

Key Benchmark indices across the globe

Index	Oct. 10, 2023	Prev. close	Change	% change	Open	High	Low
Nifty	19,689.85	19,512.35	177.50	0.91	19,565.60	19,717.80	19,565.45
Sensex	66,079.36	65,512.39	566.97	0.87	65,662.27	66,180.17	65,662.27
Nikkei 225	31,746.53	30,994.67	751.86	2.37	31,314.67	31,818.26	31,314.67
Kospi	2,402.58	2,408.73	6.15	0.26	2,436.58	2,448.24	2,402.44
Dow Jones	33,884.97#	33,604.65	281.32	0.84	33,723.86	33,890.94	33,604.32
Nasdaq	13,647.13#	13,484.24	162.89	1.21	13,508.27	13,653.05	13,491.81
FTSE	7,628.21#	7,492.21	136.00	1.78	7,492.21	7,637.41	7,492.21
CAC	7,162.43#	7,021.40	141.03	1.97	7,086.72	7,170.32	7,085.13
DAX	15,423.52#	15,128.11	295.41	1.92	15,272.57	15,443.45	15,272.57

denotes Oct. 10, 2023 levels at the time of writing this report

Key macroeconomic indicators

Index	Oct. 10, 2023	Prev. close
Brent Crude Oil (\$ per barrel)	87.43#	88.15
Gold (\$ per ounce)	1,861.25#	1,860.88
Indian Rupee against US\$	83.25	83.27
India 10 year bond yield (%)	7.35	7.39
US 10 year G-sec (%)	4.63#	4.78

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FII & DII activity

	Oct. 10, 2023	Oct. 09, 2023
FII activity (Rs. in Crore)	1,005.49	997.76
DII activity (Rs. in Crore)	1,963.34	2,661.27

Domestic bourses witness strong come back; Mining, Realty and PSU Banking stocks rally..

- 1) On Tuesday, the Indian benchmark indices came back strongly and ended in the positive terrain led by value buying after yesterday's fall. Easing of US bond yields and domestic bond yields helped in improving investor sentiments. The ongoing war between Israel and Palestine will act as a headwind. The Nifty opened on a positive note and touched an intraday high of 19,717.80. Finally, the Nifty ended the day down by 177.50 points or 0.91 percent to end at levels of 19,689.85. On the other hand, the Sensex ended the day up by 0.87 percent to end the day at levels of 66,079.36.
- 2) Among the Nifty 50 stocks, the major gainers were Coal India, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, Bharti Airtel, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Hindalco up in the range of 2.38 percent to 5.07 percent. On the other hand, the major losers were IndusInd Bank, Cipla, Tata Consultancy Services, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Titan Company down in the range of 0.05 percent to 0.70 percent.
- 3) The broader markets were upbeat on Tuesday. The Nifty Midcap 100 index was up by 1.36 percent and the Nifty Smallcap 100 index was up by 1.20 percent.
- 4) In terms of the sectoral indices performance, the major gainers were Nifty Realty Index up by 4.01 percent, Nifty PSU Bank index up by 2.08 percent, Nifty Metal index up by 2.05 percent, Nifty Financial Services 25/50 index up by 1.57 percent.

- 5) On Tuesday, FIIs have net sold equities worth Rs. 1,005.49 Crore. On the other hand, DIIs net bought equities worth Rs. 1,963.34 Crore. Month till date, FIIs have net sold equities worth Rs. 10,415.90 Crore and DIIs have net bought equities worth Rs. 9,059.78 Crore. In the month of September 2023, FIIs had net sold equities worth Rs. 26,692.16 Crore and DIIs had net bought equities worth Rs. 20,312.65 Crore.

