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Macro update - Liquidity surge continues



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We remain constructive on Indian equities and see the current run sustaining. In our monthly macro update, we highlight the surge in domestic liquidity, which has driven a bull steepening of the yield curve. In the short term, this should help lenders, especially NBFCs with fixed-rate books and banks with weak deposit franchises. We do note, however, that concurrent consumption indicators remain weak and our OW on Consumer Discretionary is based on a forward-looking view.

Theme of the week - Macro update

We see a few green shoots in Consumption/Growth supported by tractor sales, Non-Oil Non-Gold imports, and the RBI Consumer Confidence Index. However, broad-based recovery is still to be seen, as major concurrent indicators like Loan Growth, Passenger Vehicle sales, and Credit card transactions continue to be weak. With RBI aggressively easing, we expect lending activity to pick up from next quarter on, followed by a consequent rise in consumption.

External measures have subsided. Pressure on the Rupee and FX reserves has notably diminished, with stability returning aided by FPI flows. The DXY correction of $\sim 10\%$ from its peak is meaningful, now below 100 after 100 days of Trump's tumultuous tenure. Tariff risks appear largely priced in, with the path ahead skewed toward constructive trade negotiations broadly favorable for India.

The liquidity surge continues

The RBI announced a fresh OMO of Rs1.25trn, potentially pushing domestic liquidity to over 1% (of NDTL). The RBI's massive easing push has led to a bull-steepening of India's yield curve, and the tenor spread (10Y over 3M) has expanded to 40bps YTD from 10bps. Short-term yields below 3Y maturity have fallen by 65-75bps, slightly ahead of the 50bps repo rate cut. This is expected to have a significant impact on borrowing costs (the RBI is not done yet, we believe) and reinforces our thesis of a consumption revival in 2HFY25.

Singapore marketing takeaways

Majority of the clients concurred with our positive view on India. The RBI easing puts India in a more favorable cyclical position, especially as worries around a deep recession in the US abate. This is also resulting in India seeing disproportionate flows vs other emerging markets. Our sectoral calls faced push-back, though. Financials remains the favored sector, though our low-growth argument resonated with some specialists. SMID private banks are seeing interest, to play easy liquidity and the MFI turnaround. Our OW position on technology found few takers, while staples remains out of most investors' radar. Cement was another favored sector. Finally, autos and discretionary, our top OW, had a mixed response: some investors are bottom-fishing while others are waiting for more concrete evidence of a demand revival.

Interesting read of the week - US exceptionalism to stay

Nouriel Roubini is surprisingly optimistic in his <u>Bloomberg</u> interview, he emphasizes how the ongoing AI revolution reinforces the persistence of American exceptionalism, positioning US growth to accelerate from the current 2% to approximately 4% by decadeend – of which AI will contribute 200bps. Roubini expects the US economy to avoid a material recession over the near-to-medium term. Systemic risk to the dollar reserve currency status remains negligible. A capex boom is under way, led not only by the 'Magnificent Seven' but increasingly due to non-tech sectors scaling AI deployment, suggesting that investment as a share of GDP will rise sustainably. The US will maintain its leadership, with China a second, while global adoption of AI technology accelerates. Unlike past industrial revolutions characterized by logarithmic growth, the AI era promises exponential expansion, with the US advantaged by unparalleled scale and network effects.

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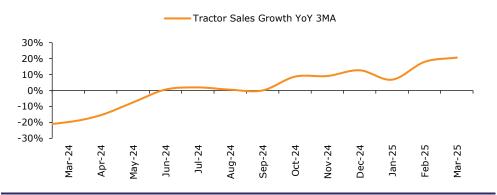
Singapore marketing takeaways

