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SUMMARY

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TOP PICKS

LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Bajaj Finance	Buy	5,200
<u>Cipla</u>	Buy	570
Eicher Motors	Buy	25,000
Petronet LNG	Buy	400
Reliance Industries	Buy	1,860

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	2,290
Future Supply	Buy	680
Greenply Industries	Buy	210
Laurus Labs	Buy	510
Ashok Leyland	Sell	68

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	1.59	Obps	(29bps)	(104bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	6.56	(2bps)	1bps	(73bps)
USD/INR	71.49	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.6)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	58.29	(2.5)	(14.8)	(5.8)
Dow	28,859	0.4	1.4	15.4
Shanghai	2,977	(2.8)	(2.1)	15.2
Sensex	40,914	(0.7)	(1.6)	12.8
India FII (US\$ mn)	29 Jan	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	41.2	(1,596.7)	(1,596.7)	1,347.4
FII-E	(202.6)	1,897.0	1,897.0	9,286.2

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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Fiscal deficit at 3.8%: Amidst slowing global and domestic economy, Centre opted for 0.5% expansion in its FY20 fiscal deficit to 3.8% of GDP. While gross tax revenues are estimated to increase only by 4% (FY20BE: 18.2%), expenditure is estimated to increase by 16.6%. However, gross and net market borrowings have been left unchanged due to higher non-tax revenues and inflows into small saving schemes. Bond markets will take it positively.

FY21 revenue estimates are credible: Centre's revenues are expected to increase by 12% in FY21 on the back of 11.5% increase in corporate tax (-8% in FY20) and 14% increase in income tax (18.3% increase in FY20). Indirect taxes will too see an increase of 11.1% (5.3% in FY20), led by GST and higher custom duties. Disinvestment receipts at 0.9% of GDP in FY21 to boost spending.

Buoyant spending to support growth in FY21: Centre's expenditure is estimated to increase by 12.7% to Rs 30.4tn in FY21 led by 11.9% increase in revenue expenditure to Rs 26.3tn and 18.1% increase in capital expenditure to Rs 4.1tn. IEBR is also expected to remain elevated at Rs 6.7tn, with major allocation towards railways, road, transport and highways.

Fiscal Deficit at 3.5% in FY21: Bond markets are likely to take the Budget favourably as gross borrowing in FY21 is estimated at Rs 7.8tn, Rs 700bn more than FY20 and net borrowing is at Rs 5.45tn (Rs 4.74tn in FY20).

Push for consumption and investment: The new tax slabs proposed in the Budget will result in more income at the hands of consumer and thus higher consumption. At the same time, investments have been given an additional push through sustained capex by Centre (18% increase) and increase of FPI limit in corporate bonds, 100% tax exemptions to SWFs for investments in infrastructure sector and creation of an investment clearance cell.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Agriculture, infrastructure and asset monetisation to be key focus areas of FY21 Budget
- Fiscal deficit for FY20/FY21 estimated at 3.6%/3.3% of GDP
- Gross/net borrowings in FY21 estimated at Rs 8.2tn/Rs 5.1tn





INFRASTRUCTURE

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Rs 3.3tn for transportation sector: Allocation to the transportation sector slipped 7% YoY to Rs 3.3tn, with gross budgetary support (GBS) at Rs 1.7tn (+7% YoY). The share of GBS for roads increased 600bps YoY to 59% but remained flat for rail at 44%. Overall allocation to NHAI declined 3.8% YoY to Rs 1.1tn but its share of GBS was up 670bps to 39.5%, decreasing dependence on external resources. Given the focus on rural road connectivity, Rs 195bn (+39% YoY) was allotted under the PMGSY scheme. Within railways, allocation for new lines/track renewal jumped 52%/25% YoY to Rs 120bn/Rs 106bn.

Impetus to urban development: Key urban development schemes saw higher funding: AMRUT (+122% YoY to Rs 73bn), Smart Cities (+87% to Rs 65bn), PMAY (urban & affordable housing: +17% to Rs 80bn) and Metro-MRTS projects (+8% to Rs 209bn). Affordable housing also received a boost with a one-year extension of loan interest incentives up to 31 Mar 2021 for purchase of an affordable house valued up to Rs 4.5mn (additional tax deduction of Rs 0.15mn, taking the total benefit to Rs 0.35mn).

Tax exemption for foreign investments: To drive investment in priority sectors from sovereign wealth funds of foreign governments, the finance ministry has proposed to grant 100% tax exemption on interest, dividend and capital gains income from investment made in infrastructure (and other notified sectors) before 31 Mar 2024 that have a minimum lock-in period of three years. In our view, this will boost funding avenues and fast-track the asset monetisation plans of NHAI through the TOT/InvIT route and support funding of future awards.

Outlook: Budgetary spending on infrastructure has declined, but the recent NIP announcement suggests the government's thrust on the sector remains intact. We prefer asset-light companies and select asset owners with sound financials: BUY PNC Infra, HG Infra, KNR Constructions, Ashoka Buildcon.

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KNRC IN	290	340	BUY
PNC IN	192	245	BUY
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