



## The Eagle Eye – August 2025

**Market sentiment softens amid tariff tension**

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- ❖ Breadth of YoY gains narrows to a three-year low
- ❖ Pharma outperforms the benchmark more frequently than any other sector over the past two years
- ❖ Bank vs. IT divergence persists, now at a three-year high

## VALUATIONS

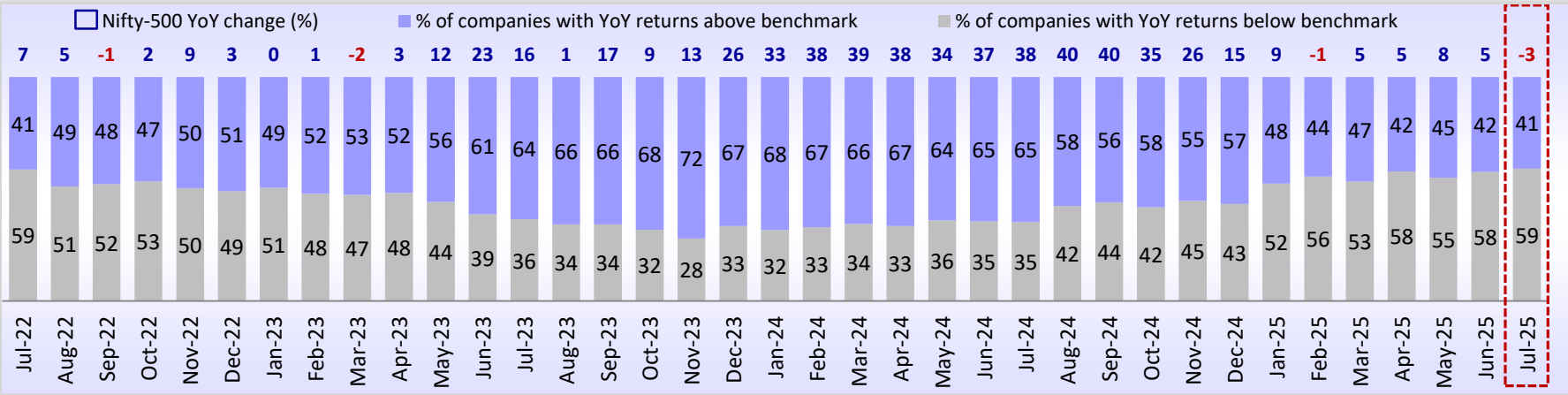
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- ❖ Auto and Pvt. Banks trade below their average valuations
- ❖ EY/BY ratio rises marginally MoM
- ❖ Tech dominance keeps the US market valuations elevated

# **A view from the EAGLE'S EYE!**

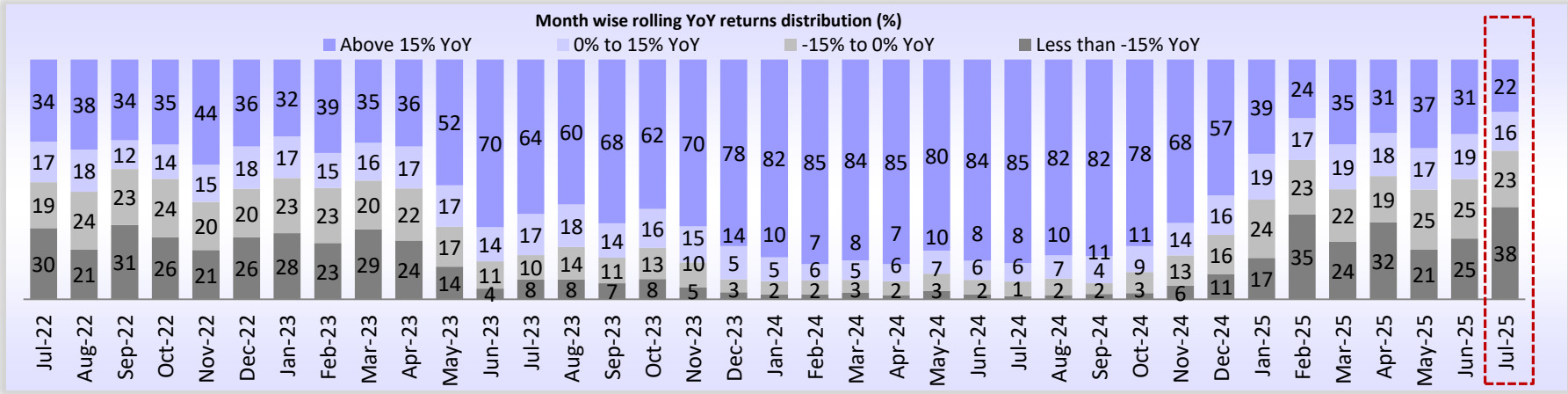
# KEY EXHIBITS    Breadth of YoY gains narrows to a three-year low

- ❖ The YoY change of Nifty-500 dipped to a five-year low level, declining 3% YoY in Jul'25 (over a high base of 38% YoY growth in Jul'24).
- ❖ Outperformance of the Nifty-500 constituents continued to slide, reaching a 36-month low, i.e., only 41% of stocks outperformed the Nifty-500 in Jul'25.
- ❖ Further, only about 22% of the Nifty-500 companies delivered more than 15% YoY returns compared to over 80% of companies a year ago.

Nity-500 constituents' rolling YoY performance relative to its index has fallen to its lowest level in three years



Share of positive and strong returns slips to a three-year low



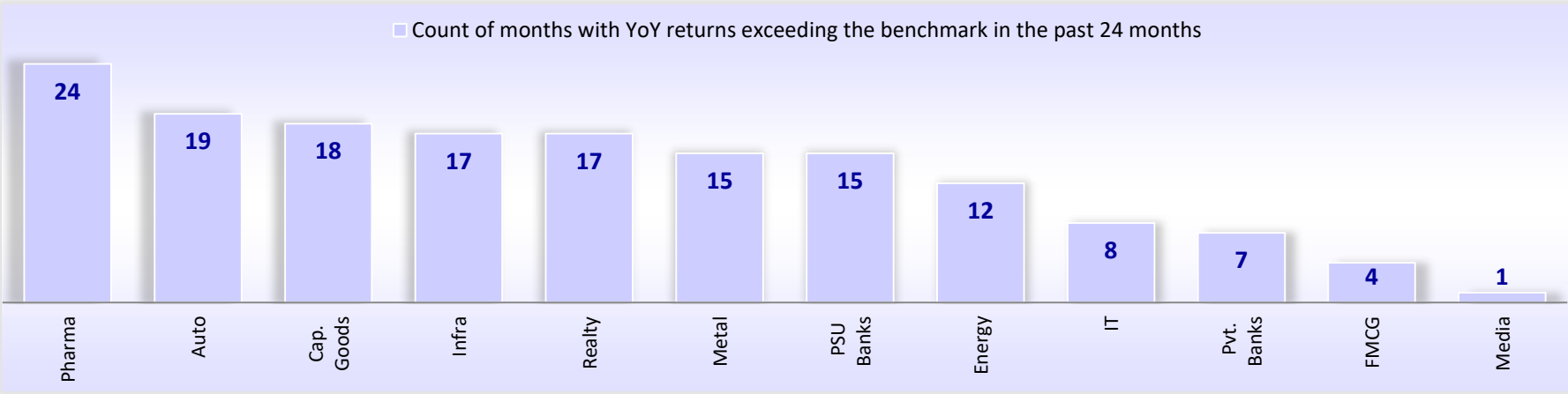
Note: Analysis is based on the benchmark Nifty-500 index and its constituents

KEY EXHIBITS

Pharma outperforms the benchmark more frequently than any other sector over the past two years

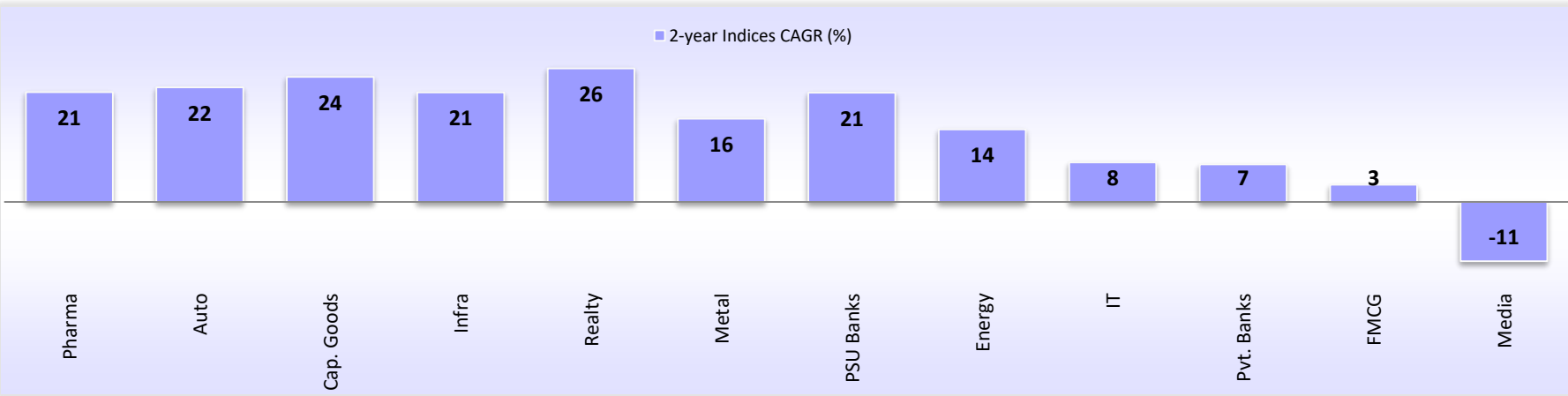
- ❖ Nifty-500 clocked a 16% CAGR over the past two years.
- ❖ Over the past 24 months, Nifty Pharma consistently outperformed the Nifty-500 each month, followed by Automobiles and Capital Goods..