- Our positive view on India had surprising traction, and most clients seemed to agree. Worries around tariffs have receded after the pause announcement, with the expectation that bilateral trade deals would significantly soften the blow. On the other hand, RBI's aggressive easing puts India in a favorable cyclical position, with much of the world starting to decelerate now (vs India's slowdown starting in 2024). The confluence of all these factors could lead to India seeing disproportionate FPI flows vs other emerging markets
- Major worries around valuations have now receded, after the sharp correction from Oct-24 to Mar-25 (Nifty fell 16.5%). The focus has now shifted to earnings forecasts. The sharp cuts in Nifty earnings (FY25: 2%; and FY26: 4.6%) during 2HFY25 has made investors nervous. Most are looking for some stability in the FY26 outlook before allowing comfort with the markets to set in.
- Financials remains the favored sector, and our low-growth argument resonated only with some specialists. Most investors like it from a top-down perspective low valuations, beneficiaries of falling rates and easy money market liquidity, and comfort with the quality of managements. SMID private banks are seeing heightened interest, to play the potential rebound in deposit growth and the MFI turnaround.
- Our OW position on technology found few takers. Most investors are avoiding the sector owing to it being heavily exposed to the US cycle, lack of visibility on growth-rebound, and some worries about the impact of AI on the long-term growth of the sector.
- Autos and discretionary, our top OW, had a mixed response. The bulls are buying into the argument that lower interest rates could revive demand and this may be a good time to look at the sector, ahead of the actual upturn in underlying growth. The skeptics believe that there may be structural affordability challenges to discretionary demand and so it is better to wait for actual evidence instead of jumping in too early.
- Staples seems to be a consensus UW. We cut our exposure in the sector to zero on 09-Apr-25, and that view seemed to resonate with most investors. The sector is out of the radar of most investors, and the few who are tracking it are looking at tactical ideas with an overall UW position.
- Infra/Capex/Capital goods saw weak interest. Some investors are now more comfortable with the valuations but are awaiting private capex acceleration as the next trigger for the sector. There is some skepticism on whether government spend can sustain growth for this ecosystem, beyond a point. Valuation worries have partially receded.
- There was selective interest in the cement sector. Investors are eyeing a price revival in select cement markets after a long hiatus, and looking mainly at large-cap leaders. We fielded some questions on SMID names, too, though to a lesser extent.

Consumption and Growth

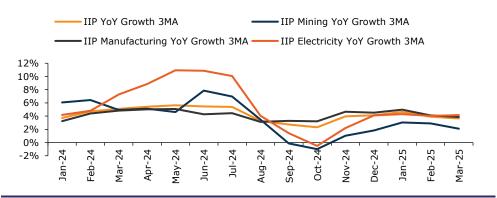
Positives in Consumption and Growth

Exhibit 1: Tractor sales maintain upward momentum in Mar-25



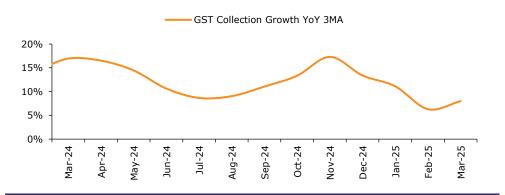
Source: Tractor and Mechanization Association, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Industrial Production Index shows recovery



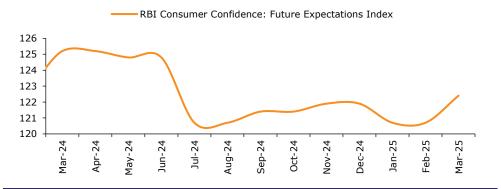
Source: MOSPI, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Uptick in GST collection in Mar-25



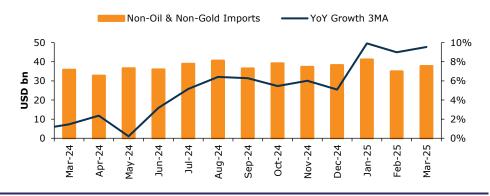
Source: CGA, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: Improvement in RBI Consumer Confidence



Source: RBI, Emkay Research

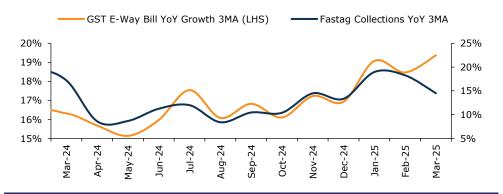
Exhibit 5: Non-Oil and Non-Gold imports scale higher



Source: Ministry of Commerce, Emkay Research

Neutrals in Consumption and Growth

Exhibit 6: GST E-way bill maintains upward momentum; FASTag collections stabilize



Source: Goods and Services Tax Network, NPCI, Emkay Research

Exhibit 7: Rising Cargo activity at major sea ports; easing trends in Air Traffic Cargo volume



Source: Indian Ports Association, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: Air Passenger numbers steady in Mar-25, post-Mahakumbh



Source: AAI, Emkay Research

Air Passenger growth has been resilient through the consumption downturn; we see sustained momentum as consumption starts to pick up pace

Negatives in Consumption and Growth

Exhibit 9: Bank credit and Retail Loan growth decelerates

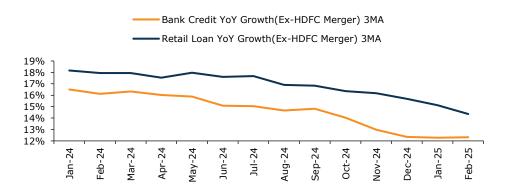
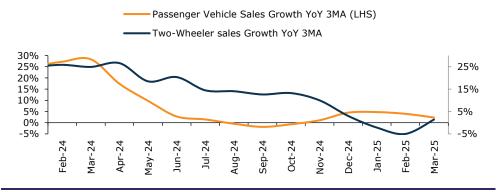
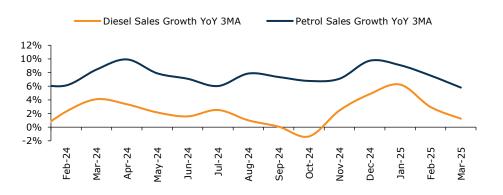


