

Market wrap Dec. 07, 2021

## Indian benchmark indices bounce back; banking stocks rally..

Index	Today's Close	Prev. close	Change	% change	Open	High	Low
Sensex	57,633.65	56,747.14	886.51	1.56	57,125.98	57,905.63	56,992.27
Nifty	17,176.70	16,912.25	264.45	1.56	17,044.10	17,251.65	16,987.75
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- Indian benchmark indices ended in green after being under significant pressure on Monday and last Friday. Rally in US equities yesterday improved investor sentiments which supported today's rally.
- 2) The Sensex was up by 886.51 points or 1.56 percent to end at levels of 57,633.65. Among the Sensex 30 stocks, Tata Steel was the top gainer, up around by 4 per cent. Axis Bank and ICICI Bank were up 3.5 per cent each. Kotak Bank and SBI were 2.5 per cent each. Asian Paints was the only loser in the Sensex.
- 3) The Nifty was up by 264.45 points to end at levels of 17,176.70.
- 4) The broader markets too were in green today. Both the BSE Midcap index and BSE Smallcap index were up by a percent each.
- 5) In terms of sectoral performance, the BSE Metal index was up by 3.3 percent, Bankex and Realty indices were up by 2.5 percent each.

### Sectors and stocks

- 1) Shares of IFCI continued its rally for the second straight day on back of heavy volumes. The stock has rallied 9 per cent to Rs. 16.29 on the BSE in Tuesday's intra-day trade, and was trading closer to its 52-week high of Rs. 16.40 touched on June 24, 2021. In the past one week, the stock has rallied by 39 per cent, after the rating agency said that the rating outlook will be changed to 'Stable' if IFCI's strategic importance to the government of India (GoI) increases significantly along with the infusion of sizeable capital.
- 2) Shares of FSN E-Commerce Ventures (Nykaa) were down 2.55 per cent at Rs. 2,135 on the BSE in Tuesday's intraday deal ahead of the lock-in period of anchor investors getting over. The stock of fashion and cosmetics online retailer was trading lower for fourth straight day, falling 14 per cent during the period. The lock-in period for anchor investors will get over on Wednesday, December 8. The company had raised Rs 2,396 crore from anchor investors ahead of its initial share-sale last month. The company had allocated a total of 21,296,397 equity shares to anchor investors at Rs. 1,125 a share, aggregating to Rs. 2,395.84 crore. With the past four days' decline, it has corrected 17 per cent from its high of Rs. 2,574 hit on November 26, 2021. The stock hit a low of Rs. 1,994.10 on its listing day i.e. November 10, 2021.
- 3) Shares of CarTrade Tech hit a new low of Rs. 881, down 1 per cent on the BSE in Tuesday' intra-day trade in an otherwise firm market. The stock has now fallen as much as 46 per cent from its issue price of Rs. 1,618 per share. The stock of the company that operates online platforms for buying and selling of vehicles was quoting at its lowest level since its listing on August 20, 2021. It hit a high of Rs 1,610 on listing day, failing even to touch its issue price. Since October 29, 2021, the stock price of CarTrade Tech has slipped 24 per cent after the company reported a net loss for the second straight quarter of current fiscal. CarTrade Tech's platforms operate under several brands: CarWale, CarTrade, Shriram Automall, BikeWale, CarTrade Exchange, Adroit Auto and AutoBiz. Through these platforms, it enables new and used automobile customers, vehicle dealerships, vehicle OEMs and other businesses to buy and sell its vehicles in a simple and efficient manner

# Key recent major developments..

1) The coronavirus Omicron variant is likely to reinforce a downgrade of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) outlook on the global economy, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Friday. "Let's be very frank: A



new variant that may spread very rapidly can dent confidence and in that sense, we are likely to see some downgrades of our October projections for global growth," Georgieva said at a live-streamed discussion on the global economy. Georgieva said that even before the emergence of the Omicron variant, the IMF had already been concerned about a loss in the momentum of global growth due to the negative impacts of the Delta variant. "The Delta variant proved to be a disruption that caused some additional delays in production" of goods in the United States and China, the leading engines for world growth, she said.

