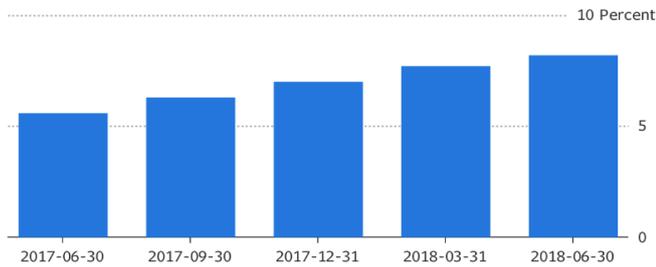


## Highlights

### Crowning Glory

India's GDP growth tops 8 pct in June quarter



Dates are for the quarter ending  
Source: Government of India

**Bloomberg**

**India's GDP expanded 8.2% year on year in the April quarter of FY19, cementing its position as the world's fastest growing major economy.** Unfazed by trade-war concerns, India's strong domestic consumption and robust manufacturing growth has seen its Gross Value Added which strips out taxes, rise 8% in Q1 of FY19 compared to 7.6% in Q4 of FY18. Higher steel and cement production during the first half of 2018 suggests that the government's continued focus on unlocking supply bottlenecks, reviving stalled investment projects and stepped up emphasis on public infrastructure projects is driving investment momentum. A stronger recovery in the sub-group of financial, real estate, IT and businesses services -- despite highly adverse base effects -- also points to green shoots of recovery. The pickup in growth sans demand-pull inflationary pressure suggests that reforms have lifted India's growth potential and activity ahead is like to remain non-inflationary.

(Source: Bloomberg)

**Global investors bought the most bonds in seven months, ploughing USD 403 million into rupee-denominated bonds in August compared to USD 105 million in July.** Optimism that the worst of the yearlong rout is over and attractive yields are reigniting interest in India's bond market, even as companies announce earnings growth, which have surprised on the upside.

(Source: Bloomberg)

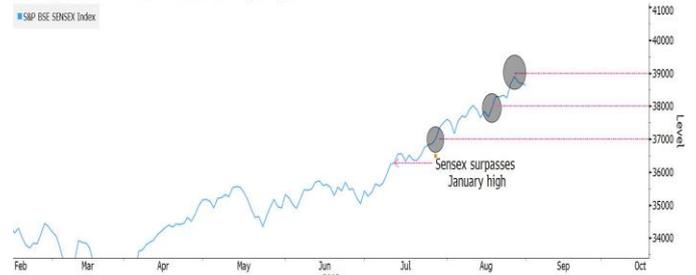
**Export related Pharma stocks have been rallying even as the rupee weakens.** Various economic drivers and government policies like the 'Pharma Vision 2020' and pharma parks which reduces manufacturing costs, while boosting the biosimilars and biologics sector, along with ancillary sectors, are driving the growth of the sector in India. (Source: Bloomberg)

**Mergers and acquisitions are booming in India as transactions involving Indian companies have reached USD 104.5 billion, easily surpassing the previous annual record with almost four months left in the year.** The combination of a new bankruptcy law, a race for dominance in the e-commerce industry and a record war chest at Asia-focused private equity funds has created what some are calling an unprecedented opportunity for deal making in the world's fastest-growing major economy. The M&A activity is helping to rid the Indian financial system of bad debt as industries from steel to power and infrastructure look to consolidate under the new Indian bankruptcy code. Asian private-equity funds which had a record USD 225 billion available to deploy at the end of 2017, are looking for opportunities. Just in the first half of 2018 alone, private equity and venture capital funds have boosted their investments in India by 46% to USD15.2 billion.

(Source: Bloomberg, Ernst & Young Global Limited)

### Another Milestone

Sensex eyes third round-number mark since July this year



Source: Bombay Stock Exchange

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**The S&P BSE Sensex is nearing the 39,000 level.** The equity gauge is looking to surpass its third round-number mark this year as optimism that economic growth which has topped 8% will help power equities higher in the coming months in a rally that has made India the best performing equity market in Asia. (Source: Bloomberg)

**India's industrial output growth rebound to a four-month high in June, as it rose 7% year on year compared to a 0.3% decline a year ago, benefiting from a low base effect from last year prior to the GST reform.** Computer, electronic and optical products manufacturing, grew 44% followed by motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers which grew 20.5% last year. (Source: Bloomberg)

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