Exhibit 10: Softening trends in Passenger Vehicle and Two-Wheeler sales



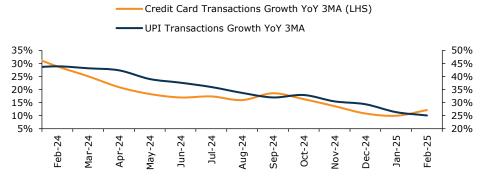
Source: SIAM, Emkay Research

Exhibit 11: Deceleration in Diesel and Petroleum sales in Feb-25



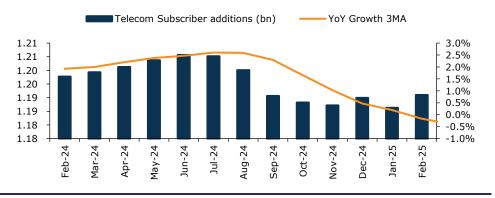
Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, Emkay Research

Exhibit 12: Waning momentum in Credit Card and UPI transactions



Source: RBI, NPCI, Emkay Research

Exhibit 13: Downtrend in Telecom subscriber additions

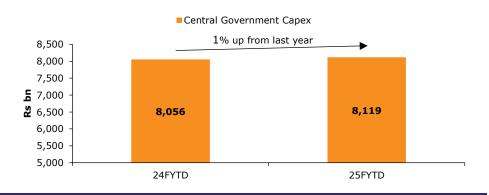


Source: TRAI, Emkay Research

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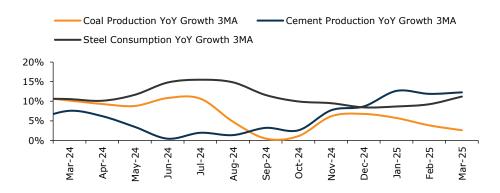
Investment and Industrials

Exhibit 14: Modest improvement in government capital expenditure



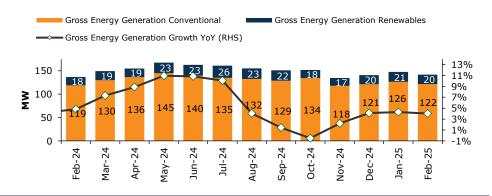
Source: CGA, Emkay Research; Data till Feb-25

Exhibit 15: Stable Coal and Cement production, and Steel consumption



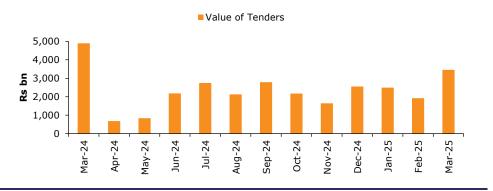
Source: Ministry of Commerce, CMIE, Emkay Research

Exhibit 16: Gross energy generation decelerates



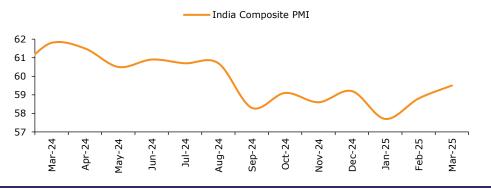
Source: CEA, Emkay Research

Exhibit 17: Tendering activity rises in Mar-25 (year-end)



Source: Central Public Procurement Portal, Emkay Research

Exhibit 18: Composite PMI sees recovery after CY24 contraction



Source: CEIC, Emkay Research

External sector

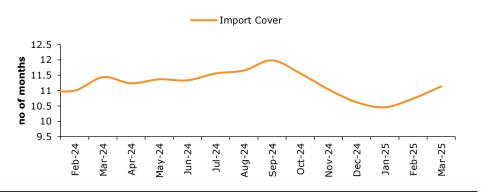
Exhibit 19: Surge in India's forex reserves

India foreign reserves rise in Mar-25, as the RBI stops bidding to support the Rupee



