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Amidst heightened tensions in the Middle East region, Iran has signalled that it is willing to de-escalate tensions with Israel, as both countries continue to attack each other's shipping infrastructure. Even at the G7 summit, leaders agree that Iran should be brought back to the negotiation table as soon as possible. Until tensions de-escalate, oil prices are expected to remain elevated, which in turn will have an upside impact on global inflation. In the US, FOMC this week is expected to keep rates on hold, but the statement is important to gauge future policy cues. Domestically, wholesale inflation (WPI) eased to 14-month low of 0.4% in May'25, helped by moderation in food inflation. Trade data showed that trade deficit fell to 3-month low of US\$ 21.9bn in May'25. Signalling robust consumption trend, non-oil-non-gold imports inched up, and even non-oil exports performed well.

Global stocks ended higher as investors turned their focus towards upcoming rate decisions by a host of central banks. Strong retail sales data in China lifted Asian indices. Nikkei surged with gains in chip making stocks and weaker Yen boosted export focussed stocks. Sensex rebounded with broad based advances noted across indices. It is trading higher today, in line with Asian stocks.

Fig 1 - Stock markets

|               | 13-06-2025 | 16-06-2025 | Change, % |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Dow Jones     | 42,198     | 42,515     | 0.8       |
| S & P 500     | 5,977      | 6,033      | 0.9       |
| FTSE          | 8,851      | 8,875      | 0.3       |
| Nikkei        | 37,834     | 38,311     | 1.3       |
| Hang Seng     | 23,893     | 24,061     | 0.7       |
| Shanghai Comp | 3,377      | 3,389      | 0.3       |
| Sensex        | 81,119     | 81,796     | 0.8       |
| Nifty         | 24,719     | 24,947     | 0.9       |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

 Global currencies closed mixed. DXY weakened as investors trimmed risk-off bets, and subdued empire state manufacturing index (-16 from -9.2 in May'25) raised concerns for manufacturing sector. INR ended flat. However, it is trading stronger today, while other Asian currencies are trading mixed.

Fig 2 - Currencies

| _                     | 13-06-2025 | 16-06-2025 | Change, % |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| EUR/USD (1 EUR / USD) | 1.1549     | 1.1561     | 0.1       |
| GBP/USD (1 GBP / USD) | 1.3571     | 1.3578     | 0.1       |
| USD/JPY (JPY / 1 USD) | 144.07     | 144.75     | (0.5)     |
| USD/INR (INR / 1 USD) | 86.09      | 86.06      | 0         |
| USD/CNY (CNY / 1 USD) | 7.1832     | 7.1802     | 0         |
| DXY Index             | 98.18      | 98.00      | (0.2)     |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research





Global 10Y yields closed mixed. US 10Y yield was up by another 5bps, as investors assess the impact of ongoing conflict in the Middle East, elevated oil prices, and await FOMC statement regarding future trajectory of rates. India's 10Y yield fell sharply by 9bps, as oil prices begin to ease. However, tracking global cues, it is trading higher at 6.31% today.

Fig 3 - Bond 10Y yield

|         | 13-06-2025 | 16-06-2025 | Change, bps |
|---------|------------|------------|-------------|
| US      | 4.40       | 4.45       | 5           |
| UK      | 4.55       | 4.53       | (2)         |
| Germany | 2.54       | 2.53       | (1)         |
| Japan   | 1.41       | 1.44       | 3           |
| China   | 1.70       | 1.70       | 0           |
| India   | 6.36       | 6.27       | (9)         |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

Fig 4 - Short term rates

|                          | 13-06-2025 | 16-06-2025 | Change, bps |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Tbill-91 days            | 5.34       | 5.37       | 3           |
| Tbill-182 days           | 5.42       | 5.44       | 2           |
| Tbill-364 days           | 5.48       | 5.50       | 2           |
| G-Sec 2Y                 | 5.77       | 5.78       | 1           |
| India OIS-2M             | 5.43       | 5.42       | (1)         |
| India OIS-9M             | 5.54       | 5.51       | (3)         |
| SONIA int rate benchmark | 4.21       | 4.21       | 0           |
| US SOFR                  | 4.28       | 4.28       | 0           |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

Fig 5 – Liquidity

| Rs tn                             | 13-06-2025 | 16-06-2025 | Change (Rs tn) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Net Liquidity (-deficit/+surplus) | 3.6        | 2.7        | (0.9)          |
| Reverse Repo                      | 0          | 0          | 0              |
| Repo*                             | 0          | 0          | 0              |

Source: RBI, Bank of Baroda Research, \*Includes LTRO

Fig 6 - Capital market flows

|                      | 12-05-2025 | 13-06-2025 | change (US\$ mn/Rs<br>cr) |
|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| FII (US\$ mn)        | (384.2)    | (106.2)    | 278.0                     |
| Debt                 | (1.2)      | (62.8)     | (61.6)                    |
| Equity               | (383.0)    | (43.4)     | 339.6                     |
| Mutual funds (Rs cr) | (1,749.3)  | 9,274.3    | 11,023.6                  |
| Debt                 | (2,974.6)  | 1,083.9    | 4,058.5                   |
| Equity               | 1,225.3    | 8,190.4    | 6,965.2                   |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research| Note: Mutual Fund data as of 11 Jun and 12 Jun 2025

Oil prices fell, amidst demand worries and Iran's intent to de-escalate tensions.

Fig 7 - Commodities

|                         | 13-06-2025 | 16-06-2025 | Change, % |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Brent crude (US\$/bbl)  | 74.2       | 73.2       | (1.3)     |
| Gold (US\$/ Troy Ounce) | 3432.3     | 3385.2     | (1.4)     |
| Copper (US\$/ MT)       | 9718.4     | 9798.6     | 0.8       |
| Zinc (US\$/MT)          | 2600.1     | 2633.4     | 1.3       |
| Aluminium (US\$/MT)     | 2503.0     | 2513.5     | 0.4       |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research



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