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TOP PICKS

LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Axis Bank	Buy	750
Cipla	Buy	615
GAIL	Buy	525
Reliance Industries	Buy	1,340
TCS	Buy	2,360

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Greenply Industries	Buy	250
L&T Infotech	Buy	2,070
Laurus Labs	Buy	495
Mayur Uniquoters	Buy	565
Mphasis	Buy	1,360

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	2.85	(5bps)	(39bps)	48bps
India 10Y yield (%)	7.46	4bps	(34bps)	41bps
USD/INR	70.81	0.1	3.2	(9.7)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	61.67	2.7	(14.4)	(0.9)
Dow	24,389	(2.2)	(6.8)	0.7
Shanghai	2,606	0.0	(1.3)	(20.4)
Sensex	35,673	1.0	1.2	8.3
India FII (US\$ mn)	6 Dec	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	363.0	364.1	(7,208.0)	(7,454.0)
FII-E	(7.5)	(31.7)	(4,921.5)	(7,046.9)

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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Imports push CAD higher: Led by a trade deficit of US\$ 50bn, India's CAD increased to US\$ 19.1bn in Q2FY19 from US\$ 15.9bn in Q1FY19. Trade deficit in Q2FY19 increased to US\$50bn from US\$ 45.2bn in Q1FY19. The improvement in global economy, in particular US, drove a 10.2% YoY increase in net services income. Remittances increased by 19.8% on a YoY basis to US\$ 20.8 bn in Q2FY19 thus cushioning the pass-through of higher imports to CAD.

FX reserves decline by US\$1.9bn in Q2: Compared with US\$ 11.3bn decline in Q1, FX reserves declined only by US\$ 1.6bn in Q2FY19. FPI outflows were US\$ 8.1bn in Q1FY19 compared with US\$ 1.9bn in Q2FY19. FII outflows accelerated to US\$ 5bn in Oct'18 before reversing to an inflow of US\$ 1.8bn in Nov'18. FDI inflows moderated in Q2FY19 to US\$ 7.9bn from US\$ 9.7bn in Q1FY19. Deposit inflows were relatively stable in both the quarters.

H1 CAD at 2.7%, outlook benign: Given the sharp reduction in international oil prices, India's trade deficit is expected to moderate from US\$ 95bn in H1FY19. For the entire year we expect CAD to print at 2.5% of GDP or US\$ 67bn. Even FPI inflows are estimated to remain positive in H2FY19. The change in flows is a result of change in view on EM currencies and lower oil prices. Thus INR is expected to show reasonable strength in near-future.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- CAD widens to 2.9% of GDP in Q2FY19 from 2.4% in Q1FY19.
- BoP deficit at US\$ 1.9bn in Q2FY19 compared with a depletion of US\$ 11.3bn in Q2FY19.
- Lower oil prices to help curtail CAD to 2.4% of GDP in FY19.



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Markets

- **Bonds:** Global yields closed lower driven by fall in US 10Y yields by 14bps (2.85%) on the back of softer economic data (decline in factory orders, slower pace of hiring). Crude prices jumped up by 5% driven by OPEC's and non-OPEC members' decision of production cut (1.2mbpd). Indian 10Y yields plunged by 14bps (7.46%) as RBI revised inflation projections downward for H2FY19. System liquidity was in deficit of Rs 583bn as on 7 Dec 2018 compared to Rs 714bn in the previous week.
- **Currency:** Weaker economic data from the US, along with declining US10Y yield led to DXY declining by 0.8% in the week. While a temporary trade truce between US & China helped Yuan and Japanese yen (ending the week higher by 1.2% and 0.8% respectively), INR (down 1.8% in the week) was impacted by rising Brent (+5%).
- **Equity:** Barring Shanghai Comp, global indices closed lower on the back of worries over global growth outlook and worries over whether US and China will be able to negotiate a deal in 90 days. Slowdown in global growth may drive a dovish stance by Fed in the upcoming meet which may give a boost to equity markets. Sensex too ended lower as investors remained cautious ahead of state poll results.
- **Upcoming key events:** Investors will closely watch China's industrial production and US CPI data. ECB's policy is also likely to drive the markets this week. Further, focus will also be on the upcoming Brexit vote. On the domestic front, state election results will drive markets this week. Apart from this India's retail & wholesale inflation print, trade and industrial production data also awaited.



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