

### Commentary on Equity Markets

The MSCI India Index started the month at 20.34 and closed at 19.10, decreasing by 6.1% during the month. As per latest data, FIIs were net sellers in Equity with outflow of USD 1.92 Bn compared to inflow of USD 2.20 Bn seen last month. Domestic Mutual Funds were net buyers in equities with substantial net buying of USD 2.02 Bn in the month

### Commodities and Inflation

NYMEX Crude Oil prices fell by ~4.8% from the previous month levels, ending at 61.64 per barrel; the prices were higher by 14.1% yoy. LMEZ closed at 3339.7 lower by 2.7% over the month (higher ~15.6% yoy). Gold prices closed at USD 1320/oz lower by ~1.7% over the previous month (higher by ~5.4% yoy). The USD Index strengthened vs. other currencies with USD gaining ~1.7% over the month; over the year the USD Index was lower by ~10.4%.

January CPI at 5.07% was marginally lower than 5.2% seen in December. The price momentum encapsulates a steep fall in the food index, a flat fuel index and an uptick in core inflation. The core inflation momentum picked up given higher housing, diesel and gold prices. The print reflects pass through of lower vegetable prices, flat fuel index despite higher retail fuel prices, higher core momentum and higher housing index. Inflation readings are likely to remain at elevated levels going into the fiscal year end given higher food, fuel and core inflation. The food index (-0.9% MoM) exhibited a decline in prices of vegetables (-6.2%), sugar (-2.1%) and pulses (-1.4%). Inflation ex-pulses remains elevated at 5.8% indicating that lower pulse inflation remains supportive at the current juncture. 'Transport & Comm' (0.7% MoM) reflected higher petrol and diesel prices. Core inflation remained flattish at 5.14%. Core inflation ex-transport & comm inched up to 4.5%. All services, viz. household goods, health, transport & comm., recreation, education and personal care saw higher MoM prices.

### Markets & Real Economy

December IIP came at 7.1% supported by a healthy performance in Primary goods and a favorable base effect. Mining, Manufacturing & Electricity grew 1.2%, 8.4% & 4.4% respectively. Use based classification: Primary goods (3.7%) remained positive with support coming from heavyweight items such as electricity. Capital

goods grew at 16.4% driven by a very weak base. Intermediate goods (6.2%) have remained in the positive zone for four months now indicating support for future production. Infrastructure/construction goods (6.7%) marked healthy growth basis items such as cement. Weak consumption base tracking demonetization last year implied durables and non durables growing by 0.9% and 16.5% respectively despite the consumer index marking a seasonally adjusted contraction in activity. Two-wheelers production remained robust indicating some revival in rural demand.

As per the latest RBI data, Forex reserves position increased to USD 420.59 Bn over the month. The Rupee depreciated by ~2.5% closing at 65.175 Rs/USD vs. 63.60 Rs/USD last month.

### Sector-wise Performance

Key outperforming sector during the month was Information Technology. The sector has been underperforming for a long time due to concerns regarding visa regulations in the US, muted growth in developed geographies and the rapidly changing business requirements. However, in the most recent corporate results, most IT companies have seen early signs of growth revival as key user industries have started to pick-up and the spending environment is improving. Over the last one year, rupee appreciation has hurt revenues as well as margins, however as the rupee stabilizes, this should also start to reverse. As valuations within the sector continue to remain attractive, any further improvement in the environment shall drive the stocks higher. We envisage demand, pent up over the last few years due to change in political situation, to fructify going forward. There is also a strong co-relation of Indian IT exports with US corporate profits and global GDP, and going forward both are anticipated to improve. We continue to remain positive on the sector.

Key underperforming sector during the month was Industrials. The sector has seen sharp rally over the past few months on the back of government's capex push and expectations of growth revival. As such, the valuations within the sector have started to appear stretched leading to profit booking during the correction in February. A revival in capital investment is necessary in order to ensure sustained high GDP growth. While a number of companies participate in the growth whenever such a revival comes, very few are able to maintain

reasonable return on capital and keep leverage in check across the cycle. Our endeavor is to take exposure in such companies that can withstand cyclical downturns and improve their competitive position over time.

### Market Outlook

After a stellar rally over 2017, which continued in January as well, the market finally corrected during February in line with global markets. The correction was driven by concerns that a sharp pick-up in inflation in US will lead to the Fed Reserve raising interest rates at a pace faster than earlier anticipated. This might lead to flows away from risky assets, especially emerging market equities, and towards safe assets like US treasury. In addition, the news regarding financial irregularities in Punjab National Bank, and a few others (although on a much smaller scale), put pressure on the banking space as well, especially public sector banks. We see this correction as a necessary one in the long term bull market which provides an opportunity to invest further. While the possibility of a further correction cannot be ruled out, growth potential of the Indian economy continues to remain robust as evident from the latest GDP data. A pick-up in the earnings growth momentum shall act the key driver for the market going ahead.

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

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