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SUMMARY

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Daily macro indicators

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	1.51	0bps	7bps	60bps
India 10Y yield (%)	6.45	(2bps)	13bps	58bps
USD/INR	74.34	0.1	1.1	(1.6)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	77.78	(1.9)	10.2	50.2
Dow	36,338	(0.2)	5.4	18.7
Shanghai	3,640	0.6	2.1	4.8
Sensex	58,254	0.8	2.1	21.7
India FII (US\$ mn)	30-Dec	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	99.6	(1,612.3)	(1,528.9)	498.3
FII-E	(151.8)	(1,826.8)	3,675.7	(3,650.6)

Source: Bloomberg

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FY22 GDP at 9.2%: CSO has estimated India's GDP growth at 9.2% for FY22, which is in line with ours (9.3%) and RBI's estimate (9.5%). Interestingly, the estimates have not incorporated the impact of the third-wave of Covid-19, and may thus have a downward bias going ahead. Over FY20, GDP is expected to be 1.3% higher led by exports (11.1%), government spending (10.7%) and investment (2.6%). GVA growth in FY22 is estimated at 8.6% compared with a contraction of 6.2% in FY21. GVA would be 1.9% higher compared with FY20. This is led by agriculture and industry, even as services sector continues to lag. Further, with the possible lockdown restrictions, services sector is likely to be impacted the most.

Capital formation: For FY22 GFCF (current) is estimated at 29.6% of GDP, versus 27.1% in FY21 and 28.8% in FY20. *This however appears to be on the higher side, in view of latest trends in project announcements and state capex.* New project announcements have eased to Rs 2.1tn in Q3FY22 from Rs 2.2tn in Q2 led by services (Rs 355bn from Rs 1.1tn in Q2). In addition, sates' capex data also shows slowdown in Q3 with average growth of 29.7% (Oct-Nov'21) versus 68.3% in Q2.

Consumption: PFCE for FY22 (current prices) shows that consumption is estimated to rise by 15.4% following (-) 6% decline in FY21 and 9.7% FY20. Even over a 2-year horizon (FY22 compared with FY20), consumption is expected to rise by 8.5%. This is also reflected in Oct'21 data for production of consumer goods. On a 2-year basis, both consumer durable and non-durable output have improved by 10.9% (3.3% in Sep'21) and 7.9% (2.6% inSep'21) respectively in Oct'21.

H2 growth at 5.6%: With FY22 growth estimated at 9.2% and H1 at 13.7%, growth is expected to slow down in H2 to 5.6%. While the slowdown is expected to be broad-based owing to base effect, notable impact will be in construction (-0.9% versus 30%) and trade and related services (7.5% versus 18.4%). This too will have a downward bias, due to Covid-19 impact.

Since growth is muted, we expect RBI to consider inflation developments and Union Budget before taking action. We expect RBI to remain on hold in Feb'22.





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