Pharma has consistently outperformed the benchmark over the past 24 months



Note: Analysis is based on the benchmark Nifty-500 index

Real Estate and Capital Goods have posted the highest returns over the past 24 months

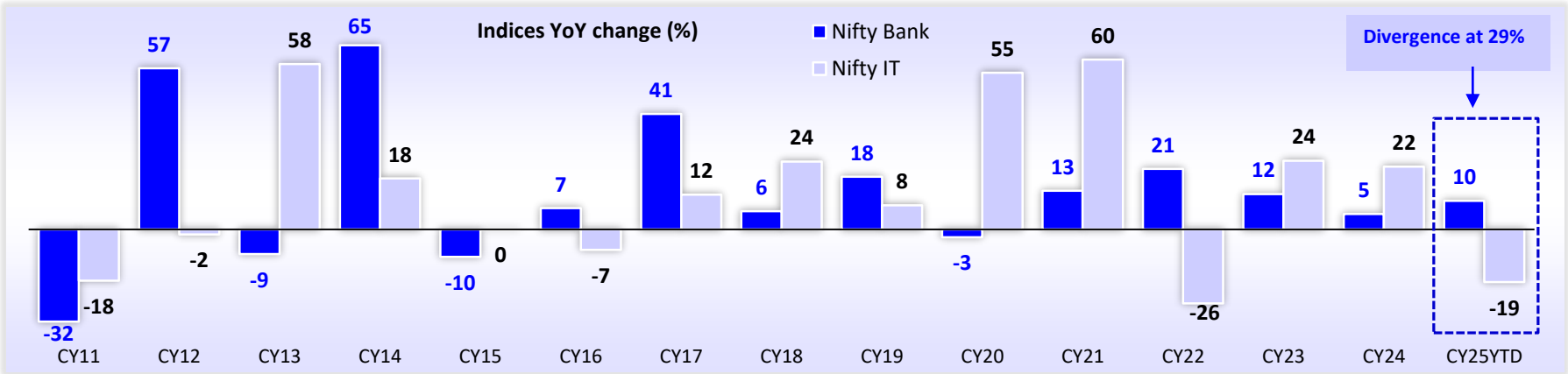


Note: All Nifty sectoral indices considered

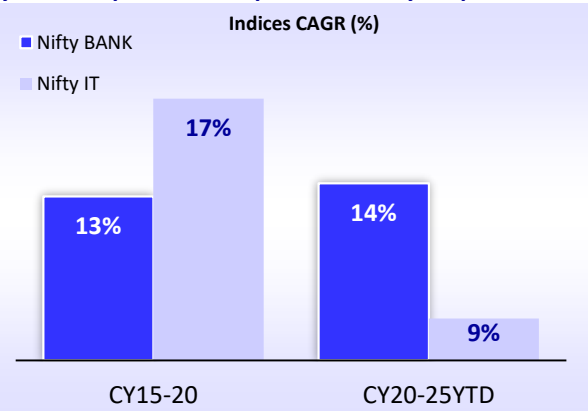
# KEY EXHIBITS Bank vs. IT divergence persists, now at a three-year high

- ❖ Nifty Bank and IT have remained volatile over the past decade, with their return divergence ranging between ~10% and 60%. After a sharp outperformance by IT over banks in the previous two years, the trend has reversed, with Nifty Bank outperforming Nifty IT in CY25YTD.
- ❖ We expect Nifty Bank's aggregate earnings to record a CAGR of 11% over FY25–27, while Nifty IT's earnings are likely to post a slower CAGR of ~7%, amid the ongoing sectoral headwinds. Additionally, banking sector valuations remain reasonable relative to the broader market.
- ❖ Given the weaker earnings outlook for IT, coupled with more attractive valuations and stronger growth prospects for banks, we expect the divergence between the two sectors to persist through CY25.

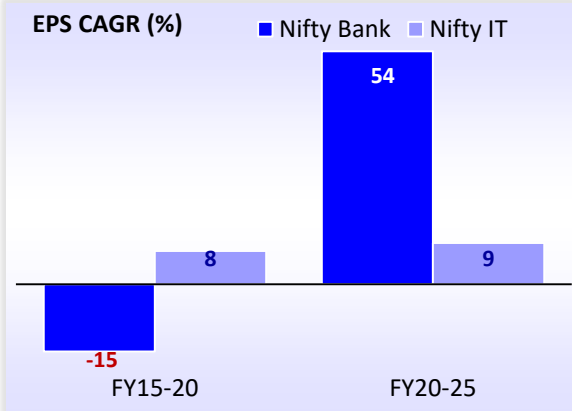
Nifty Bank and IT remained volatile during the decade, with combined return divergence ranging between ~10% and 60%



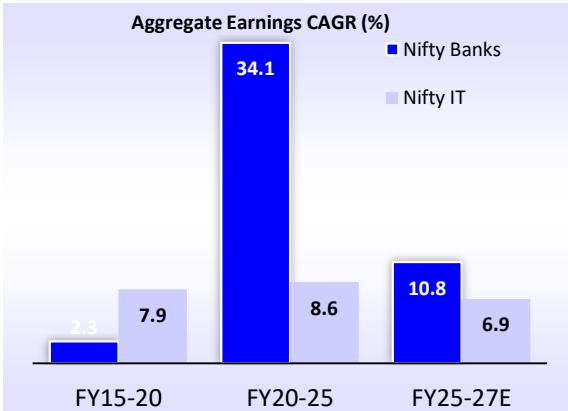
Nifty Bank has outperformed in the past five years compared to the previous five-year period



EPS of Nifty Bank grew more than IT between FY20 and FY25



Aggregate PAT growth of indices' constituents in the last decade

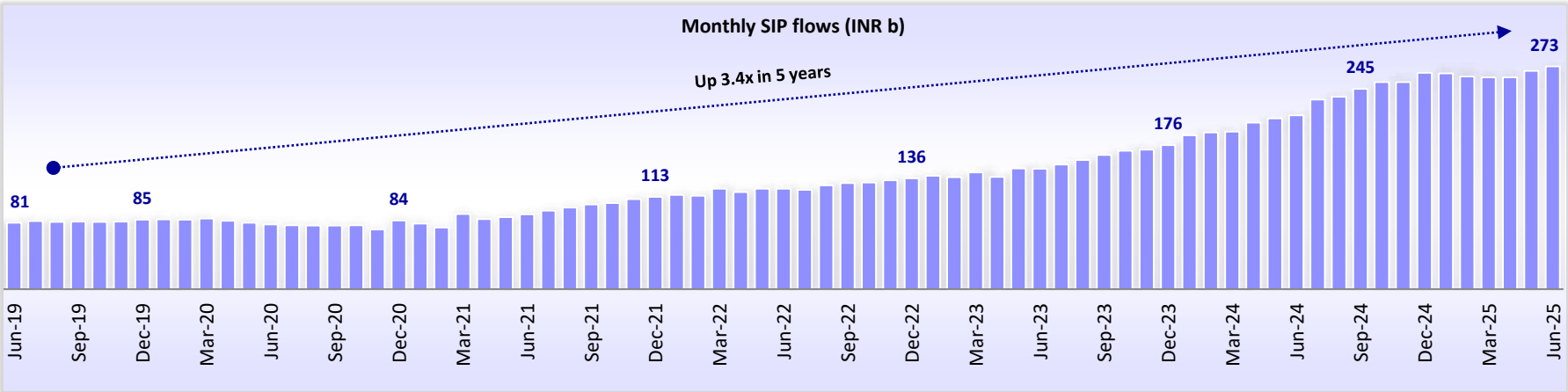


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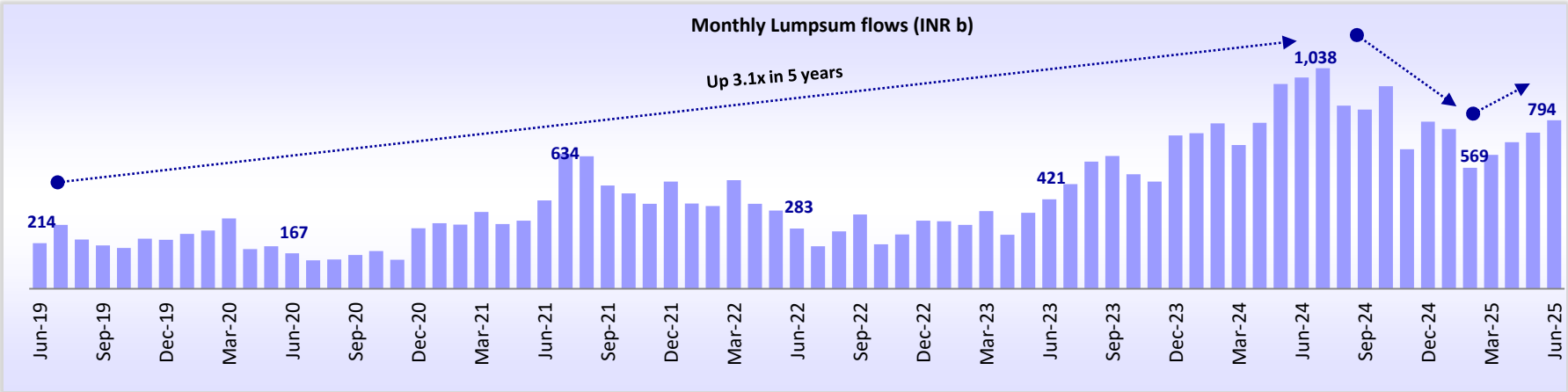
SIP flows remain strong; lump sum inflows rebound following a temporary dip

- ❖ SIP flows remained robust, sustaining momentum at over INR270b and consistently hitting new highs despite market volatility.
- ❖ Lump sum investment trends remained volatile but have shown a noticeable pickup from the March lows.

SIP flows continue to hit record highs



Lump sum flows regain momentum after a brief slump



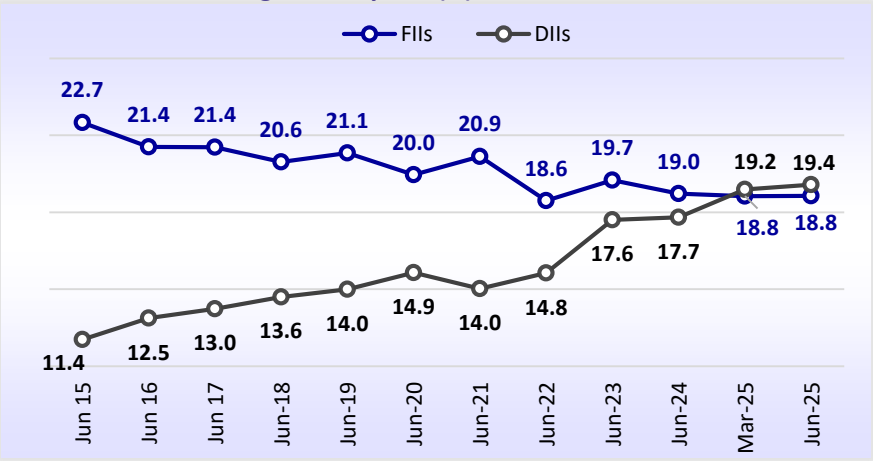
Note: Monthly Lumpsum flows include net of Total equity inflows excluding SIP

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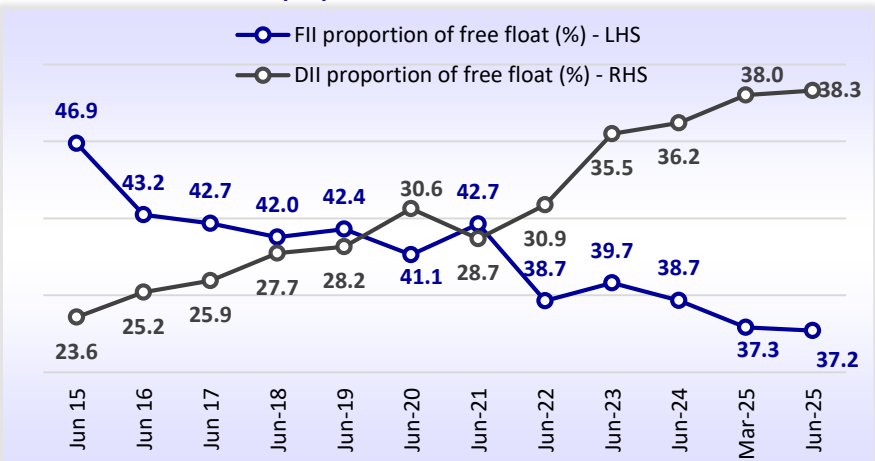
Institutional holdings: DIIs continue to lead institutional ownership

- ❖ Strong domestic inflows and buoyant capital markets led to a historic shift in ownership, with DII holdings surpassing FII holdings in the Nifty-500 companies for the first time in Mar'25, inching further up in Jun'25.
- ❖ Promoter holdings fell to an all-time low of 49.3% in Jun'25, while retail holdings remained stable.