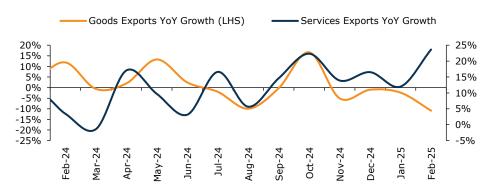
Source: RBI, Emkay Research

Exhibit 20: Import cover strengthens after a downturn



Source: RBI, Ministry of Commerce, Emkay Research

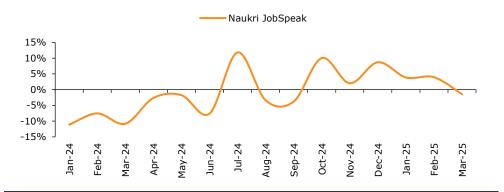
Exhibit 21: Services exports pick up; goods exports decelerate



Source: CGA, Emkay Research

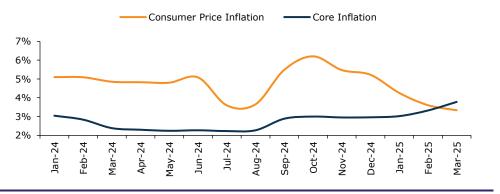
Inflation and Employment

Exhibit 22: Hiring activity consolidates



Source: Naukri, Emkay Research

Exhibit 23: Price pressures ease to lower levels



Source: MOSPI, Emkay Research

Financial Markets

Exhibit 24: Change in major commodities futures

Commodities Futures	Latest	1M	3М	6М	12M	3Y
Brent Crude	63.6	-14.9	-17.2	-13.1	-27.6	-41.8
Natural gas	3.4	-18.3	10.5	24.3	69.0	-53.6
Iron Ore	93.7	-3.6	-6.2	-1.9	-14.6	-29.8
Thermal Coal	97.3	0.7	-15.3	-33.0	-29.2	-70.2
Coking Coal	183.0	4.8	-2.1	-10.4	-22.9	-61.3
Steel US HRC	952.5	-2.3	43.2	37.1	14.1	-35.6
Steel China HRC	3,310.0	-2.2	-4.1	-7.9	-13.3	-35.4
Steel India HRC	53,000.0	3.9	11.6	6.0	-4.5	-28.4
Copper	9,430.2	-3.3	5.4	0.4	-6.3	-3.5
Aluminium	2,435.3	-4.0	-6.8	-7.3	-4.8	-19.7
Alumina	343.5	-18.8	-43.1	-46.6	-9.3	-12.1
Zinc	2,614.9	-7.9	-4.3	-16.8	-10.9	-37.0
Lead	1,965.7	-1.8	2.0	0.3	-10.5	-13.0
Gold	3,307.2	5.9	18.2	20.5	44.7	74.3
Silver	32.9	-3.4	5.1	0.8	25.2	44.5
Wheat	526.0	-4.5	-10.0	-13.3	-22.8	-23.9
Palm Oil	3,909.0	-9.3	-4.7	-7.6	0.7	11.1

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 25: Change in major world wequity indices

Major equity indices	Latest	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y
BSE500	34,785.6	3.6	2.4	-2.7	5.0	47.7
NIFTY	24,336.0	3.5	3.5	0.5	7.7	42.3
NASDAQ	17,461.3	0.9	-11.0	-3.5	11.5	41.6
S&P 500	5,560.8	-0.9	-7.9	-2.5	10.4	34.6
Shanghai Composite	3,283.9	-1.6	1.0	0.1	5.8	7.8
Hang Seng	22,051.1	-4.6	9.0	8.5	24.1	4.6
NIKKEI	35,866.6	0.7	-9.4	-8.2	-6.6	33.6
EURO STOXX 50	5,161.9	-1.6	-2.4	6.9	4.9	35.7

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 26: India Bond Yields

India Bond Yields	Latest	1M	3M	6М	12M	3 Y
1Y OIS	5.660	6.300	6.468	6.390	6.740	4.420
India 181 days- Tbill	5.940	6.550	6.590	6.620	7.080	4.270
India 364 days- Tbill	5.890	6.540	6.550	6.550	7.080	4.580
India 3Y	6.061	6.606	6.697	6.695	7.071	5.791
India 7Y	6.147	6.737	6.749	6.743	7.071	6.693
India 10Y	6.340	6.707	6.759	6.781	7.064	6.777

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

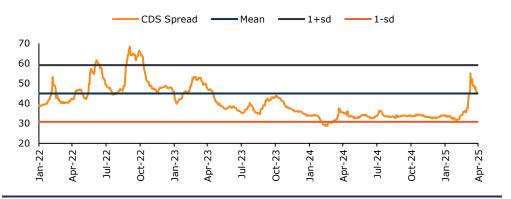
Exhibit 27: India 3Y Corporate Bond Yields

India Corporate bond yields	Latest	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y
AAA	6.979	7.520	7.544	7.594	7.742	5.897
AA	7.677	8.215	8.249	8.287	8.375	6.583
Α	9.070	9.658	9.720	9.731	10.103	8.495

