

BSE SENSEX  
33,034

S&P CNX  
10,225

**CMP: INR952 TP: INR1,300(+37%)**

**Buy**



**Stock Info**

Bloomberg	MCX IN
Equity Shares (m)	51
52-Week Range (INR)	1,411/932
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-18/-20/-50
M.Cap. (INR b)	48.5
M.Cap. (USD b)	0.7
Avg Val, INRm	438.0
Free float (%)	100.0

**Financials Snapshot (INR b)**

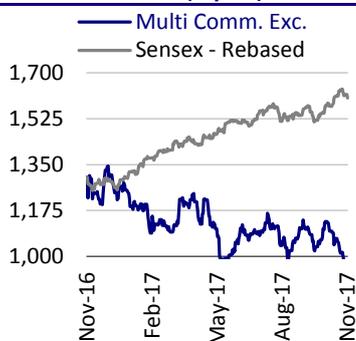
Y/E Mar	2017	2018E	2019E
Net Sales	2.6	2.8	4.0
EBITDA	0.8	0.9	2.0
PAT	1.3	1.3	2.2
EPS (INR)	24.8	26.5	43.4
Gr. (%)	6.2	6.6	64.2
BV/Sh (INR)	266.4	262.0	284.1
RoE (%)	10.2	10.0	15.9
RoCE (%)	10.0	9.7	15.4
P/E (x)	45.6	42.8	26.1
P/BV (x)	4.3	4.3	4.0

**Shareholding pattern (%)**

As On	Sep-17	Jun-17	Sep-16
Promoter	0	0	0
DII	33.6	35.8	39.8
FII	30.9	25.8	19.6
Others	35.5	38.4	40.6

FII Includes depository receipts

**Stock Performance (1-year)**



**Multi-faceted reforms have only just begun**

**Key takeaways from India Commodity Day hosted by MCX**

We attended the 'India Commodity Day' hosted by MCX on its 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The session saw a speaker representation from MCX's senior management and also prominent members of the ecosystem, including:

- 1) P. S. Reddy – MD & CEO, CDSL
- 2) P. K. Bindlish – CGM, Commodity Derivatives Market Regulation, SEBI
- 3) G. Mahalingam – Whole-time member, SEBI
- 4) R. Amalorpavanathan – Deputy MD, NABARD
- 5) Supriyo Bhattacharjee – DGM, Financial Markets Regulation (FMRD), RBI
- 6) Dr. Rakesh Junjunwala – Rare Enterprises
- 7) Kevin Piccoli – Deputy Director, US CFTC

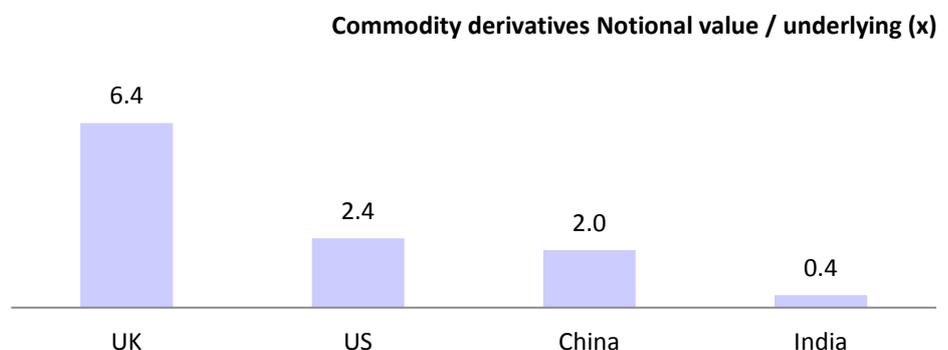
The discussion focused on a range of topics, such as the steps taken by the regulators and the way forward, the idea of commodities as an asset class, and commodity price outlook.

Some notable highlights from the event:

**Unexplored market in the context of physical underlying**

- Commodities are an important cog in the wheel of an emerging economy like India, and commodity derivatives have a huge potential in such a market. With only a fraction of that opportunity explored so far, the bigger possibilities are still to be unraveled. Considerable efforts have gone by both – the regulators and the exchanges – in this direction. The opportunity landscape can be gauged with following data:
  - In India, the notional value of commodity derivatives is less than USD1t – less than half of the country's GDP of USD2.3t.
  - This notional value is ~2x GDP in China, ~2.4x in the US and 6.4x in the UK.