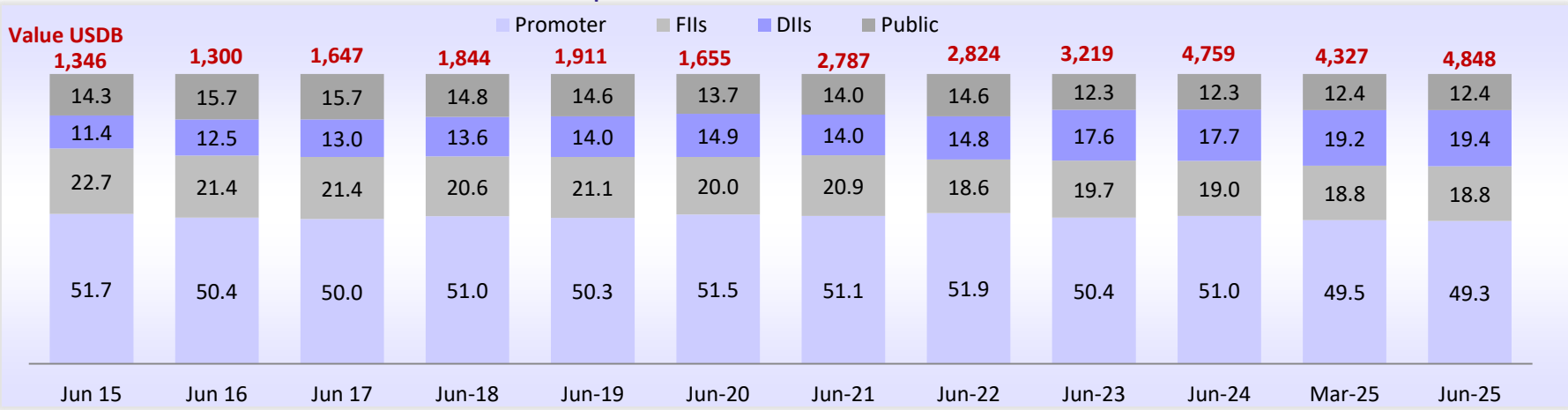
Trends in FII/DII holdings for Nifty-500 (%)



Trends in FII/DII share as proportion of free float



DIIs continued to raise their stakes for the fifth consecutive quarter

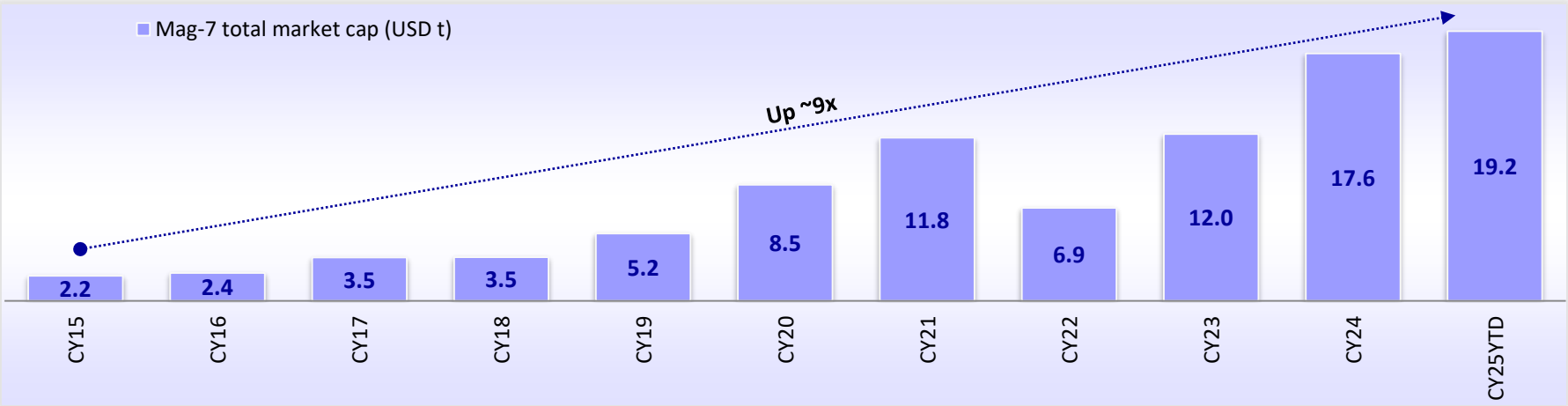


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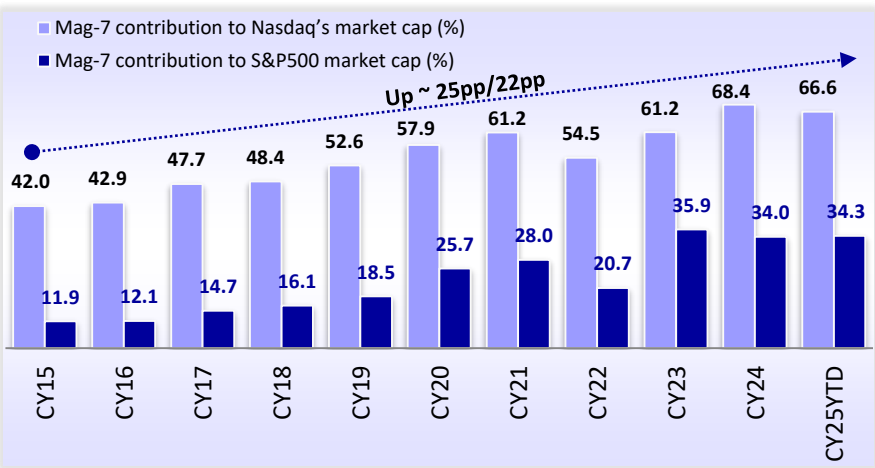
The Magnificent Seven continue to dominate the US and global markets

❖ The Magnificent Seven continue to lead markets, fuelled by strong earnings, dominant market share, and aggressive investments in AI and cloud technologies. Over the past decade, the Magnificent 7 have seen a meteoric rise in global market capitalization, collectively adding over USD19t in value. A large share of global equity inflows has gravitated toward these tech giants due to their consistent growth and innovation leadership.

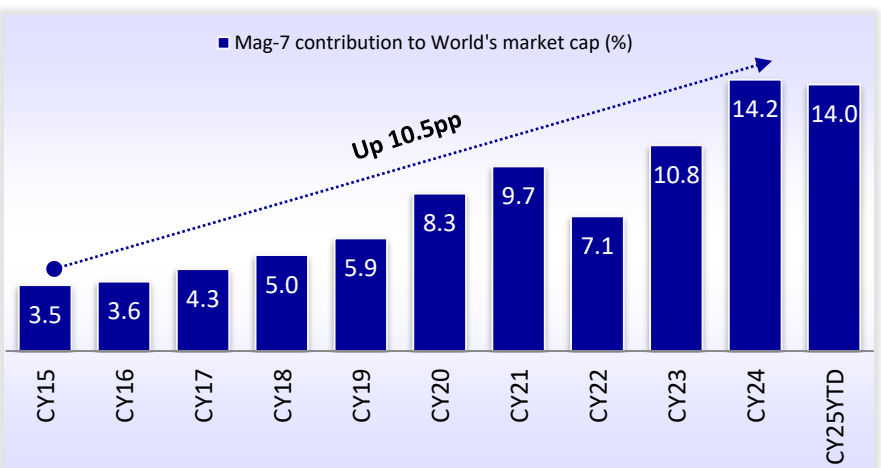
Aggregate market cap of the Magnificent Seven – the top US tech stocks, including NVIDIA, Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Tesla



Magnificent Seven make up over two-thirds of Nasdaq a third of S&P 500...



