

Macro developments

- RBI's FSR highlighted capital adequacy of SCBs has improved after PSB recap. Provision coverage ratio of SCBs has also improved from 60.5% in Mar'19 to 61.5% in Sep'19, signalling banking sector's resilience. However, baseline scenario projects that GNPA ratio might inch up from 9.3% in Sep'19 to 9.9% in Sep'20 on account of marginal increase in slippages, changing macroeconomic scenario and declining credit growth.
- China's industrial profits rose by 5.4% in Nov'19 vs (-) 9.9% in Oct'19 driven by improvement in production and sales and easing contraction in PPI. However, on CYTD basis the trend remains downward with (-) 2.1% decline in profits vs (-) 2.9% between Jan-Oct'19, owing to SoEs (-11.2%). Profits of private firms have increased by 6.5% in Jan-Nov'19.
- Industrial production in Japan declined by (-) 0.9% in Nov'19 (est. -1.1%) and (-) 4.5% in Oct'19. While production of cars and car engines recovered in Nov'19, machinery and information equipment output contracted. In a separate print, retail sales contracted by (-) 2.1% in Nov'19 vs (-) 7.1% in Oct'19 after the government raised sales tax. The dismal data raised expectations that GDP growth is likely to contract in Q4CY19.

Markets

- Bonds: Barring China and Japan, global yields closed lower. US 10Y yield fell by 2bps (1.88%) driven by steady demand in auctions. Oil prices rose by 0.4% (US\$ 68.2/bbl), led by higher than estimated drop in US commercial stockpiles. India's 10Y yield fell by 8bps to 6.51% after RBI announced another round of special OMO operation. It is trading flat today.
- Currency: Except INR, other major global currencies closed higher. DXY fell by (-) 0.6% on improved risk sentiment as US and China made progress in trade deal. EUR and GBP rose by 0.7%. INR depreciated for the 6th straight session (-0.1%) due to higher oil prices. It is trading lower today, while other Asian currencies are trading higher.
- Equity: Apart from Nikkei and Shanghai Comp, global indices closed higher as investors continue to track developments over US-China trade deal. Sensex surged by 1% and was supported by DII inflow of Rs 1.25bn. It is trading higher today; while Asian stocks are trading lower.



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FIG 1 – MOVEMENT IN KEY GLOBAL ASSET CLASSES

| Particulars | Current | 1D | 1W | 1M | 3M | 12M |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|----------|---------|
| 10Y yields (Δ bps) | | | | | | |
| US | 1.88 | (2) | (4) | 11 | 21 | (89) |
| UK | 0.76 | (1) | (3) | 8 | 27 | (55) |
| Japan | 0 | 1 | (1) | 11 | 21 | (3) |
| Germany | (0.26) | (1) | 0 | 12 | 32 | (49) |
| India | 6.51 | (8) | (10) | 3 | (20) | (77) |
| China | 3.13 | 2 | (7) | (5) | (1) | (18) |
| 2Y yields (Δ bps) | | | | | | |
| US | 1.58 | (5) | (5) | (4) | (4) | (98) |
| UK | 0.57 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 20 | (21) |
| Japan | (0.12) | (1) | (3) | 7 | 19 | 0 |
| Germany | (0.63) | (1) | 0 | 0 | 14 | (1) |
| India | 5.82 | 3 | (6) | 45 | 4 | (101) |
| China | 2.28 | (5) | (30) | (35) | (27) | (41) |
| Currencies (Δ %) | | | | | | |
| EUR | 1.1177 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 | (2.2) |
| GBP | 1.3078 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 3.4 |
| JPY | 109.44 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.1 | (1.3) | 1.4 |
| AUD | 0.6980 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 | (0.8) |
| INR | 71.35 | (0.1) | (0.3) | 0 | (0.7) | (1.4) |
| CNY | 6.9957 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 2.1 | (1.9) |
| Equity & Other indices (Δ %) | | | | | | |
| Dow | 28,645 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 23.8 |
| FTSE | 7,645 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 16.1 |
| DAX | 13,337 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 7.3 | 28.5 |
| NIKKEI | 23,838 | (0.4) | 0.1 | 1.7 | 9.6 | 18.7 |
| Shanghai Comp | 3,005 | (0.1) | 0 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 21.0 |
| SENSEX | 41,575 | 1.0 | (0.3) | 1.4 | 7.5 | 16.1 |
| Brent (US\$/bbl) | 68.16 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 12.1 | 30.7 |
| Gold (US\$/oz) | 1,511 | (0.1) | 2.2 | 3.9 | 2.6 | 18.4 |
| CRB Index | 401.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | (2.2) |
| Rogers Agri Index | 756.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 0.1 |
| LIBOR (3M)* | 1.94 | (2) | 1 | 3 | (14) | (86) |
| INR 5Y Swap* | 6.74 | 3 | 11 | 34 | 37 | (46) |
| India FII data (US\$ mn) | 26 Dec | 24 Dec | WTD | MTD | CYTD | FYTD |
| FII-Debt | 346.3 | (2.2) | 446.5 | (549.8) | 3,694.9 | 3,150.3 |
| FII-Equity | 18.5 | (1.6) | 332.0 | 993.3 | 14,365.7 | 7,520.5 |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda |*Indicates change in bps | European markets were closed on 27.12.19



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