**Exhibit 1: Indian market still significantly underpenetrated**



Source: MOSL, Company

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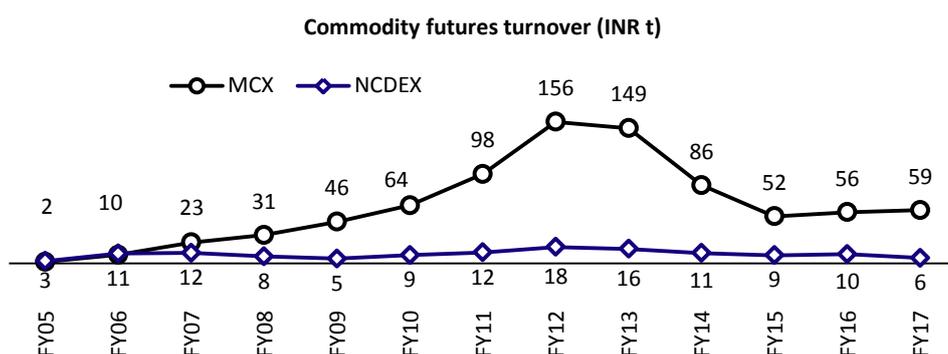
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- **Need to hedge:** Against this backdrop, there is an evident need for hedging by a vast array of domestic producers, whose business models imply that their price exposures are domestic in nature. MCX offers a platform to meet these hedging needs.

### SEBI has been on a reform spree, more to come

- After the SEBI took over as the regulator of commodity derivatives from the FMC in September 2015, the segment has seen a plenty of action on the policy front over the last two years. Some of the notable reforms include: [1] Risk management – settlement guarantee funds, position limits, [2] Warehousing norms, [3] New products (options), [4] New participation (Category-3 AIFs), [5] Setting up of separate clearing corporations (underway), and [6] Integrated commodity derivative and equity markets – phase 1 of which was broker integration, which has helped reduce cost of trading and facilitated ease of doing business.
- However, the SEBI cited that it is just getting started, and there is a long road ahead before India can start comparing with the important commodity markets in the world. It believes that the current set of a few participants is not adequate to bring liquidity. Institutional investors need to be brought into the market. FPIs and DIIs are next, and the SEBI continues deliberating on the best-suited approach to attract them.
- **Treading cautiously:** The SEBI's broader agenda still remains three-fold: protect investors, regulate securities market, and grow new securities segments. Its reform around position limits may appear restrictive, but it felt the need to start on a cautious note. Demand for derivatives in a commodity should not exceed overall physical supply in that commodity.

**Exhibit 2: SEBI reforms continue to aim at greater liquidity and hedging in commodity derivatives**



Source: MOSL, Company

### There are some missing pieces that are commanding attention

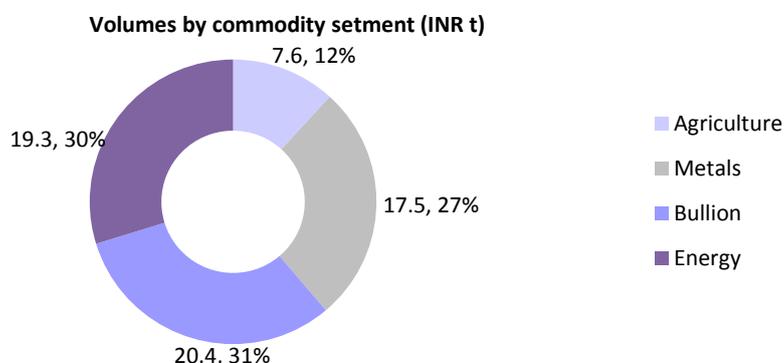
- There was acknowledgement that some elements of the necessary infrastructure are still work-in-progress – and these primarily are concerned with the delivery ecosystem. The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) had been in a dormant state for a while. However, in February 2017, there were a few regulations in the warehouse repository space. Warehouses are now to be registered with the WDRA necessarily. They are wholly responsible for quality and quantity of stocks they hold.

- This ties in with commodity depository receipts, where CDSL will hold the receipts in CDSL commodity repository – a subsidiary floated in association with the BSE and MCX. The receipt acts as a valid proof of the underlying asset held, against which one can borrow money, for example. The aim is to make the ecosystem robust enough, so that commodity in any warehouse should be tradable at any exchange.

### Thrust on agricultural commodities – a big opportunity but some challenges

- The Indian economy does not depend on agriculture as much as it did 20-25 years ago. That said, agriculture cannot be relegated to the background, as it still commands significant relevance in terms of propelling GDP. If monsoon fails, the agriculture segment woes end up slackening consumer demand.
- A market-oriented price discovery model is needed for agricultural commodities in India – the SEBI is working toward it. The role of spot markets could be crucial in this segment. The SEBI has cited in the past that entry of players like mutual funds, banks and insurance companies will be facilitated once an expert committee formed at government level recommends how synergy between spot and futures markets could happen.
- However, there is a challenge to achieving the same: spot price discovery for any commodity is not seamless – rather fragmented, and there are problems in attaining a reliable source of price for any underlying. Problems also persist with assaying the quality, storage and transportation.