...their market cap now accounts for 14% of global market capitalization



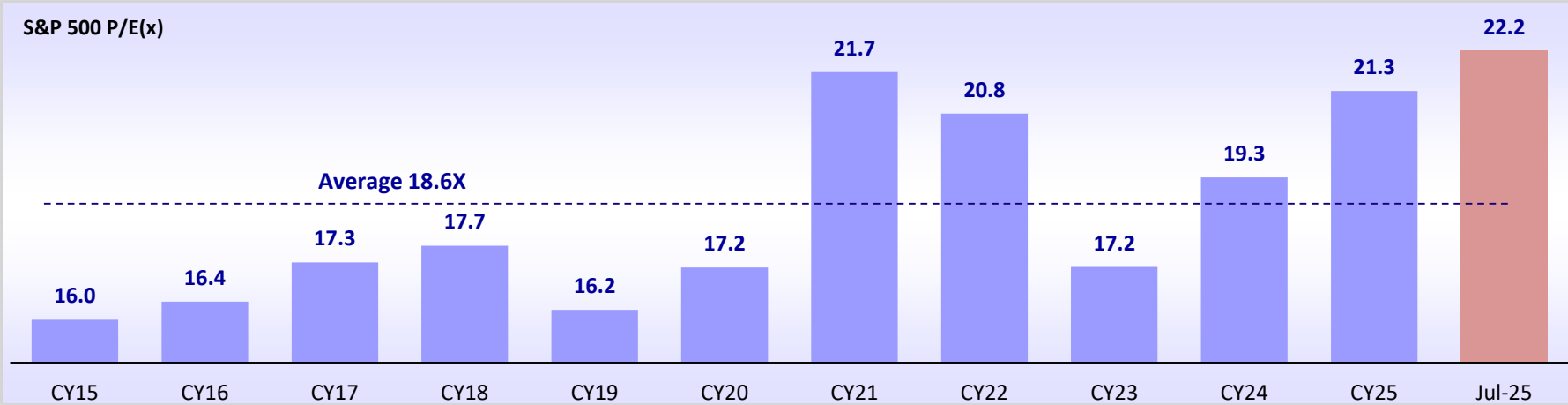
Note: PP represent percentage points

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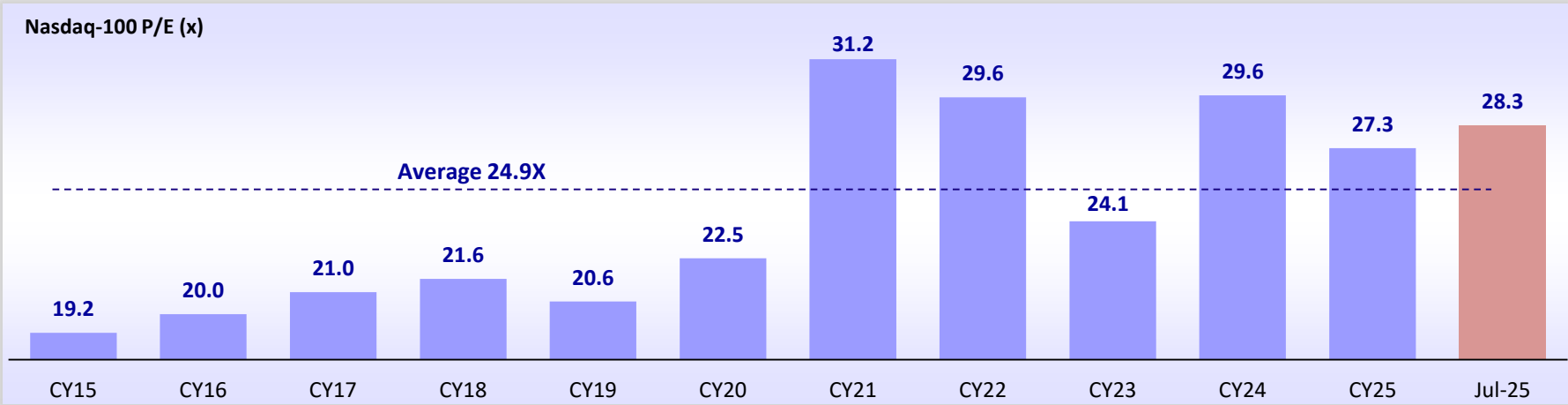
Tech dominance keeps the US market valuations elevated

❖ Valuations in the US equity market continue to expand, led by sustained strength in mega-cap tech stocks, particularly the Magnificent-7 cohort, which has seen robust earnings and investor optimism. The ongoing AI-driven rally has further boosted premium multiples in the technology sector, fueling broader index gains and pushing valuations well above historical averages.

The S&P 500's one-year forward P/E trading at a 19% premium to its 10-year average



The Nasdaq's one-year forward P/E trading at a 14% premium to its 10-year average

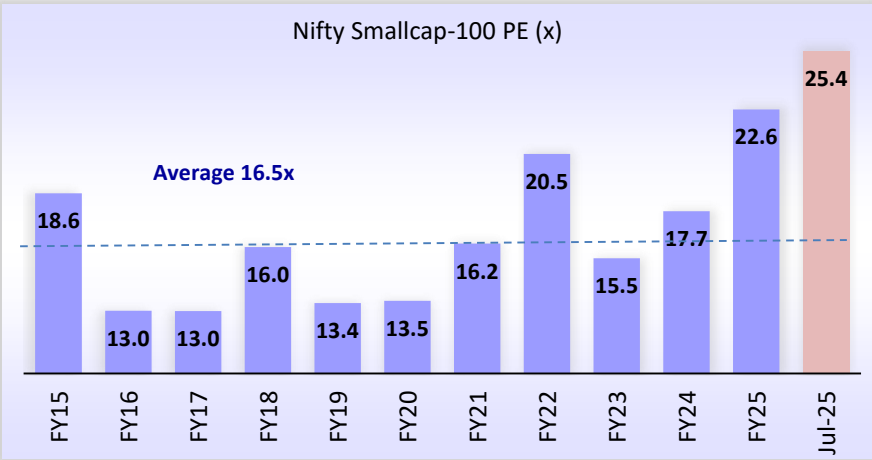
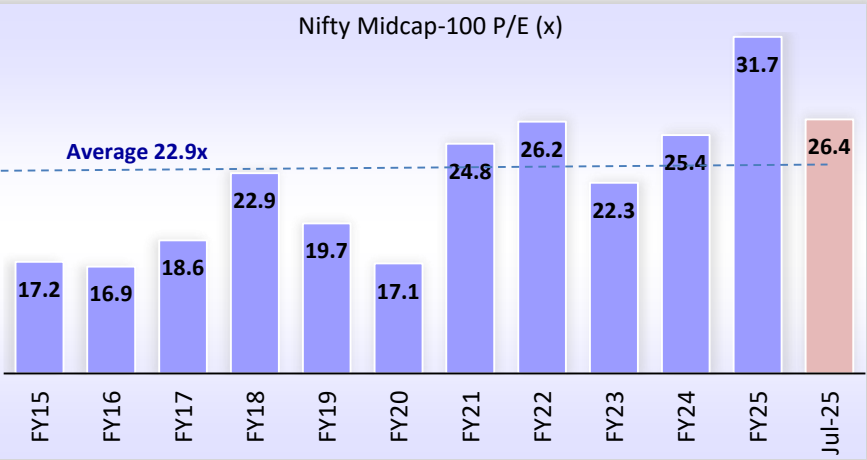
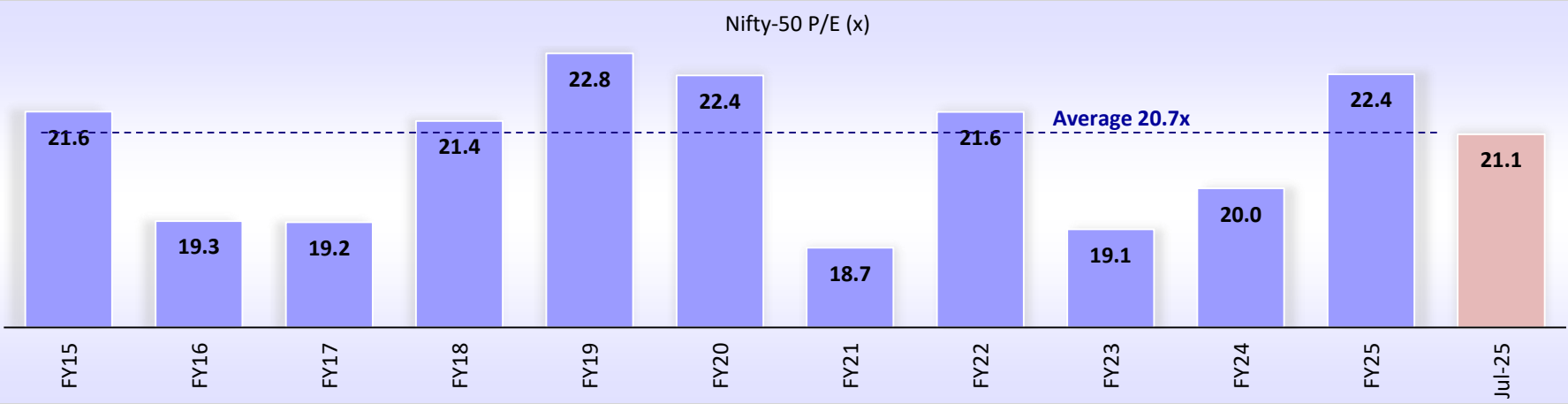


Note: The bars represents 12-month average of one-yr fwd P/E and as of 31<sup>st</sup> Jul'25

# KEY EXHIBITS Large-cap valuations near their average; small- and mid-caps remain stretched

- ❖ The Nifty-50's one-year forward P/E stood at 21.1x, about 2% above its long-period average (LPA) of 20.7x.
- ❖ In contrast, the Nifty Midcap-100 and Nifty Smallcap-100 indices are trading at 26.4x and 25.4x, representing premiums of ~15% and ~54% to their respective LTAs.