- 2) Activity in India's dominant services sector continued to grow at a robust pace last month supported by a strong recovery in dmestic demand, a private survey showed, but elevated price pressures remained a major concern. The Services Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by IHS Markit, eased to 58.1 in November from 58.4 in October, but last month's rate of growth was the second-best in over a decade and well above the 50-mark separating growth from contraction for a fourth straight month.
- 3) India's Goods and services tax (GST) collections hit Rs. 1.31 trillion in November, the second-highest in a month since the country introduced this indirect tax system in 2017. The highest monthly collection, at close to Rs. 1.40 trillion, had come in April this year.GST revenues in November were 25 per cent higher than those in the same month last year and 27 per cent more than the corresponding month in the pre-Covid year 2019-20. The collections were also 1.1 per cent higher than the Rs. 1.30 trillion collected in October this year. A finance ministry statement said the GST collection in November was second only to that in April 2021, which had got a push from year-end revenues. It was also higher than last month's collection, which had included the impact of returns required to be filed quarterly, it said. "This is very much in line with the trend in economic recovery," it said. Official data released on Tuesday showed that the economy grew 8.4 per cent during the second quarter of the current financial year. It also surpassed the corresponding pre-covid period of 2019-20 by a tad 0.3 per cent. In the previous quarter, economic growth had declined 9.2 per cent compared to the pre-covid period, even as it rose 20.1 per cent year-on-year.
- 4) IHS Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey fostered confidence on the manufacturing front as the index rallied up to a ten-month high in November due to high domestic demand. PMI rose to 57.6 in November from 55.9 in the previous month, the highest figure since January this year. Moreover, the headline figure was well above its long-run average of 53.6. In the PMI lexicon, a figure above 50 points to growth, while the one below this mark denotes contraction.
- 5) India's GDP (gross domestic product) growth rate for the second-quarter for the financial year 2021-22 came in at 8.4%, as against a contraction of 7.4% in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, government data showed on Tuesday. Economic recovery strengthened in the July-September quarter, helped by a pick-up in consumer spending, though the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant raises fears for the future. "GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q2 2021-22 is estimated at Rs 35.73 lakh crore, as against Rs 32.97 lakh crore in Q2 2020-21, showing a growth of 8.4 percent as compared to 7.4 percent contraction in Q2 2020-21. Quarterly GVA at Basic Prices at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q2 2021-22 is estimated at Rs 32.89 lakh crore, as against Rs 30.32 lakh crore in Q2 2020-21, showing a growth of 8.5 percent," said Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
- 6) The fiscal deficit for 2020-21 was 9.3 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), better than 9.5 per cent projected in the revised estimates in the Budget in February. The central government's fiscal deficit at end-October worked out to be 36.3 per cent of the annual budget target for 2021-22 due to an improvement in the revenue collection, according to official data released on Tuesday. Fiscal deficit or the gap between expenditure and revenue was 119.7 per cent of the budget estimate of 2020-21 during the corresponding period last year. In actual terms, the deficit was Rs. 5,47,026 crore at end-October, 2021 against the annual estimate of Rs. 15.06 trillion, while total expenditure was Rs. 18.27 trillion, said the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

#### Global markets

- 1) Today, the European markets started on positive note. US benchmark index Nasdaq too was upbeat, up by 1.89 percent.
- 2) Asian peer indices ended in green. Kospi rallied by 0.62 per cent. Hang Seng and Taiwan Weighted were up by 2.72 per cent and 0.61 per cent, respectively. Japan's Nikkei was up by 1.89 percent and Shanghai Composite up by 0.16 percent.



## Ajcon Global's observations and view

- 1) Indian equities witnessed bounceback today mirroring rally in Asian equities and US benchmark indices. Rally was witnessed across the globe as investors believed that Omicron variant risk may not be that lethal as feared.
- 2) Before the last few days significant correction, the sentiments were upbeat led by fall in crude oil prices, good GDP data, robust GST collections, strong manufacturing PMI, good Q2FY22 earnings season and management commentary, good economic activity witnessed in the festive season of Navratri and Diwali and good spike in retail participation from Tier II and Tier III cities as people have become more financial literate in COVID-19 crisis. However, RBI measures to gradually reduce liquidity can remain an overhang. In addition, there are headwinds like global inflation, valuation concerns and strengthening US dollar.
- 3) There is a strong line up of IPOs. We suggest investors to be careful about the forthcoming IPOs and understand the fundamentals before riding the boom based on risk reward profile. However, IPOs of sectors in limelight like E-Commerce, Insurance, Digital, Speciality chemicals, Companies business model suited to new age, companies having business model which caters to the demands of Electric Vehicles would always gain maximum attention. However, investors have to be careful with expensive IPOs.
- 4) The discovery of new COVID-19 variant Omicron is a matter of concern. It is advisable to stay away from companies which have ran ahead of fundamentals and valued beyond logic. It would be prudent to stay with quality names at decent valuations in uncertain times. It is advisable for investors to stick to defensives for some time and also look out for stock specific opportunities considering growth outlook and management pedigree. Always remember, corrections in a bull market will keep markets healthy.
- 5) Investors will track global cues like COVID-19 cases led by the Omicron variant across the globe, global inflation data, oil price movement and developments in China.
- 6) Domestically, going ahead, all eyes would be on RBI's MPC meet outcome.



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