### Exhibit 3: Agricultural commodities contributed merely 12% to FY17 turnover



Source: MOSL, Company

### Way forward – awareness, delivery, spot, liquidity

- **Retail participation:** How to increase retail participation in this market is an important question. Retail participation even in government securities is through the route of MFs. As a result, there is a need to build huge amount of awareness amid a lack of familiarity about the asset class. Traditionally, gold is looked upon as an asset class more from a jewelry than a financial investment perspective.
- **Permitting foreign players, indices:** The SEBI looking at introducing new products like index, and also charting a roadmap to bring in foreign players. Speculative volumes, arbitrage trades and HFT are necessary for liquidity on the exchange.

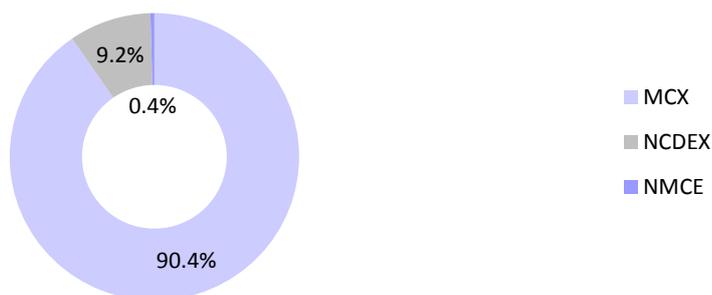
- **Other parts of ecosystem:** The SEBI in process of issuing warehousing norms on non-agricultural commodities too. On the whole, movement of commodities, particularly agricultural, will be facilitated swiftly and adequately.
- **Farmer incomes:** The government wants to double farmers' income in the next five years. For this, farmers have to be facilitated to realize adequate prices for their produce. Commodity derivative exchanges could play a role here.

#### To conclude with our views on MCX

- **The regulator's drive in sync with our positive thesis:** Our positive thesis on MCX stems from the believe that it is a platform on its transformation journey from catering largely to speculative interests of a small set of participants to a deeper ecosystem that eventually acts as a platform for hedgers across commodities. The ideas brought forth during the event re-emphasized those endeavors of the regulator-exchanges combine, and growth in exchange's liquidity will be an indicator of the progress. We expect FY19 volumes to increase to INR356b per day from FY17 levels of INR235b, driving earnings CAGR of 31% during this period. Our price target of INR1,230 discounts FY19E earnings by 30x. Maintain **Buy**.
- **Options criteria protect MCX's turf:** MCX's monopolistic hold in the non-agricultural commodities was strengthened further by the criterion for an exchange to launch options – INR10b+ average daily turnover for a year in the commodity of interest. We believe the criterion protects MCX's turf amid likelihood of competition being allowed in the commodities derivatives segment.

#### Exhibit 4: MCX's dominant market share faces limited risks under current regulations governing launch of options on an exchange

Commodity derivatives FY17 market share (INR %)



Source: MOSL, Company

- **Any policy relaxation for new exchanges is a potential risk:** It is natural that the new exchanges will seek relaxation on this criterion, and any change to the prevailing regulation is a risk. It will further competition's agenda to undercut MCX's prevailing charges, eliciting a response from the leader to respond with requisite aggression. Even if it holds on to its leading market share, the interim financial performance will take a dent.

## Financials and Valuations

Income Statement						(INR Million)		
Y/E Mar	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>3,407</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>4,044</b>	<b>4,824</b>
Change (%)	-1.9	-34.0	-34.7	5.6	12.4	6.5	43.8	19.3
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>2,611</b>
EBITDA Margin (%)	64.6	42.8	39.4	32.6	32.0	33.1	48.7	54.1
Depreciation	307	343	259	246	186	191	191	194
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>3,023</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>2,417</b>
Interest	0	11	14	0	2	0	0	0
Other Income	1,259	993	1,098	977	1,164	1,083	1,176	1,231
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	-667	0	0	0	0
<b>PBT</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>3,648</b>
Tax	1,065	569	450	413	512	473	738	911
Tax Rate (%)	24.9	27.1	26.5	49.7	28.1	25.9	25.0	25.0
Min. Int. & Assoc. Share	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Reported PAT</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>2,736</b>
<b>Adjusted PAT</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>2,736</b>
Change (%)	12.4	-52.5	-18.1	-66.6	213.0	3.1	64.2	23.5