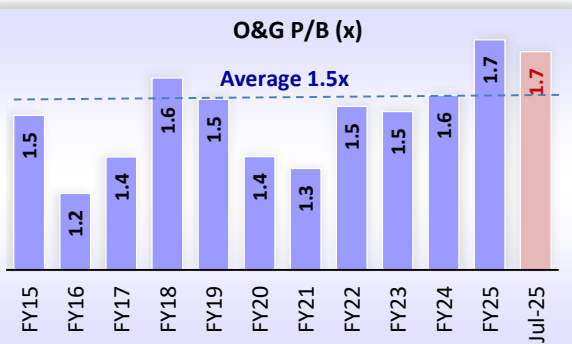
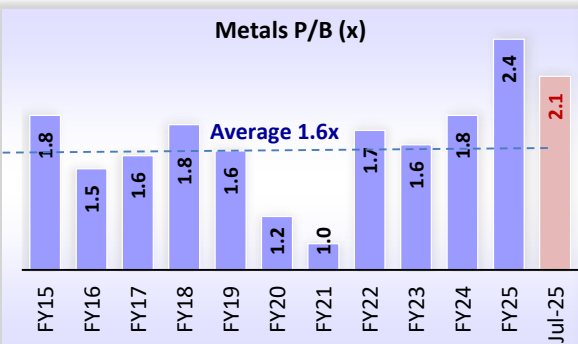
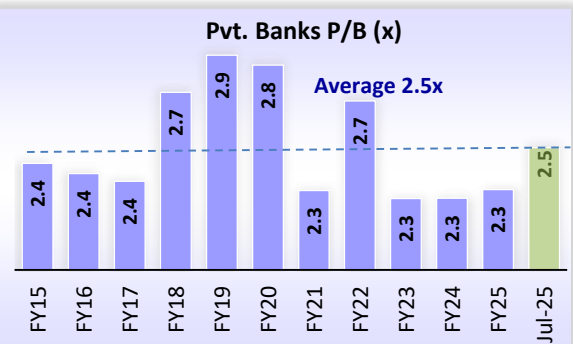
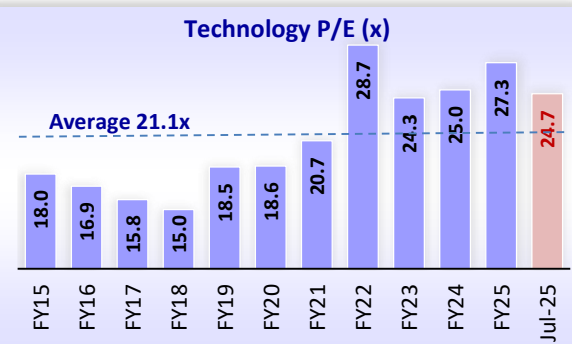
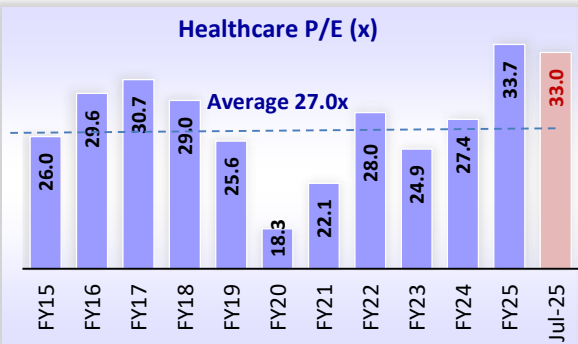
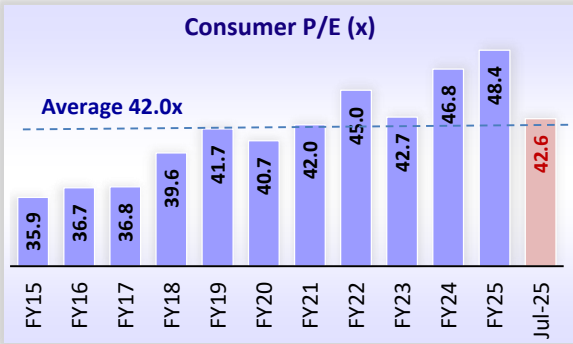
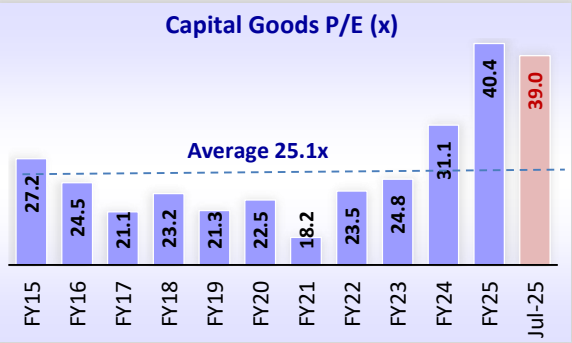
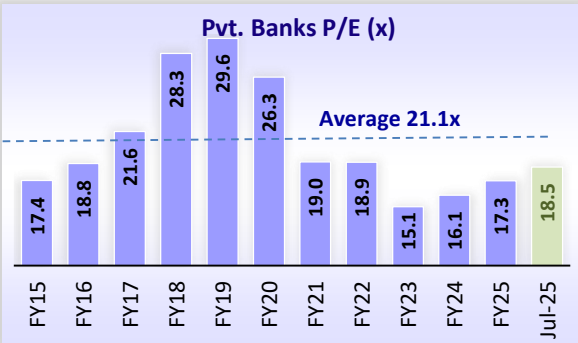
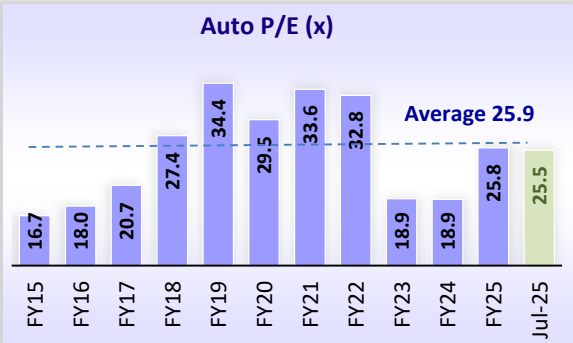
One-year forward P/E trends across the Nifty-50, Nifty Midcap-100, and Nifty Smallcap-100 indices (x)



Note: The bars represents 12-month average of one-yr fwd P/E and as of 31<sup>st</sup> Jul'25

# KEY EXHIBITS      Auto and Pvt. Banks trade below their average valuations

❖ Valuations have been trading below the 10-year average for Automobiles and Pvt. Banks, while they have remained above the 10-year average for Capital Goods, Healthcare, Technology, Metals, and O&G, and near to the average for Consumer.

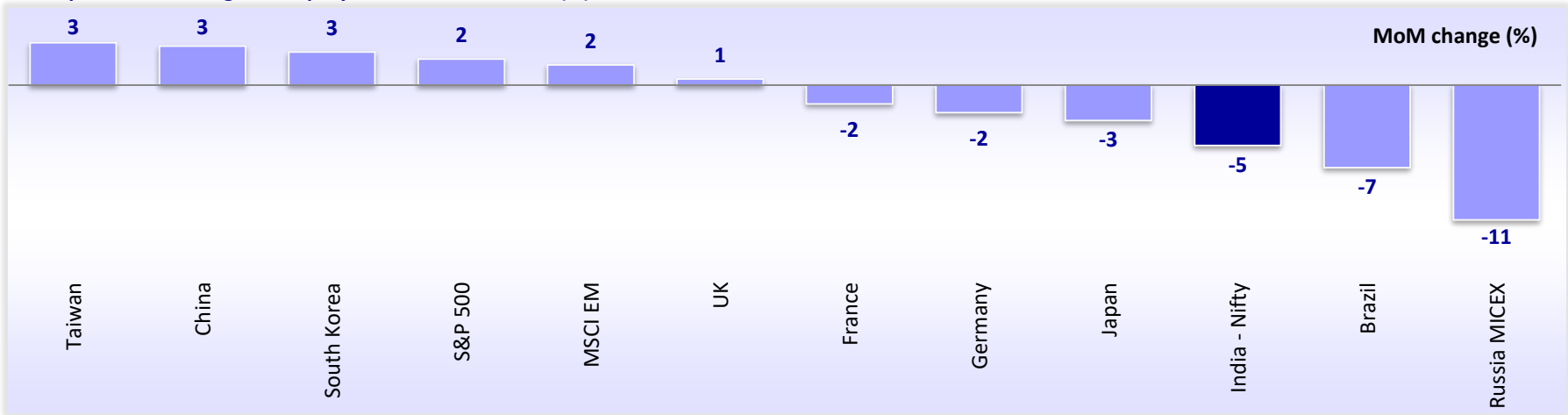


Note: The bars represent 12-month average of one-year fwd P/E and P/B across MOFSL Universe sectors and as of 31<sup>st</sup> Jul'25; Green and red bars represent latest sectoral valuations below and above the 10-year average, respectively.

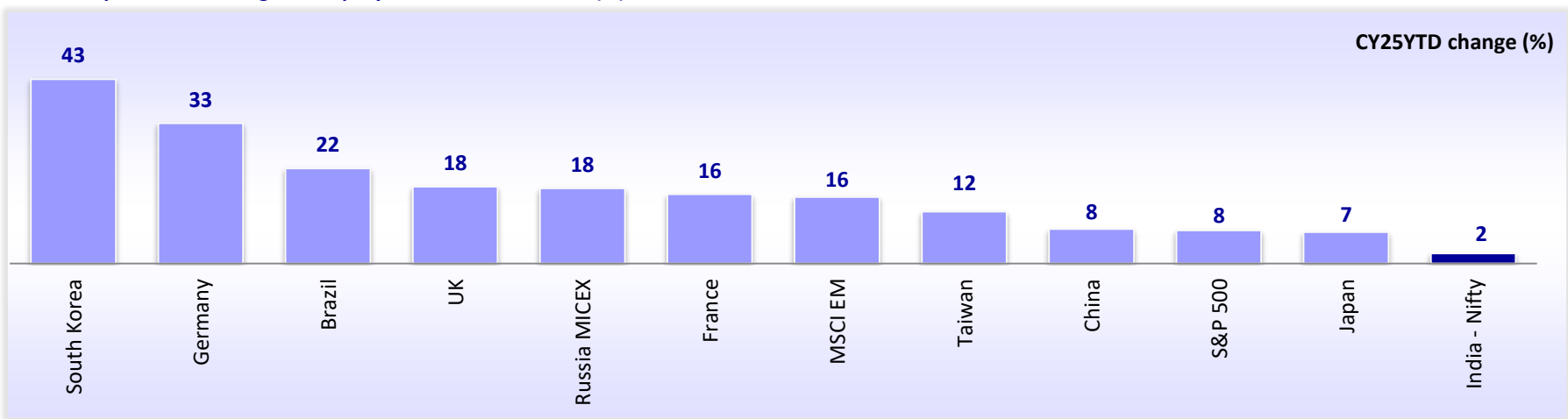
# Macro, Markets, and More...

# The Indian market dips and underperforms major global peers during the month and YTD

MoM performance of global equity indices in USD terms (%)



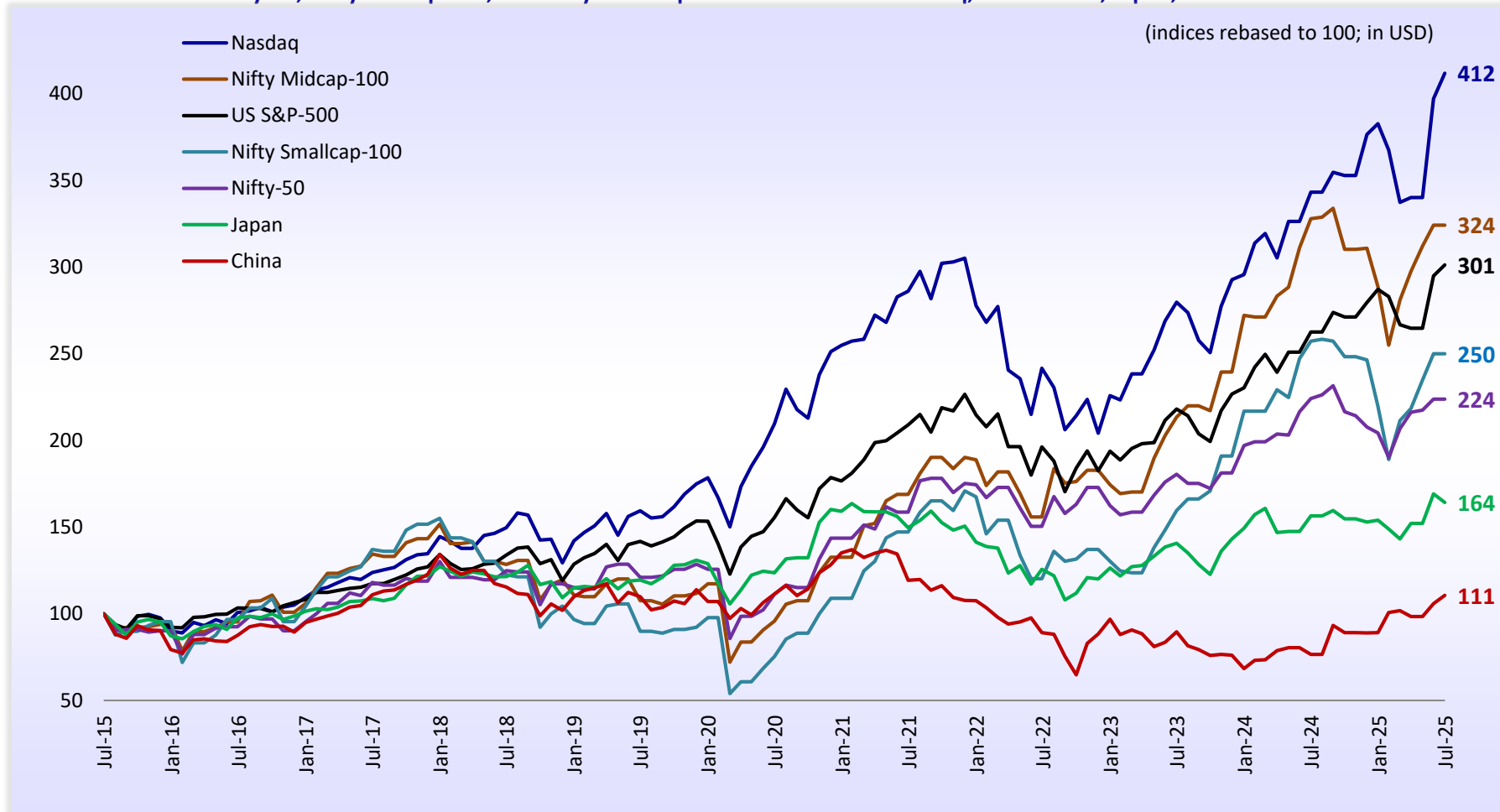
CY25YTD performance of global equity indices in USD terms (%)



