	2.4%	14.3%	102.4%
FY 2019	1.7%	2.6%	(1.9%)	(8.2%)	(1.9%)	(1.8%)	3.2%	3.4%	0.2%	2.9%	0.3%	2.6%	2.5%	107.5%
FY 2020	2.9%	(2.3%)	0.2%	1.0%	3.0%	(2.0%)	4.9%	(5.8%)	(16.8%)	8.0%	5.4%	3.0%	(1.1%)	105.2%
FY 2021	1.6%	4.1%	(3.6%)	0.5%	7.9%	2.1%	(0.1%)	2.3%	1.5%	4.6%	1.3%	3.0%	27.7%	162.0%
FY 2022	0.9%	3.9%	-1.4%	0.3%	0.6%	1.9%	(7.3%)	(2.5%)	5.7%	-0.3%	-4.8%	-7.9%	(11.2)%	132.6%
FY 2023	6.5%	1.8%	-6.5%	4.8%	4.1%	-3.4%	5.5%	(1.3%)	(1.9%)	1.3%	(2.0%)	1.9%	10.0%	155.8%
FY 2024	2.5%	0.4%	(2.8%)	(4.7%)	6.3%	6.7%	2.5%	0.5%	3.5%	(3.5%)	1.4%	1.9%	15.2%	194.6%
FY 2025	3.5%	(1.4%)	2.7%	0.0%	3.7%	(3.1%)	4.7%	(4.2%)	(3.4%)				2.5%	200.3%

Top five holdings	Sector
Commonwealth Bank	Financials
BHP Group	Materials
CSL Limited	Health Care
National Australia Bank	Financials
Macquarie Group	Financials

The top five holdings make up approximately 34.9% of the portfolio

Feature	Fund facts%
Portfolio Manager	ST Wong
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve absolute total returns by providing medium to long term capital growth without the constraints of a share market benchmark. The composition of the Fund will differ from the typical Australian equity fund.
Benchmark	8.0% pa
Inception Date	5 November 2012
Cash	0 - 100%
International Exposure#	0 - 20%
Distributions	Half-yearly
Suggested Investment Period	3+ years
Research Rating	Zenith – Recommended Lonsec - Recommended

<sup>#</sup> The Prime Value SIV Opportunities Fund will have no exposure to international securities in accordance with SIV



- Valuation Companies trading at substantial discounts to valuation or peers
- Turnaround Companies expected to drive returns from turning around busines model.
- Industry structure is vital.

  Specific Growth Smaller companies with unique products or services
- Thematic Companies exposed to structural or cyclical themes
- Cash

### **Market review**

Global stocks fell through March, as markets began to reassess the potential impacts that Trump policies could have on global growth and corporate earnings. The MSCI Developed Markets Index fell -5.0% through the month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index fell 4.2%, the NASDAQ Index by 8.2% whilst S&P500 Index finished down 5.8%. European markets performed better, on a relative basis, for the fourth consecutive month. The Euro Stoxx50 Index fell 4.0%, Germany's Dax closed 1.7% lower and the FTSE100 Index fell by 2.6%. China's market (MSCI China Index) posted another positive gain, of 2.0%, as investors considered potential green shoots in the Chinese economy.

Stimulus in China and Europe combined with a 3.2% fall in the US Dollar Index had been a support for commodities during the month. Precious metals were the strongest performing commodity group, led by gold (+10.6%). Industrial metals such as copper (+5.0%) were also strong, while Crude oil price was up +2.7% higher in March.

Australian shares fell in March, with the ASX300 Accumulation Index closing 3.3% lower. The market declines were driven by investors anticipating the impact of Trump's tariffs, while some investors appeared to have reallocated funds to markets such as China. With the exception of Utilities, sector losses on the ASX300 were broad based. Technology was the worst performing sector, Financials (-133bps) was a significant drag on broader market returns, with load shared across banks (-69bps) and Financial Services (-68bps). Insurance, however, was outlier among this universe, posting small gains for the month. The Materials sector was a positive outlier in terms of performance in the Small Ords Index. But despite the positive monthly performance, it was insufficient to make up for the broader losses across the other sectors as the Small Ords Accumulation Index closed 3.6%



This graph shows how \$100,000 invested at the Fund's inception has increased to \$300,300 (net of fees excluding performance fees). This compares very favourably with the return of the benchmark, where a \$100,000 investment would have increased to \$259,900 over the same period. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits.

Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the FSC standards. No allowance has been made for taxation. Performance assumes the reinvestment of income distributions. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

	Direct Investment (Class A)	Platform Investment (Class B)
APIR code	PVA0005AU	PVA0006AU
Minimum Investment	\$20,000	N/A
Issue price	\$1.6371	\$1.6098
Withdrawal price	\$1.6247	\$1.5976
Distribution (31/12/2024)	\$ 0.0390	\$ 0.0385
Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR)*	0.95% p.a.	0.95% p.a.
Performance fee**	15%	15%

<sup>\*</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all fees quoted are inclusive of GST and less the relevant RITC

# Fund review and strategy

The Fund fell by 3.4% over the month, marginally underperforming the ASX300 Accumulation Index by 9 basis points. The Fund is up by 1.9% for the FYTD25 and 1.6% on a 1-year basis. The largest contributors to performance in March were aged care services provider Regis Healthcare (+2.0%), Integral Diagnostics, a pathology services provider (+7.5%) and industrial explosives group Orica (+3.2%). Key detractors to March performance were largely financial companies including Macquarie Group (-13.2%), Pinnacle Investments (-23.0%) and Commonwealth Bank (-4.3%).

Outlook: Shares were broadly lower in through the March quarter, as the market became increasingly concerned in response to the unpredictable economic and policy actions in the US - In the main, this is due to concern to the risk of disruptive actions including the potential unintended consequences of US imposing tariffs on its trading partners. Although time will tell how this plays out we observe the following factors that are in Australia's favour. The currency is a counter cyclical measure that works in Australia's favour. A lower dollar will boost the attractiveness of Australian products and will provide downside protection to the domestic economy. In this context, Australia is extremely well placed to weather potential disruptions to its economy. Our companies, including the important financial institutions such as banks, are also well positioned. They are not burdened with excessive levels of debt and in many cases, hold strong capital positions. From a stock market perspective, the ASX is also better positioned. Valuations have not been driven up by the recent bullishness such as those around Artificial Intelligence theme. Critical to Australia, of course, is the performance of the Chinese economy. It's been well chronicled that Chinese economic growth is slowing but we have observed tangible and meaningful steps taken by Chinese authorities to bolster its domestic economy. These commenced in earnest in the second half of 2024, and we believe the capacity for further support measures is clear.

The Fund is well positioned. We increased our cash holdings in mid-February and own a well-diversified portfolio of high-quality companies. We believe market volatility introduces opportunities more frequently and intend to take advantage of lower prices that these events bring.

Top contributors (absolute)	Sector
Regis Healthcare	Healthcare
Integral Diagnostics	Healthcare
Orica	Industrials

Top detractors (absolute)	Sector
Macquarie Group	Financials
Pinnacle Investments	Financials
Commonwealth Bank	Financials

## **Platforms**

BT Wrap, Macquarie Wrap, Netwealth, Hub24, Power Wrap

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Of performance (net of management fees) above the agreed benchmark, subject to a high water mark