Balance Sheet						(INR Million)		
Y/E Mar	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
Share Capital	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510
Reserves	11,058	10,931	11,512	11,529	13,078	12,853	13,979	16,277
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>11,567</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>12,022</b>	<b>12,039</b>	<b>13,588</b>	<b>13,363</b>	<b>14,489</b>	<b>16,787</b>
Debt	569	2,169	2,214	2,162	2,125	2,183	2,183	2,125
SGF	0	1,720	1,871	1,879	1,705	1,731	1,731	1,705
<b>Total Capital Employed</b>	<b>12,136</b>	<b>13,610</b>	<b>14,236</b>	<b>14,201</b>	<b>15,713</b>	<b>15,546</b>	<b>16,672</b>	<b>18,912</b>
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,766</b>
Capital WIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	10,682	10,898	12,927	10,741	11,948	13,296	13,296	11,972
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>5,131</b>	<b>4,782</b>	<b>3,764</b>	<b>5,997</b>	<b>5,077</b>	<b>5,152</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>9,128</b>
Debtors	69	90	107	42	28	88	122	114
Cash & Bank	3,475	3,417	2,655	5,003	3,890	3,708	4,554	7,133
Loans & Adv, Others	1,587	1,275	1,002	952	1,159	1,356	1,777	1,881
<b>Curr Liabs &amp; Provns</b>	<b>5,721</b>	<b>3,805</b>	<b>4,007</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>3,954</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>-590</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>-243</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>5,174</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>12,136</b>	<b>13,610</b>	<b>14,236</b>	<b>14,201</b>	<b>15,713</b>	<b>15,546</b>	<b>16,672</b>	<b>18,912</b>

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### Ratios

Y/E Mar	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
<b>Basic (INR)</b>								
<b>EPS</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>53.7</b>
Cash EPS	69.1	36.9	29.6	13.0	29.3	30.2	47.2	57.4
Book Value	226.8	225.4	235.8	236.1	266.4	262.0	284.1	329.2
DPS	0.5	10.2	10.2	0.0	15.3	20.4	20.4	20.4
Payout (incl. Div. Tax.)	0.9	39.0	48.5	0.0	70.7	91.4	55.7	45.1
<b>Valuation(x)</b>								
P/E				48.5	45.6	42.8	26.1	21.1
Cash P/E				87.0	38.6	37.5	24.0	19.7
Price / Book Value				4.8	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.4
EV/Sales				18.9	17.7	16.2	11.0	9.2
EV/EBITDA				58.0	55.3	48.8	22.7	17.0
Dividend Yield (%)				0.0	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.1
<b>Profitability Ratios (%)</b>								
RoE	29.9	13.3	10.7	3.5	10.2	10.0	15.9	17.5
RoCE	28.5	12.8	10.4	8.8	10.0	9.7	15.4	17.0
RoIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Turnover Ratios (%)</b>								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	28.2	19.3	12.5	12.9	14.3	14.5	19.4	21.7
Debtors (No. of Days)	5	10	17	7	4	11	11	10
<b>Leverage Ratios (%)</b>								
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Cash Flow Statement

(INR Million)

Y/E Mar	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
Adjusted EBITDA	3,331	1,457	876	766	844	931	1,969	2,611
Non cash opr. exp (inc)	-79	876	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Inc)/Dec in Wkg. Cap.	-1,941	-1,565	503	22	-1,251	1,505	-209	-961
Tax Paid	-782	-384	-259	-62	-197	-163	-418	-595
Other operating activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CF from Op. Activity</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>-604</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>1,054</b>
(Inc)/Dec in FA & CWIP	-462	-59	-9	-200	-345	-237	-261	-287
<b>Free cash flows</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>-950</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>767</b>
(Pur)/Sale of Invt	1,910	586	-1,214	5,174	1,810	-551	856	915
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CF from Inv. Activity</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>-1,222</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>-789</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>628</b>
Inc/(Dec) in Net Worth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc / (Dec) in Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Paid	0	0	0	-14	0	-2	-2	-2
Divd Paid (incl Tax) & Others	-2,134	-1,133	0	0	-925	-662	-1,088	-1,344
<b>CF from Fin. Activity</b>	<b>-2,134</b>	<b>-1,133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-925</b>	<b>-664</b>	<b>-1,090</b>	<b>-1,345</b>
<b>Inc/(Dec) in Cash</b>	<b>-156</b>	<b>-221</b>	<b>-103</b>	<b>5,687</b>	<b>-65</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>336</b>
Add: Opening Balance	3,124	3,475	3,417	2,655	5,003	3,890	3,708	4,554
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>8,342</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>4,891</b>

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