# Decade in review: Nasdaq dominates, Nifty Midcap-100 shines, while China underperforms

❖ Over the past decade, the Nasdaq-100 delivered a 15% CAGR, followed by the Nifty Midcap-100 (12%), US S&P-500 (12%), Nifty Smallcap-100 (10%), Nifty-50 (8%), Japan (5%), and China (1%).

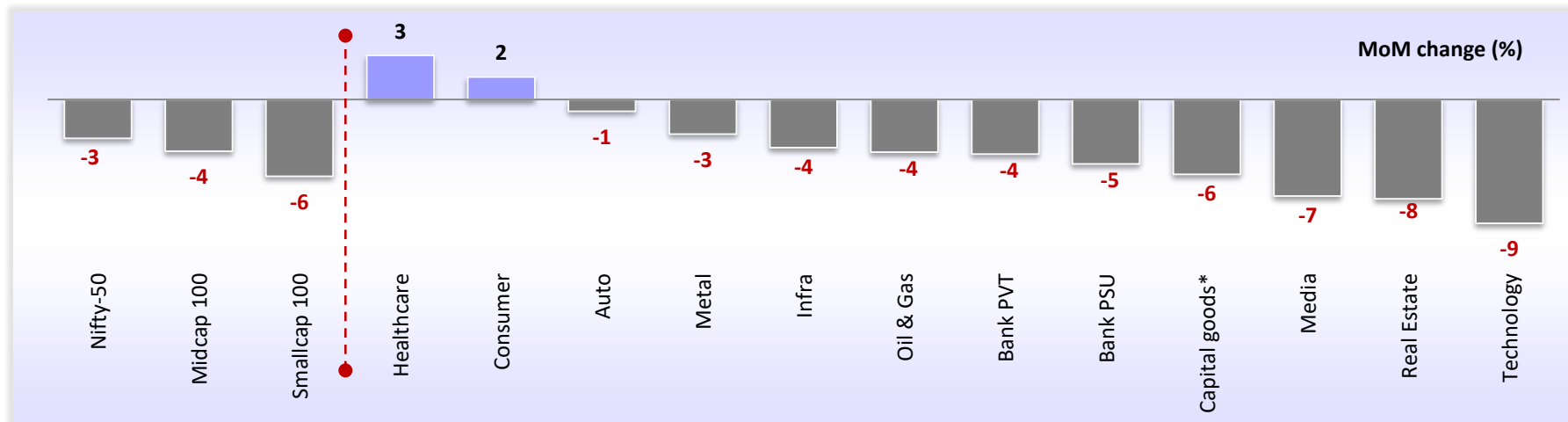
Performance of the Nifty-50, Nifty Midcap-100, and Nifty Smallcap-100 indices vs. the Nasdaq, US S&P-500, Japan, and China



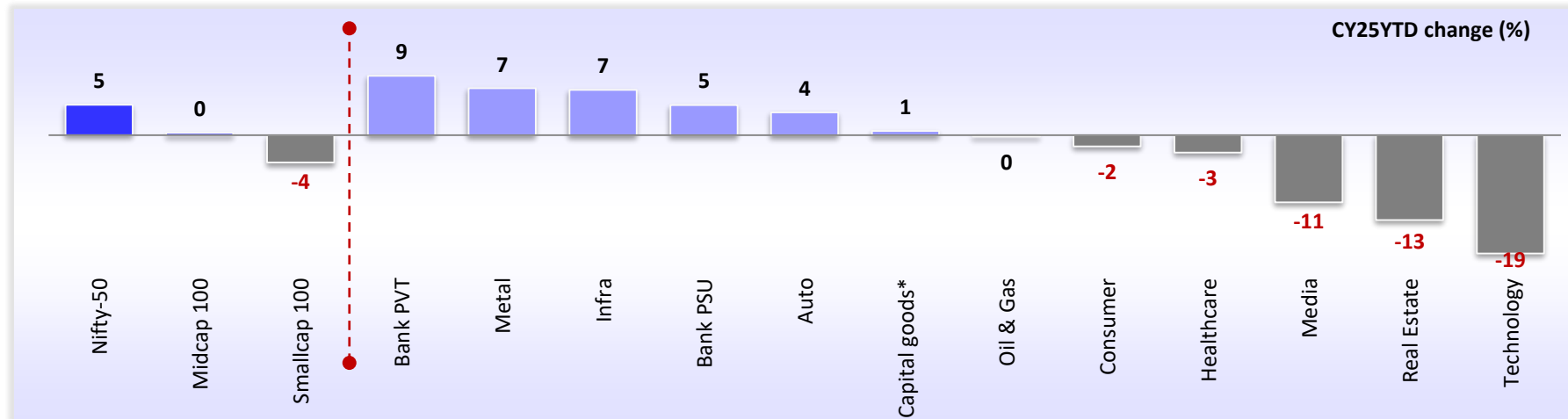
Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

# Broad-based market dips; Healthcare and Consumer witness modest gains

Sectoral performance MoM (%): Broad-based weakness visible during the month



Sectoral performance in CY25YTD (%): Private Banks and Metals outperform, while Technology continues to remain the weakest

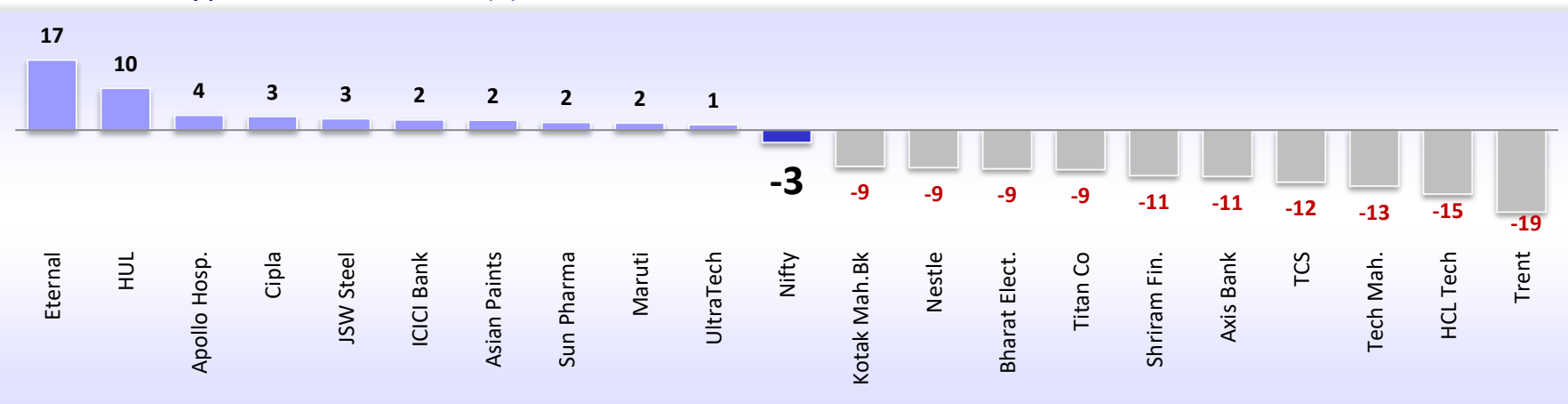


Note: (\*) represents BSE Capital goods index.

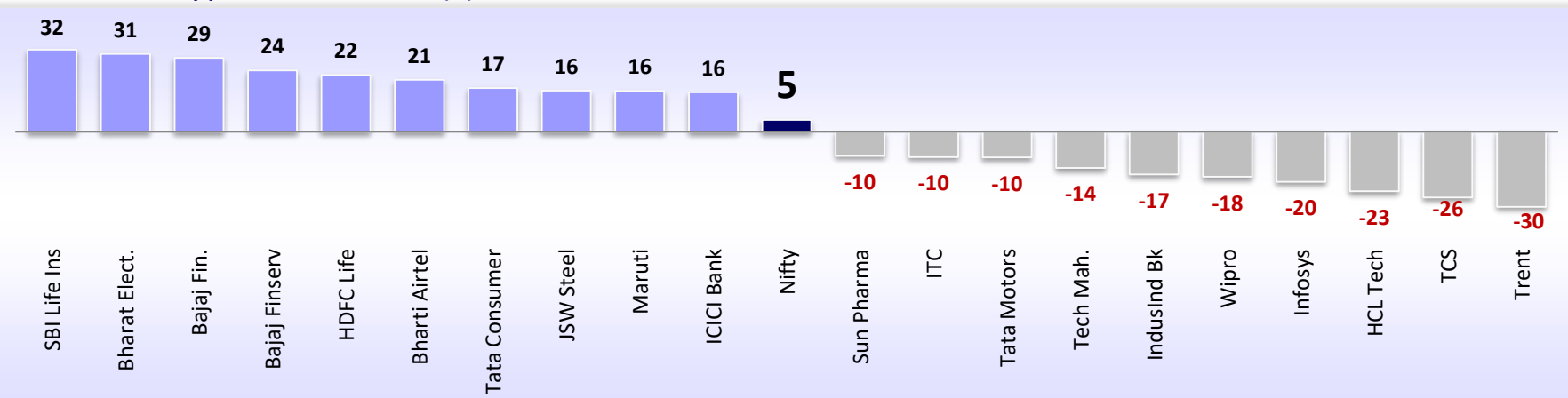
## About 70% of the Nifty constituents end lower in Jul'25

- ❖ Among Nifty constituents, 35 stocks closed lower MoM in Jul'25, with 26 underperforming the benchmark. Eternal and HUL posted notable gains, whereas Trent and HCL Tech were the key laggards.
- ❖ About 35 Nifty constituents trade higher in CY25YTD. SBI Life Ins., Bharat Electronics, and Bajaj Finance are the top gainers, whereas Trent, TCS, and HCL Tech are the key laggards.

