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Family office anAmaya Capital plans healthcare investments

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Prarthana Gandhi

Ahmedabad-based family office anAmaya Capital LLP, which made its first investment last year, seeks to invest in at least five companies in the healthcare sector by the end of this financial year, partner Prarthana Gandhi told VCCircle.

anAmaya Capital is one of a growing number of family offices in India as new- and old-generation entrepreneurs carve out a part or all of their personal wealth into such investment vehicles with a formal fund manager. According to a study conducted by the Association of International Wealth Management of India, the country has 90 large single family offices that manage private wealth in excess of \$100 billion.

Some of India's most famous family offices are Tata Sons chairman emeritus Ratan Tata's RNT Associates, Wipro chairman Azim Premji's Premji Invest, Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy's Catamaran Ventures and media entrepreneur Ronnie Screwvala's Unilazer Ventures. Serial healthcare entrepreneur GSK Velu, who last year sold his stake in pathology chain Metropolis Healthcare, set up a family office in March that with a corpus of \$75 million (Rs 500 crore).

Gandhi said anAmaya Capital has a corpus of \$1 million and is considering two to three investment proposals. The corpus will increase annually, she said without giving a definite figure. "We will provide capital to entrepreneurs focused on the healthcare sector with a viable business model," she said.

anAmaya Capital was founded in June last year by the Gandhi family and the entire corpus is family wealth. Prarthana's father, Mukesh Gandhi, is a co-founder and director finance at non-banking financial company MAS Financial Services Ltd.

Gandhi graduated in English literature and also has a B.Ed degree and postgraduate diploma in healthcare administration from Medvarsity Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad. She worked with Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London for three years before joining anAmaya.

The family office made its first investment in Ahmedabad-based Rich Nutrionwala Pvt. Ltd, which serves fresh packaged vegetarian diet food, Gandhi said.

anAmaya Capital will seek to invest between Rs 50 lakh and Rs 1 crore in early-stage companies and pick up a minority stake. It will look at investing across the healthcare sector in startups, hospitals and pharmaceutical companies that have the potential to turn profitable in two to three years, Gandhi said.

The family office will invest for five to 10 years and is open to investing in follow-on rounds depending on the company's performance, she added.

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