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SUMMARY

India Economics: FY21 GDP

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LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Cipla	Buy	900
GAIL	Buy	155
Petronet LNG	Buy	330
TCS	Buy	3,180
Tech Mahindra	Buy	1,040

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	3,600
Greenply Industries	Buy	150
Laurus Labs	Buy	410
Transport Corp	Buy	300
Mahanagar Gas	Sell	750

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	1.04	8bps	7bps	(84bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	5.85	3bps	3bps	(71bps)
USD/INR	73.11	0.1	0.9	(2.0)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	54.30	1.3	10.3	(17.0)
Dow	30,829	1.4	2.0	7.3
Shanghai	3,551	0.6	3.1	15.8
Sensex	48,174	(0.5)	6.9	18.0
India FII (US\$ mn)	5 Jan	MTD	CYTD21	FYTD
FII-D	25.8	160.7	160.7	(3,932.9)
FII-E	(26.4)	513.0	513.0	30,488.8

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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GDP growth to decline by 7.7% in FY21: India's GDP growth in FY21 is estimated to contract by 7.7%—a record low, versus 4.2% in FY20. The dip in growth is led by sharp deceleration in investment demand (14.5% dip in FY21 versus 2.8% contraction in FY20) and private consumption (9.5% decline in FY21 versus 5.3% increase in FY20). Exports too are expected to decline by 8.3% in FY21 versus a decline of 3.6% in FY20 due to weakness in global demand. Imports are estimated to contract by 20.5% (6.8% decline in FY20). Only government spending contributed to growth at 5.8% (11.8% in FY20).

Services and industry dragging GVA in FY21: GVA is expected to contract by 7.2% in FY21 compared with an increase of 3.9% in FY20, led by 9.6% dip in industry and 8.8% decline in services. Within industry, mining, manufacturing and construction are expected to contract sharply by 12.4%, 9.4% and 12.6% respectively. Electricity output is likely to expand by 2.7% (4.1% in FY20). Within services, sharp contraction will be visible in trade, hotels, transport and communication services at 21.4% against 3.6% growth in FY20. Public administration and defence services is estimated to decline by 3.7% in FY21 compared with an increase of 9.9% in FY20. Real estate and financial services too will contract, albeit at a moderate pace of 0.8% (4.4% growth in FY20).

FY22 growth in double digits: FY21 estimates are based on data available till Sep'20-Dec'20. High frequency indicators such as GST collections, petroleum sales, manufacturing PMI and E-way bills have shown an upturn recently indicating India's growth recovery has continued. This implies there is room for upgrade to the above estimates. We expect GVA and GDP growth to improve to 10% and 10.5% in FY22 on the back of normalization in economic activity given India's Covid-19 curve continues to flatten. Vaccination program to be kick started this month is the biggest tailwind to India's growth.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- GDP growth expected to contract by 7.7% in FY21 led by a sharp drop in investment and consumption.
- GVA growth to dip by 7.2% in FY21 versus 3.9% growth in FY20 led by 9.6% contraction in industry.
- GVA and GDP growth estimates at 10% and 10.5% respectively in FY22.



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