Best and worst Nifty performers on a MoM basis (%)



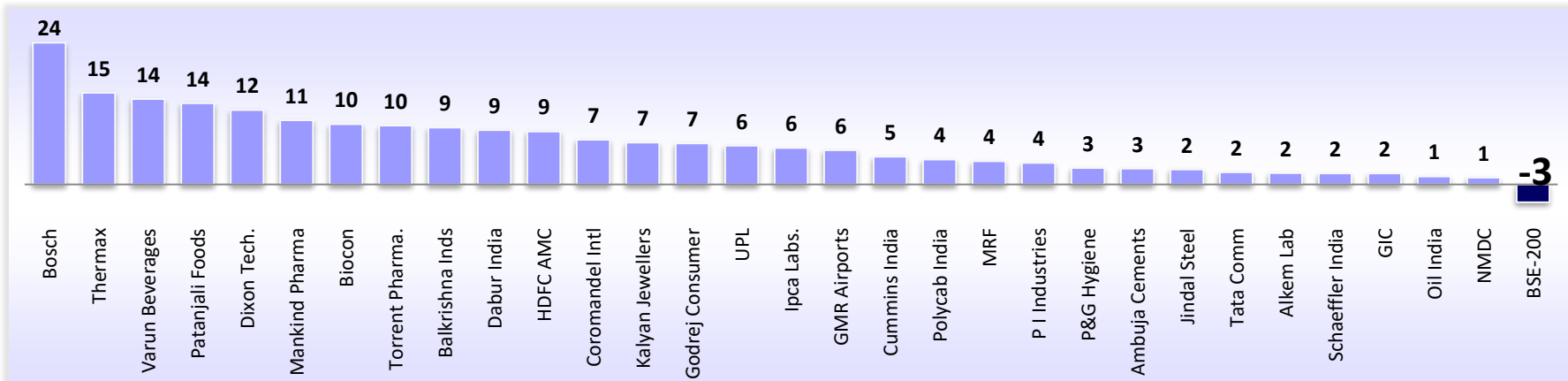
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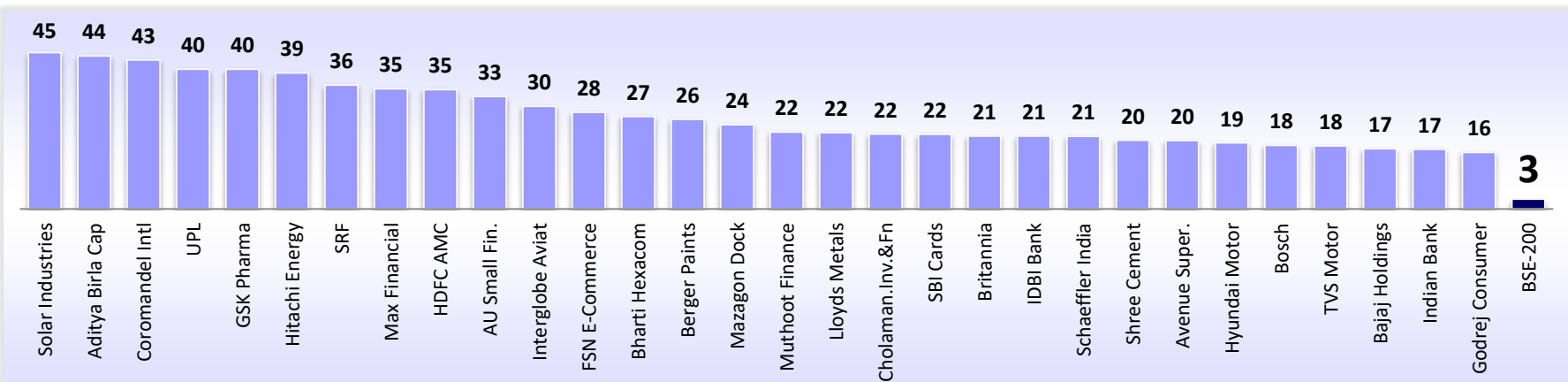
# About 36% of the BSE-200 constituents end higher in Jul'25

- ❖ In Jul'25, only 72 BSE-200 stocks closed higher. Bosch, Thermax, and VBL gained the most during the month.
- ❖ About 101 BSE-200 constituents trade higher in CY25YTD. Solar Industries, Aditya Birla Capital, and Coromandel are the top gainers.

Top gainers within BSE-200 on a MoM basis (%)\*



Top gainers within BSE-200 CY25YTD (%)\*

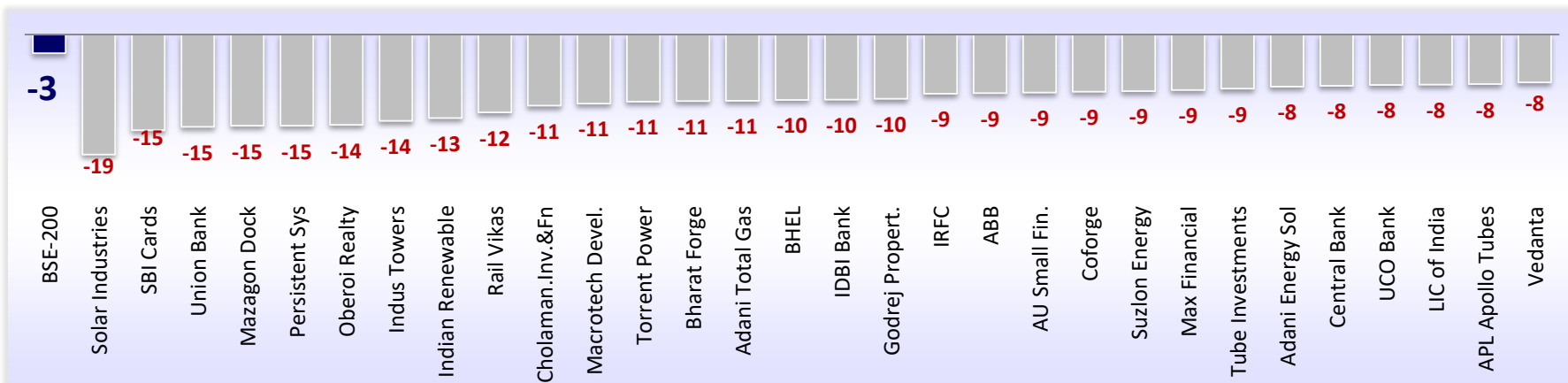


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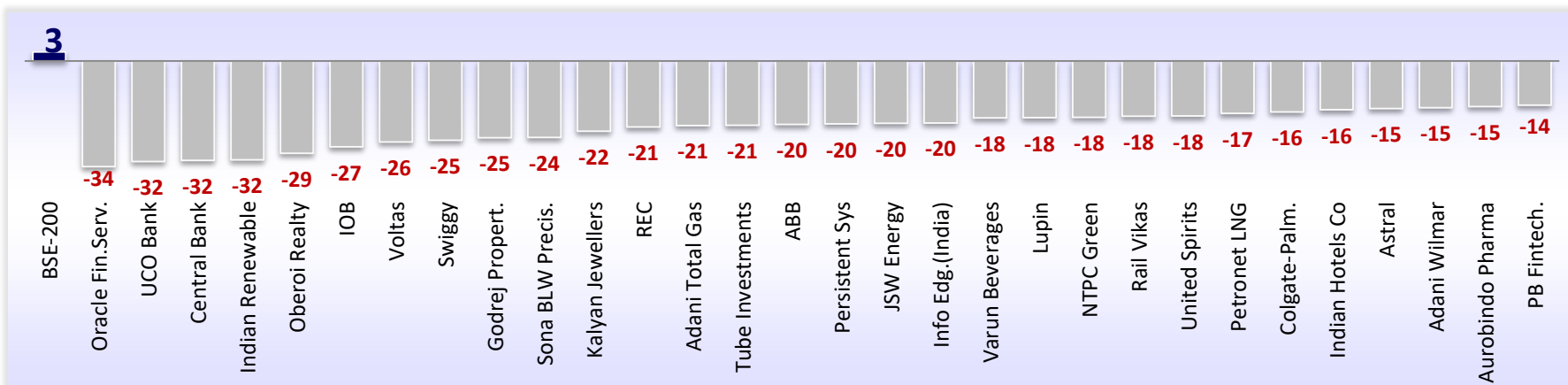
## About 64% of the BSE-200 constituents end lower in Jul'25

- ❖ In Jul'25, 128 companies closed lower. Solar Industries, SBI Cards, and Union Bank were among the key laggards.
- ❖ About 99 of the BSE-200 companies trade lower in CY25YTD. Oracle Financial, UCO Bank, and Central Bank are the key laggards in CY25YTD.

### Key laggards among the BSE-200 constituents on a MoM basis (%)\*



### Key laggards among the BSE-200 constituents in CY25YTD (%)\*



\*The list excludes Nifty constituents.

## Private banks gain weight sharply, while Technology declines

- ❖ In Jul'25, the weights of Private Banks, Consumer, and Healthcare rise 60bp, 30bp, and 20bp MoM, while Technology, Oil & Gas, and Retail saw a significant decline of 80bp, 40bp, and 30bp MoM, respectively, among the Nifty-50 constituents.

