

Commentary on Equity Markets

The MSCI India Index started the month at 18.59 and closed at 17.75 decreasing by 4.52% over the month. As per latest data, FII's were net sellers in Equity with outflow of USD 1.64 Bn vs. outflow of USD 1.98 Bn seen last month. FII's bought USD 0.15 Bn in Indian debt compared to inflow of USD 2.34 Bn last month. Domestic Mutual Funds were net buyers in equities with substantial net buying of USD 2.42 Bn in the month.

Commodities and Inflation

NYMEX Crude Oil prices rose by ~9.4% from the previous month levels, ending at 51.67 per barrel; the prices were higher by ~7.1% yoy. LME closed at 3124.70 lower by ~2.9% over the month (higher ~26.3% yoy). Gold prices closed at USD 1289/oz lower by ~1.36% over the previous month. The USD Index strengthened vs. other currencies with USD rising ~0.44% over the month; over the year the USD Index was lower by ~2.5%.

Despite a flat base, August headline CPI at 3.36% came in much higher than July (2.36%). Overall price momentum (1% MoM) was on the back of rise in price pressures across segments. Overall inflation internals for August reveal (i) sharp uptick in the food index tracking surge in cereals & vegetable prices, (ii) higher commodity driven inflation (crude & gold) and (iii) persistent price pressures in services leading to a stubborn core index. The food index (up 1.2% MoM) now reflects the delayed trend summer seasonality. Vegetable prices (up 5.9% MoM) witnessed a notable upsurge tracking higher prices of onions. The food index inched up basis 0.5% MoM surge in cereals. Protein based items such as pulses, meat & fish and egg marked a MoM decline in prices. Core inflation inched up to 4.5% from 4% in July. Core inflation ex-transport & communication stood higher at 3.9%.

Debt Markets & Real Economy

The G-Sec market traded subdued amidst growing concerns on meeting the fiscal deficit to GDP target of 3.2%. The market was also cautious ahead of the RBI monetary policy as participants keenly await RBI's stance given slowing GDP growth on one hand and signs of rising inflation and fiscal concerns on the other. The 10 year benchmark yield ended the month at 6.66% compared to 6.48% previous

month. The 1 Year CD yield was seen trading at 6.61% (6.52% previous month) and the 10 year AAA bond ended at 7.47% compared to 7.31% previously.

July IIP at 1.2% came in better than -0.1% seen in June. Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity grew 4.8%, 0.1% & 6.5% respectively. As per Use based classification, Primary goods (2.3%) remained largely supported by heavyweight items such as electricity & mining. Capital goods (-1%) has persistently remained in the contractionary mode reflecting the muted investment cycle. Intermediate goods (-1.8%), marked a consecutive contraction hinting at dim prospects of strong future production. Consumer durables make evident the dent in consumption post demonetization as their growth fell sharply from 5.6% between Dec'15-Nov'16 to an average of -2% seen since Dec'16. Nondurables grew 3.4% with 'Digestive enzymes & antacids' once again the highest positive contributor to overall IIP.

As per the latest RBI data, Forex reserves position increased to USD 402.25 Bn over the month. The Rupee depreciated by ~2.2% closing at 65.3950 Rs/USD vs. 63.9450 Rs/USD last month.

India's Q1FY18 Current Account Deficit stood at a four year high of USD 14.3 bn (2.4% of GDP); higher than USD 3.4 bn (0.6% of GDP) seen in Q4FY17. On a QoQ basis, higher CAD was due to wider trade deficit (USD 41.2bn). Lower exports (tracking weak global demand & stronger INR), high overall imports (muted domestic production hints at some import substitution), higher gold imports and high global commodity prices implied a wider trade deficit. YoY basis marked higher invisibles tracking a healthy growth in services (15.7%) as well as steady remittances. While most services, viz. travel, construction, insurance and other business services grew; the heavyweight IT services (97% of overall services) declined 1.5%YoY.

Sector-wise Performance

Key outperforming sector during the month was Healthcare. The sector is witnessing revival in investor interest as valuations have become extremely attractive post a long period of underperformance. Also, while the impact of channel consolidation and increased competition in the US market will continue to be felt for some more time, the sector is finally witnessing some improvement in the regulatory environment in the US as a few

companies managing to get their manufacturing facilities re-inspected by the US FDA without any significant adverse observations. We have been emphasizing upon the superior growth prospects for pharmaceutical companies in both domestic as well as international markets. At the current valuations, the sector presents attractive opportunities to generate long term returns. We continue to remain positive on the sector.

The key underperforming sector during the month was Consumer Goods. The sector has been one of the highest wealth generating sectors over the last few years and valuations appear to have reached expensive levels. As a result, there is some profit booking being witnessed in stocks within the sector. Also, there is a likelihood of growth in the near term being lower than earlier expectations as disruptions due to GST implementation may continue and a below normal monsoon in some parts of the country may impact rural / semi-urban consumption. However, the long term growth prospects for the sector continue to remain extremely robust as rising income levels combined with low penetration create a scenario for healthy demand for many years to come. We continue to remain positive on the sector and may increase exposure in case of a healthy correction.

Market Outlook

After a slight fall in the previous month, the market started on a positive note making a fresh all-time high. However, the momentum fizzled out in the second half of the month as concerns regarding deterioration in fiscal deficit made foreign investors turning net sellers for the second month in a row also reversing the Rupee's strong run so far. While speculations regarding announcement of a fiscal stimulus package continue, no such indication has been provided by the Government so far. Taking advantage of the correction, domestic institutions continued to invest which has supported the market. Going forward, a reversal in the declining GDP growth rate and pick up in corporate earnings remain the key parameters to watch. While current valuations appear expensive, the long term fundamentals remain healthy. Strong earnings growth can drive markets to even higher valuations. Any sharp correction in the market shall be utilized as an opportunity to invest.

	USD Institutional	USD RDR	USD Retail	Euro	Euro Retail	GBP RDR
ISIN	IE00BYPC7R45	IE00BYPC7S51	IE00BYPC7Q38	IE00BYPC7T68	IE00BDH6RQ67	IE00BDH6RR74

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