

Market wrap Feb. 04, 2020

### Indian equities bounce back strongly after falling significantly on Budget day; cement companies rally..

Indian equities witnessed smart recovery and recouped all its Budget day losses with the benchmark indices settling over 2 per cent higher. Brisk buying was witnessed across-the-board. Further, recovery in global markets too boosted investor sentiment. The fall on Saturday was a knee-jerk reaction as investors overreacted to certain announcements and were expecting big bang reforms. However, after certain clarifications by FM and as investors realised that the budget is not against the interest of street participants, the market picked up. The fall in oil prices also aided sentiment. Oil prices fell to the lowest in more than a year on Monday, dragged down by concern over demand in China after the coronavirus outbreak. Brent crude was down \$1.82 at \$54.80 a barrel by 11:33 a.m. EST (1633 GMT), the lowest since January last year. In addition, sentiments got uplifted from the manufacturing sector rising to an eight-year high in January. The widely-tracked IHS Markit India Manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose from 52.7 in December to 55.3 in January, its highest level in just under eight years.

The S&P BSE Sensex today added 917 points or 2.30 per cent to end at 40,789 levels. Barring HUL and Bajaj Auto, rest 28 stocks in the 30-share Sensex index ended in the green. Titan - up over 7 per cent emerged as the biggest gainer on the index after it announced Q3 results. ITC, Bajaj Finance, and Tata Steel were the other major gainers on the index.

On the NSE, the broader Nifty50 index closed at 11,980 levels, up 272 points or 2.32 per cent. Volatility index India VIX declined 9 per cent to 14.33 levels. Sectorally, all the indices except media ended in the positive territory. The Nifty Media ended 0.9 per cent lower at 1,777.60 levels. In the broader market, the Nifty Midcap index gained over 1 per cent to 6,631 levels while the Nifty Small Cap index climbed 2 per cent to 2,978-mark.

# **Sectors and stocks**

Shares of cement companies were trading higher for the second straight day on Tuesday on expectation of revival in demand going forward. While there were no specific announcements in the Budget pertaining to the cement industry, demand for the commodity will pick up due to announcements related to infrastructure, housing and rural development. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday announced increase in (Pradhan Awas Yojna) various allocation PMAY Mantri and also other construction/infrastructure sector. The government also proposed extension of additional deduction of Rs. 1.5 lakh interest on loans for affordable housing loan and extension on the profits earned by developers of affordable housing project by a year to 31 March 2021. Among individual stocks, Shree Cement rallied 6 per cent to hit a record high of Rs. 24,660 on the BSE. The stock surpassed its previous high of Rs. 24,250, touched on January 13, 2020 in intra-day trade.

Shares of Bajaj Auto slipped 3 per cent to Rs. 3,176, on the BSE on Tuesday as investors booked profits after the company reported 22 per cent decline in domestic two-wheelers sales for January, 2020. The stock has fallen 4 per cent from intra-day high level of Rs. 3,313. Bajaj Auto said that it had dispatched 157,796 units of two-wheelers in January in the domestic market, against 203,358 units in the same month a year ago. Total two-wheeler sales, including exports, declined 5 per cent year on year (Y-o-Y) to 332,342 units. However, two-wheeler exports jumped 19 per cent at 174,546 units in the reporting month. Meanwhile, the company's total sales, comprising two-wheeler and commercial vehicles, dropped 3 per cent Y-o-Y to 394,473 units in January, 2020. In the past month, Bajaj Auto has outperformed the market by gaining 7 per cent, against 4 per cent decline in the S&P BSE Sensex and 2 per cent drop in the Auto sector index till Monday. Yesterday, the stock hit a 52-week high of Rs. 3,315 in intra-day trade.



## **Global markets**

Global equities bounced back on Tuesday led by Chinese stocks which reversed the earlier downtrend due to outbreak of coronavirus amidst official efforts by Chinese Government to calm virus fears. MSCI's main world index rose 0.4 per cent, led by gains in South Korea and Australia, the biggest leap in commodity-focused

stocks in over three months. The Shanghai Composite closed up 1.3 per cent, while the blue-chip CSI300 rebounded 2.6 per cent after a near 8 per cent slide on Monday. Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 1.2 per cent.



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