Sectors & Stocks

- 1) Shares of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited ended up by 20 percent to Rs. 383.45 at the NSE on Tuesday. to the Company's FY23 Annual Report, the Company is operating 5 lignite mines, located in Kutch, South Gujarat and Bhavnagar, with estimated reserves of 95 million tonnes. During FY23, the Company had worked on newly allotted 6 new lignite blocks with combined lignite reserves of 360 Million Tonnes. Today, the Company caters to nearly 25% of the total demand of minerals in Gujarat, with a diversified customer base comprising small and medium-sized companies spread across textiles, steel, cement, power generation and various other sectors. The operationalisation of these 6 new mines, with total lignite reserves of 360 million tonnes, will add to its capacity in 4-5 years. The Company will continue benefiting from higher production, supported by steady demand from manufacturing industries located in Gujarat. The increased production from these new mines will facilitate the Company in catering to at least 30-35% of total demand by FY2025.
- 2) Shares of Prestige Estates Projects Limited ended up by 7.82 percent to Rs. 722.95 at the NSE on Tuesday. The Company's Operational Update - Q2 and H1 FY23-24 filed with the exchanges said "During H1 FY24, the Group registered record-breaking highest sales of Rs. 1,10,073 mn (up by 69% yoy) and Collections of Rs. 53,806 mn (up by 13% yoy). The sales during this period are attributed to 10.7 mn sft (up by 30% yoy) volume with an average realization of Rs. 10,338/sft (up by 25% yoy) for Apartments/ Villas and average realization of Rs. 4,825/sft (up 17% yoy) for Plot Sales. The Group sold 5935 units during H1 FY24. During Q2 FY24, the Group has registered Sales of Rs. 70,926 mn (up by 102% yoy) and quarterly Collections of Rs. 26,398 mn (up by 1% yoy). The sales during this period is attributed to 6.84 mn sft (up by 50% yoy) volume with an average realization of Rs. 10,369/sft (up by 29% yoy) for Apartments / Villas and average realization of Rs. 6,753/sft (up by 62% yoy) for Plot Sales. The Group sold 3659 units during Q2 FY24. During the first half of the year FY24, the new launches totalled 16.20 mn sft. The total completions during the half year stood at 8.11 mn sft. During Q2 FY24, Five (5) projects were launched spanning 13.10 mn sft."
- 3) Shares of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited ended up by 5 percent to Rs. 2,177 at the NSE on Tuesday. The Company has signed Letter of Intent (LOI) with an European Client for Construction of 06 firm and 04 optional units of 7500 DWT Multi- Purpose Hybrid Power Vessels. The prices for which would be firmed up at the time of Signing of Contract.
- 4) Shares of Adani Ports and Special Economic Limited ended up by 3.54 percent to Rs. 818 at the NSE on Tuesday. The Company's Media Statement on "Haifa Port, Israel" filed with the exchanges said "At a time like this, our thoughts continue to be with the people of Israel. We are closely monitoring the action on ground which is concentrated in South Israel, whereas Haifa port is situated in the North. We have taken measures to ensure safety of our employees and all of them are safe. We remain fully alert and prepared with a business continuity plan that will enable us to respond effectively to any eventuality. The overall contribution of Haifa in APSEZ's numbers is relatively small at 3% of the total cargo volume. For the current financial year (Apr 23-Mar 24), we have guided for Haifa Cargo volumes range of 10-12 MMT and APSEZ's total cargo volume guidance of 370-390 MMT. In the initial six months (Apr-Sep 23), APSEZ's total cargo volume was ~203 MMT, of which the Haifa share is ~6 MMT. We stay confident of APSEZs business performance."

Key recent developments

- 1) The net direct tax collection increased by 21.82 per cent to over Rs 9.57 trillion till October 9, helped by good inflow from corporates and individuals, the Finance Ministry said on Tuesday. The net collections have reached 52.5 per cent of the full-year budget estimates (BE) of Rs 18.23 trillion. The provisional figures of Direct Tax collections up to October 9, 2023, continue to register steady growth, the statement said. With regard to gross direct tax collections, the statement said, it stood at Rs 11.07 trillion, which is 17.95 per cent higher than the gross collections for the comparable period of last year. (Source: Press Trust of India)
- 2) India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year has been raised to 6.3% from 6.1% earlier, the International Monetary Fund said in its October 2023 World Economic Outlook (WEO) report that was released on Tuesday. The global lender expects retail inflation in the South Asian nation to rise to 5.5% in 2023/24 before easing to 4.6% in 2024/25. "Growth in India is projected to remain strong, at 6.3% in both 2023 and 2024, with an upward



revision of 0.2 percentage points for 2023, reflecting stronger-than-expected consumption during April-June," the IMF said. (Source: Reuters)

- 3) The United States, Germany, France and Italy have issued a joint statement condemning the "appalling acts of terrorism" by Hamas and extended their "steadfast and united support" to Israel. "Our countries will support Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities. We further emphasize that this is not a moment for any party hostile to Israel to exploit these attacks to seek advantage," said the statement by US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. "All of us recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people and support equal measures of justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike. But make no mistake: Hamas does not represent those aspirations, and it offers nothing for the Palestinian people other than more terror and bloodshed," the leaders said. "Over the coming days, we will remain united and coordinated, together as allies, and as common friends of Israel, to ensure Israel is able to defend itself, and to ultimately set the conditions for a peaceful and integrated Middle East region," they said. (Source: ANI)

Ajcon Global's view on Indian equities in the near term

- 1) Indian equities ended in the positive terrain on Tuesday after yesterday's fall led by easing of US and domestic bond yields. The ongoing war between Israel and Palestine will act as a headwind. At the time of writing this report, both US and European equity indices were trading on a positive note.
- 2) We expect stock specific action to continue. Positive demand outlook led by ongoing festive season would keep bulls in the hunt. Investors will keenly watch the war situation between Israel and Palestine, global bond yields, rupee movement against the US Dollar, crude oil price movement, domestic economic activity in the festive season and Q2FY24 earnings season.
- 3) Domestically, we suggest investors to remain stock specific and be wary of valuations of companies which are out of comfort zone especially in the smallcaps pack. At the moment, companies in the sectors like FMCG, PSU Banks, Banking, NBFCs, Consumer Durables, Capital Goods, Defence, Engineering, Real Estate, select companies in the Infrastructure space, Railways can be considered. We have faith in the India story and believe that the domestic economy is strongly placed as compared to the global peers which will attract investors. Domestically, the economy is doing well which is evident from the recent GST collection data, increase in investment led spending and other indicators like passenger air traffic, hotel occupancy, power consumption, auto sales, coal production data etc. Encouraging Q1FY24 results suggest that economy is doing well. The recent business updates announced by few Banks, NBFCs and companies in other sectors were encouraging.



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