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

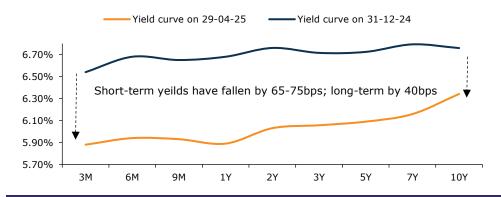
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Exhibit 28: The 5Y CDS spread mean reverted after the tariff pause



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 29: Bull steepening of the India Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 30: Sharp easing in CP, CD, and Corporate Yields

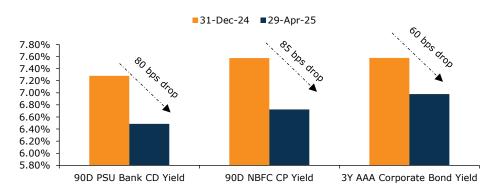


Exhibit 31: India Corporate Bond Yield easing following the rate cuts

India 3Y AAA Corporate Bond Yield 7.90% 7.70% 7.50% 7.30% 7.10% 6.90% Apr-25 Jun-24 Feb-25 Mar-25 Mar-24 Apr-24 Jul-24 Aug-24 Sep-24 Sep-24 Oct-24 Nov-24 **Dec-24** Mar-24 Nov-24

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 32: India-US GSec spreads narrow in Apr-25



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 33: DXY peaked in Dec-24; the rupee improves against the dollar

Pressure on the Rupee to ease further, as DXY keeps losing its strength

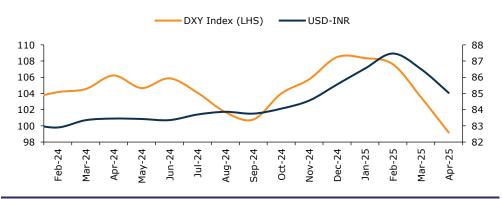
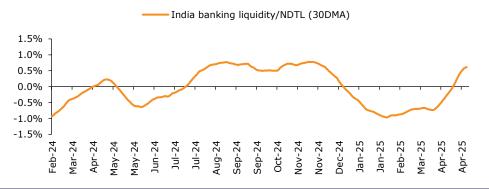


Exhibit 34: RBI liquidity measures in CY25

Measure	Date	Amount (Rs bn)
Durable Liquidity infusion		7,451
OMO purchases	Multiple	4,896
Secondary mkt bond purchases	Multiple	388
USD/INR Buy-Sell swap, six months tenor	31-Jan	440
USD/INR Buy-Sell swap, 3Y tenor	4-Mar	872
USD/INR Buy-Sell swap, 3Y tenor	24-Mar	855
Repo infusion		3,876
56-day VRR	7-Feb	500
49-day VRR	14-Feb	750
4-day VRR	17-Feb	574
14-day VRR	21-Feb	410
45-day VRR	21-Feb	580
14-day VRR	7-Mar	84
8-day VRR	13-Mar	99
4-day VRR	17-Mar	238
5-day VRR	28-Mar	384
43-day VRR	17-Apr	257
Total liquidity infusion		11,327

Source: RBI, Emkay Research

Exhibit 35: Liquidity in surplus; improves following RBI measures



Source: RBI, Emkay Research

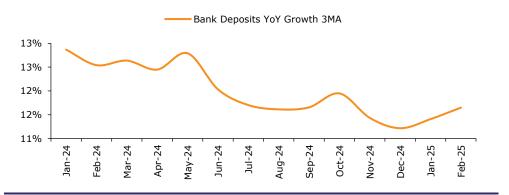
Exhibit 36: Broad Money improves in Mar-25



Source: RBI, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 37: Bank Deposits see slight uptick



Source: RBI, Emkay Research

Global Macros

Exhibit 38: Change in major currency pairs

Key exchange rates	Latest	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y
Dollar Index	99.3	-4.7	-8.4	-4.5	-6.5	-3.6
USD-INR	85.1	0.5	1.8	-1.2	-1.9	11.3
USD-EUR	1.1	5.1	9.7	4.5	6.6	7.8
USD-JPY	142.5	5.2	8.9	6.7	10.7	9.9
USD-GBP	1.3	3.6	8.0	3.8	7.2	6.5
USD-CHF	0.8	7.4	10.6	4.9	11.6	-15.3
USD-CNY	7.3	-0.2	-0.3	-2.1	-0.4	10.0

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 39: Foreign government bond yields

Foreign G-Sec bond yield	Latest	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y
US 10Y	4.162	4.476	4.399	3.646	4.306	2.149
US 2Y	3.654	4.259	4.245	3.605	4.728	1.936
Germany 10Y	2.497	2.431	2.230	2.143	2.442	0.373
UK 10Y	4.480	4.500	4.524	3.768	4.102	1.497
Japan 10Y	1.313	1.362	1.084	0.829	0.786	0.209
China 10Y	1.628	1.650	1.729	2.073	2.347	2.810

