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SUMMARY

India Economics: IIP

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LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Bajaj Finance	Buy	4,000
Cipla	Buy	850
GAIL	Buy	155
Petronet LNG	Buy	310
Tech Mahindra	Buy	910

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	3,600
Chola Investment	Buy	280
Laurus Labs	Buy	1,200
Transport Corp	Buy	270
Mahanagar Gas	Sell	750

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	0.68	(2bps)	10bps	(109bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	6.05	6bps	20bps	(62bps)
USD/INR	73.46	0.1	1.9	(3.3)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	40.06	(1.8)	(11.0)	(33.7)
Dow	27,535	(1.5)	(0.9)	1.3
Shanghai	3,235	(0.6)	(4.3)	6.7
Sensex	38,840	1.7	1.7	4.7
India FII (US\$ mn)	9 Sep	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	65.2	221.6	(14,868.4)	(5,108.9)
FII-E	(130.3)	(280.7)	4,526.7	11,129.6

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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IIP on path to recovery: Industrial output contracted by 10.4% in Jul'20 compared with a decline of 15.8% seen in Jun'20. Electricity output now is only 2.5% lower than last year compared with 10% in Jun'20. Mining output is now 13% lower than last year compared with 19.6% decline seen in Jun'20. Manufacturing output too is now 11.1% lower than last year compared with 16% fall seen in Jun'20. We expect further improvement in the coming months given India's manufacturing PMI inched up to 52 in Aug'20 from 46 in Jul'20. During FYTD21, industrial growth is down by 29.2% versus an increase of 3.5% last year.

Broad based recovery: Across the board recovery was seen with capital goods output declining at a much slower pace of 22.8% in Jul'20 compared with a decline of 37.4%. So is the case with durable goods which contracted by 23.6% in Jul'20 compared with a decline of 34.3% in Jun'20. Even intermediate and construction goods saw quick recovery with a decline of 12.5% (from 23% in Jun'20) and 10.6% (from 18.8% in Jun'20) respectively. However, growth in FMCG output moderated to 6.7% in Jul'20 from 14.3% in Jun'20, while remaining in the positive territory.

Gradual recovery insight: With the gradual removal of restrictions, an overall pickup in economic activity is visible with high frequency indicators such as e-way bills (contraction of 3.5% in Aug'20 against 7.3% in Jul'20), higher manufacturing PMI (52 in Aug'20 from 46 in Jul'20) and auto production (decline of 5% in Aug'20 against 31% in Jul'20) showing signs of traction. However, uncertainty over COVID-19 vaccine, recent surge in cases and lower general government capex spending remain a downside risk to India's recovery.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- IIP growth fell at a slower pace of 10.4% in Jul'20.
- FMCG growth moderated. Capital and consumer durables goods recovered.
- With gradual removal of restrictions, industrial activity will gain momentum.



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