Exhibit 40: Consolidated macro impact

Macro indicator	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Tractor Sales YoY Growth 3MA	-19.8%	-15.5%	-7.4%	0.6%	1.9%	0.5%	0.0%	8.7%	9.1%	12.7%	6.8%	18.0%	20.7%
India's Foreign Exchange Reserves	645.6	637.9	651.5	652.0	667.4	684.0	704.9	684.8	658.1	640.3	630.6	638.7	665.40
Import Cover (no of months)	11.4	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.6	11.7	12.0	11.6	11.0	10.6	10.5	10.7	11.14
Steel Consumption YoY Growth 3MA	10.6%	10.1%	11.7%	14.8%	15.5%	14.8%	11.6%	10.0%	9.5%	8.4%	8.7%	9.2%	11.2%
RBI Liquidity/30D NDTL	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.6%	-0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	-0.3%	-0.9%	-0.8%	-0.6%
India Composite PMI	61.8	61.5	60.5	60.9	60.7	60.7	58.3	59.1	58.6	59.2	57.7	58.8	59.50
M3 Money Supply YoY Growth	11.0%	11.0%	11.4%	10.9%	10.6%	10.0%	10.3%	10.7%	11.0%	10.5%	10.0%	9.5%	9.7%
RBI Consumer Confidence: Future Expectations Index	98.5	98.5	97.1	97.1	93.9	93.9	94.7	94.7	94.0	94.0	93.7	93.7	95.50
Inflation YoY Growth	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%	3.6%	3.7%	5.5%	6.2%	5.5%	5.2%	4.3%	3.6%	3.3%
Tendering activity (Rs bn)	4898.6	681.8	839.7	2177.4	2747.7	2132.3	2785.3	2175.4	1639.7	2553.6	2492.7	1921.3	3459.18
GST E-Way Bills YoY Growth 3MA	16.3%	15.7%	15.1%	16.0%	17.5%	16.1%	16.8%	16.1%	17.2%	16.9%	19.1%	18.5%	19.4%
Two Wheeler Sales YoY Growth 3MA	24.9%	26.6%	18.5%	20.4%	14.5%	14.1%	12.6%	13.2%	10.0%	3.0%	-2.2%	-5.0%	1.4%
Non-Oil & Non-Gold Imports YoY Growth 3MA	1.5%	2.4%	0.2%	3.2%	5.2%	6.4%	6.3%	5.5%	6.0%	5.1%	9.9%	9.0%	9.6%
GST Collection YoY Growth 3MA	17.0%	16.5%	14.5%	10.6%	8.7%	9.0%	11.1%	13.3%	17.3%	13.4%	11.1%	6.3%	8.0%
Cement Production YoY Growth 3MA	7.6%	6.2%	3.5%	0.4%	2.0%	1.4%	3.2%	2.6%	7.7%	8.7%	12.7%	11.9%	12.3%
Port Cargo Volume YoY Growth 3MA	7.4%	5.0%	2.5%	4.2%	5.8%	5.7%	4.7%	3.5%	1.0%	0.2%	2.5%	3.9%	4.6%
Credit Card Transactions YoY Growth 3MA	25.1%	20.9%	18.3%	17.0%	17.4%	16.0%	18.6%	16.3%	13.6%	10.8%	10.0%	12.1%	15.1%
Naukri Job speak YoY Growth	-10.8%	-2.7%	-1.8%	-7.6%	11.8%	-3.4%	-3.8%	10.0%	2.0%	8.7%	3.9%	4.0%	-1.5%
Passenger Vehicle Sales YoY Growth 3MA	28.3%	17.4%	9.8%	2.8%	1.5%	-0.5%	-1.9%	-0.7%	1.1%	4.5%	4.8%	4.0%	2.3%
Core Inflation YoY Growth	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%	3.8%
FASTag Collections YoY Growth 3MA	17.2%	8.6%	8.7%	11.2%	12.0%	8.4%	10.4%	10.4%	14.5%	13.3%	19.0%	18.3%	14.5%
Diesel sales YoY Growth 3MA	4.1%	3.4%	2.2%	1.6%	2.5%	1.0%	0.1%	-1.4%	2.4%	4.8%	6.2%	3.0%	1.2%
Petrol sales YoY Growth 3MA	8.4%	9.9%	7.9%	7.1%	6.0%	7.9%	7.3%	6.8%	7.1%	9.7%	9.1%	7.6%	5.8%
UPI Transactions YoY Growth 3MA	43.2%	42.4%	39.0%	37.6%	36.0%	33.7%	32.0%	32.9%	30.5%	29.4%	26.4%	25.1%	24.3%
Goods exports YoY Growth 3MA	-2.4%	-1.3%	9.2%	2.4%	12.1%	13.1%	30.0%	33.6%	14.6%	16.0%	13.2%	36.7%	9.0%
Industrial Production Index YoY Growth 3MA	5.1%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	3.3%	2.7%	2.3%	4.0%	4.1%	4.6%	3.9%	3.6%
Air Passengers traffic YoY Growth 3MA	7.3%	6.8%	7.0%	7.4%	8.0%	7.7%	7.8%	8.5%	10.4%	11.1%	12.4%	11.7%	11.3%
Coal Production YoY Growth 3MA	10.2%	9.3%	8.8%	10.8%	10.7%	4.8%	0.5%	1.1%	6.2%	6.8%	5.7%	3.9%	2.6%
Air Cargo YoY Growth 3MA	19.1%	16.5%	14.4%	13.9%	16.5%	15.5%	16.1%	14.9%	14.1%	10.8%	8.2%	3.3%	2.0%
Bank Credit YoY Growth (Ex HDFC Merger) 3MA	16.3%	16.0%	15.9%	15.1%	15.0%	14.7%	14.8%	14.0%	13.0%	12.4%	12.3%	12.3%	-
Bank Deposit YoY Growth 3MA	12.6%	12.4%	12.8%	12.0%	11.7%	11.6%	11.7%	11.9%	11.4%	11.2%	11.4%	11.6%	-
Net Services exports YoY Growth 3MA	4.9%	2.5%	6.2%	11.7%	14.0%	10.6%	13.0%	13.3%	13.5%	15.6%	11.6%	29.9%	-
Retail Loans YoY Growth (Ex HDFC Merger) 3MA	17.9%	17.5%	18.0%	17.6%	17.7%	16.9%	16.8%	16.4%	16.2%	15.7%	15.1%	14.4%	-
Gross Energy generation YoY Growth 3MA	7.3%	8.9%	10.9%	10.8%	10.1%	4.1%	1.4%	-0.5%	2.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.0%	-
Government Capex (Rs bn)	1428.9	992.4	443.9	374.3	802.1	397.3	1139.8	515.8	469.6	1718.4	720.2	545.3	-
Telecom subscriber additions YoY Growth 3MA	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	1.0%	0.5%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-

Source: Emkay Research; Note: Green indicates ,improvement and Red indicates worsening from the previous month

Weekly Update (22-Apr-25 to 29-Apr-25)

Key reports of the week

Exhibit 41: Key reports

Key Reports	Type of Report	Significance	Reason/Comment
SBI Cards	Q4FY25 Result Update	Target price increased by 11.1%	Asset quality turns a corner, but growth to be calibrated
Metals & Mining	Thematic	China visit note	On the road in China - Fresh learnings
Poonawala Fincorp	Q4FY25 Result Update	Target price increased by 12%	Beyond growth, all about leap of faith
IndusInd Bank	Company Update	Rating change from ADD to REDUCE	CEO resignation derails hope of smooth transition
Mahindra & Mahindra	Company Update	Synergistic acquisition	Synergistic acquisition to propel CV market share expansion

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

The week gone by (22-Apr-25 to 29-Apr-25)

During the week, the Nifty index was largely flat, reflecting cautious market sentiment amid escalating geopolitical tensions between India and Pakistan, alongside increasing global uncertainties. Despite the overall subdued performance, select sectors demonstrated resilience. The Energy and Information Technology (IT) sectors outperformed the broader market, supported by sector-specific tailwinds. In contrast, Utilities and Real Estate were among the laggards, underperforming relative to the benchmark.

Exhibit 42: NSE 500 - Sector-wise price performance during the week

Sector-wise return (NSE500 stocks)	1W	1M	3M	12M	3Y
Communication Services	-1.8%	6.6%	9.0%	25.8%	107.4%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.1%	6.1%	0.9%	5.7%	89.0%
Consumer Staples	-1.3%	5.4%	3.5%	5.2%	27.8%
Energy	5.7%	8.0%	9.7%	-6.1%	13.6%
Financials	-1.3%	5.5%	9.8%	10.8%	77.7%
Healthcare	0.5%	2.3%	2.8%	22.3%	66.3%
Industrials	0.1%	1.8%	2.9%	0.3%	116.8%
Information Technology	5.2%	-2.4%	-14.6%	0.9%	8.7%
Materials	-1.2%	0.5%	4.7%	4.2%	35.7%
Real Estate	-2.2%	2.5%	-3.2%	-10.1%	118.2%
Utilities	-2.5%	1.4%	5.8%	-10.0%	26.0%
NSE 500 Index	0.4%	3.7%	3.4%	4.1%	50.2%

Exhibit 43: Emkay coverage stocks - Top Movers/Laggards

Emkay coverage stocks - Top Movers/Laggards	1W	1M	3M	12M	3Y
Sonata Software	17.1%	8.8%	-28.0%	-45.6%	33.3%
AU Small Finance Bank	15.0%	32.1%	18.4%	11.4%	1.6%
Persistent Systems	8.9%	-2.0%	-10.8%	60.4%	150.1%
Tech Mahindra	8.6%	5.4%	-10.5%	18.3%	18.8%
GMR Power & Urban Infra	-12.5%	4.3%	14.4%	86.3%	296.0%
Shriram Finance	-12.6%	-6.3%	14.2%	20.4%	155.7%
Blue Star	-14.5%	-18.3%	-2.9%	16.7%	207.3%
Tejas Networks	-17.9%	-4.1%	-15.8%	-36.3%	55.1%

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Emkay Model Portfolio

During the week, the Emkay Model Portfolio (EMP) delivered a slight outperformance relative to the benchmark BSE200, primarily driven by effective stock selection rather than sector allocation. The positive contribution came largely from positions in the Energy and Industrials sectors, which outperformed during the period. On the other hand, exposure to the Financials and Consumer Discretionary sectors weighed on performance, as these segments underperformed the broader market.

Exhibit 44: EMP - Underperformance during the week

Emkay Model Portfolio - Re	elative performan	nce (EMP vs BSE2	200)	
ЕМР	1W	1M	3М	Since inception
Emkay Model Portfolio	0.24%	-0.66%	-3.90%	-13.58%
Communication Services	-0.02%	0.07%	0.25%	1.48%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.14%	0.55%	0.03%	-3.04%
Consumer Staples	0.14%	0.03%	0.19%	-1.17%
Energy	0.32%	0.49%	0.37%	-1.51%
Financials	-0.68%	-0.71%	-2.54%	-4.85%
Healthcare	0.14%	-0.04%	-0.15%	-1.01%
Industrials	0.16%	-0.60%	-0.65%	-0.82%
Information Technology	0.13%	-0.51%	-0.68%	-1.25%
Materials	0.06%	-0.03%	-0.66%	-1.81%
Real Estate	0.02%	0.02%	0.08%	0.20%
Utilities	0.10%	0.07%	-0.14%	0.18%

Exhibit 45: Emkay Model Portfolio - Absolute return

Emkay Model Portfolio - Absolute return				
ЕМР	1W	1M	3M	Since inception
Emkay Model Portfolio	0.6%	3.0%	0.6%	2.5%
Communication Services	-1.5%	5.2%	0.5%	68.7%
Consumer Discretionary	0.0%	7.6%	0.5%	-0.8%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	-1.9%	-0.2%	-11.4%
Energy	8.4%	12.9%	1.3%	-0.9%
Financials	-5.0%	2.4%	0.6%	4.3%
Health Care	2.2%	3.0%	0.2%	-5.5%
Industrials	2.0%	-4.9%	-0.2%	18.0%
Information Technology	4.6%	-5.0%	-2.1%	-17.9%
Materials	0.5%	-1.6%	0.0%	-2.3%

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 46: EMP – Top Movers/Laggards

Model Portfolio Stocks - Top Movers/Laggards	1W	1M	3M	12M	3Y
Reliance Industries	8.4%	9.8%	11.7%	-4.6%	10.1%
Tata Motors	5.5%	-1.3%	-4.5%	-34.0%	52.1%
Infosys	5.3%	-4.7%	-19.5%	5.4%	-4.5%
Eternal	-2.7%	14.6%	5.6%	19.7%	222.1%
Power Finance Corporation	-5.6%	-0.2%	0.0%	-6.4%	339.0%
Shriram Finance	-12.6%	-6.3%	14.2%	20.4%	155.7%

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Nifty EPS trend during the week

Exhibit 47: Nifty Bloomberg consensus and Emkay EPS estimates change during the week

	Date: 29-Apr-25		Date: 22-Apr-25		Change	
	Bloomberg consensus EPS - FY26	Emkay EPS - FY26E	Bloomberg consensus EPS - FY26	Emkay EPS - FY26E	Change in Bloomberg consensus EPS	Change in Emkay EPS
Nifty EPS	1,205	1,181	1,236	1,158	-0.9%	-0.3%
Nifty Index	24,335	24,335	24,167	24,167	0.8%	0.8%
Nifty PER (x)	20.2	21.3	19.9	21.1	1.7%	1.2%

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