### Nifty sectoral weights (%)

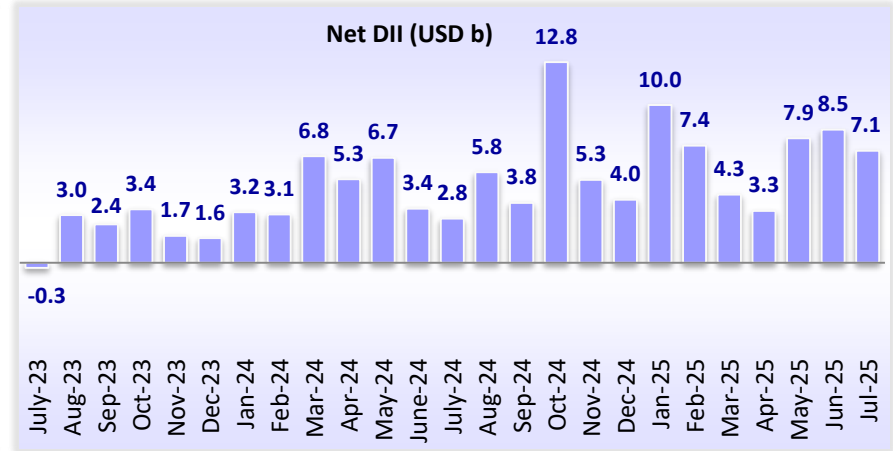
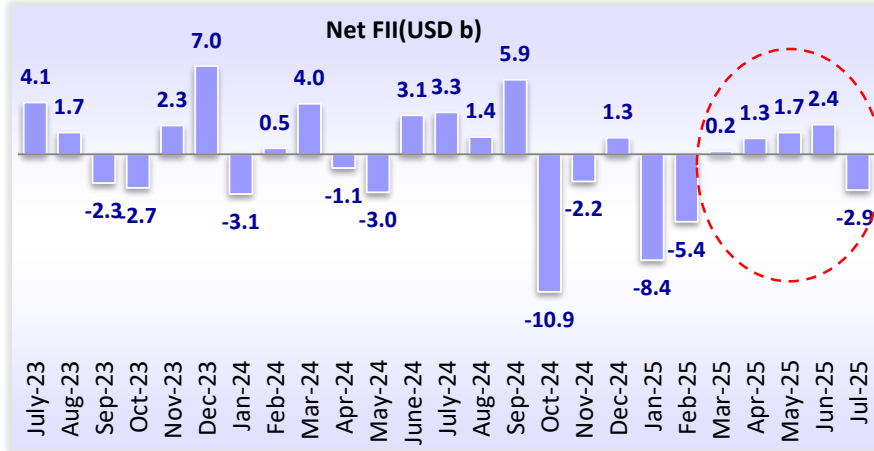
Sector	Weightage in the Nifty (%)									
	Dec'08	Dec'12	Dec'20	Dec'21	Dec'22	Dec'23	Dec'24	Mar'24	June'25	July'25
Automobiles	2.5	8.8	5.4	5.0	5.3	6.5	7.4	7.6	7.0	7.2
Banks – Private	5.0	16.9	24.7	21.9	24.2	28.2	27.1	25.6	28.3	28.9
Banks – Public	5.4	4.7	1.8	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7
NBFC + Insurance	2.3	7.9	12.3	11.4	10.6	4.5	4.6	5.0	6.4	6.2
Capital Goods	7.7	5.9	2.6	3.0	3.1	4.4	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.0
Cement	1.7	4.2	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.2
Consumer	6.5	12.3	10.4	9.4	10.3	10.8	9.0	9.5	7.4	7.7
Healthcare	2.6	5.0	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.4	3.6	3.8
Metals	4.8	3.8	2.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.9
Oil and Gas	24.5	12.3	12.5	12.3	12.1	10.5	9.2	11.9	9.6	9.2
<b>Reliance</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Retail	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.8	1.6	2.5	2.2
Telecom	11.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.7	4.0	3.2	4.7	4.6
Technology	9.0	11.4	16.3	19.1	14.0	13.6	14.1	13.0	11.2	10.4
Utilities	13.3	4.5	2.1	2.1	2.5	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.3
Miscellaneous	3.3	0.5	1.0	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.4	1.9	3.1	3.4
<b>Nifty</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Note: The merger of HDFC Bank and HDFC Ltd. resulted in a shift in weightage from NBFCs to private banks in CY23. Britannia and BPCL were replaced with Jio Financials and Eternal in Mar'25

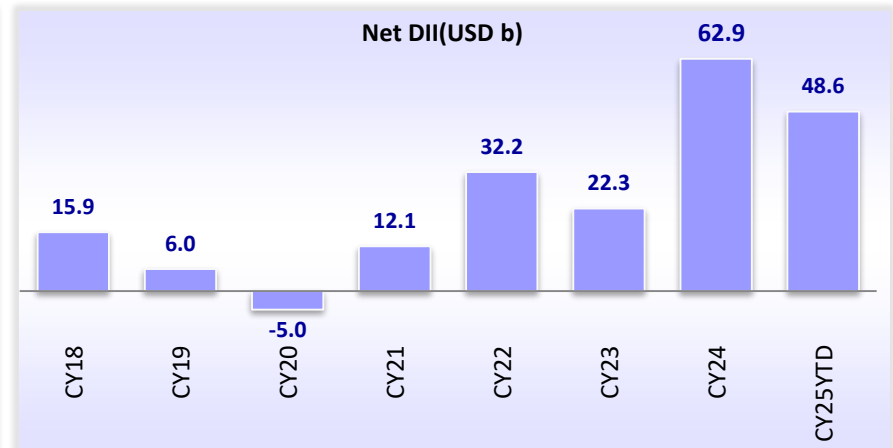
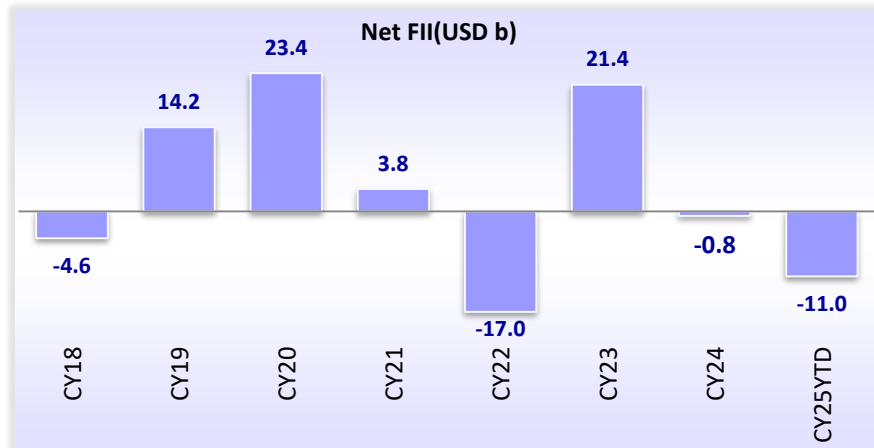
## FII flows turn negative after four months of net inflows, while DII inflows remain strong

- ❖ Monthly FII flows turned negative, declining ~USD3b after four consecutive months of inflows. Meanwhile, DIIs invested USD7.1b, marking their 24<sup>th</sup> straight month of inflows.
- ❖ In CY25YTD, DIIs have invested USD 48.6b, while FIIs have sold USD11b worth of Indian equities.
- ❖ During CY21–CY25 YTD, DII inflows reached a record of ~USD 178b, while net FII flows remained negative with an outflow of USD3.6b.

Monthly institutional flows (USD b)



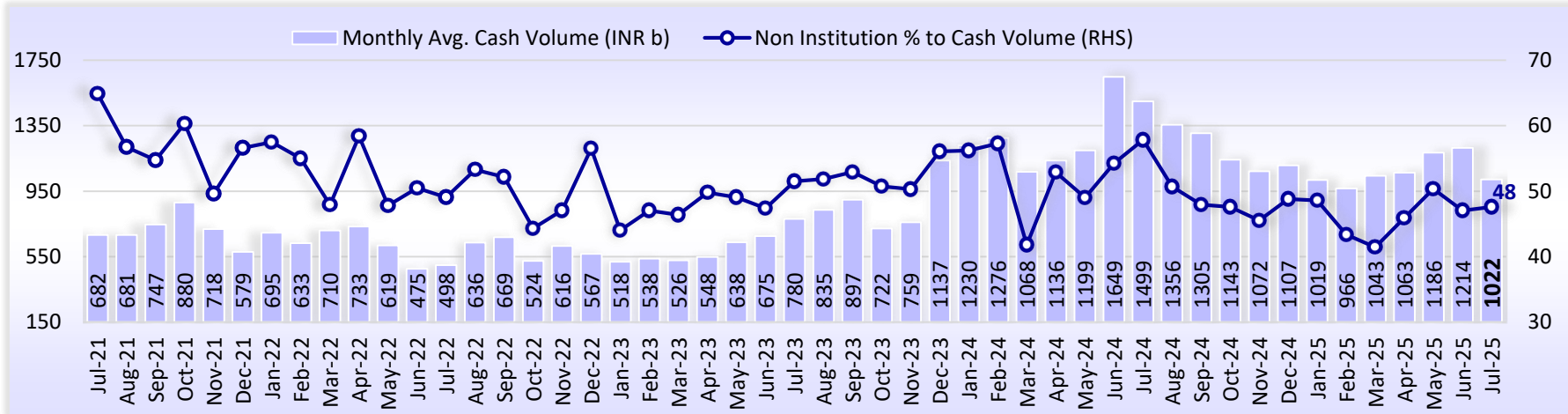
Yearly institutional flows (USD b)



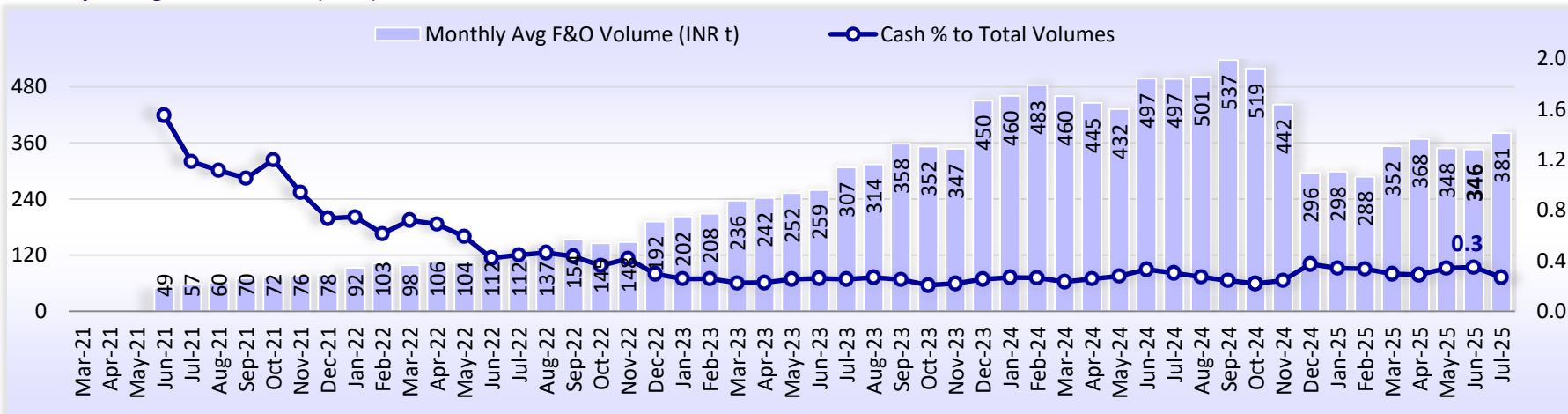
# Monthly average cash volumes decline, while F&O volumes rise

- ❖ Monthly average cash volumes dipped 16% MoM in Jul’25 to INR1.02t. Non-institutional participation rose 100bp MoM, accounting for 48% of total cash volumes.
- ❖ Monthly average F&O volumes rose 10% MoM, reaching the highest level in CY25, though still down 29% from the Sep’24 peak.

Monthly average cash volumes (INR b)



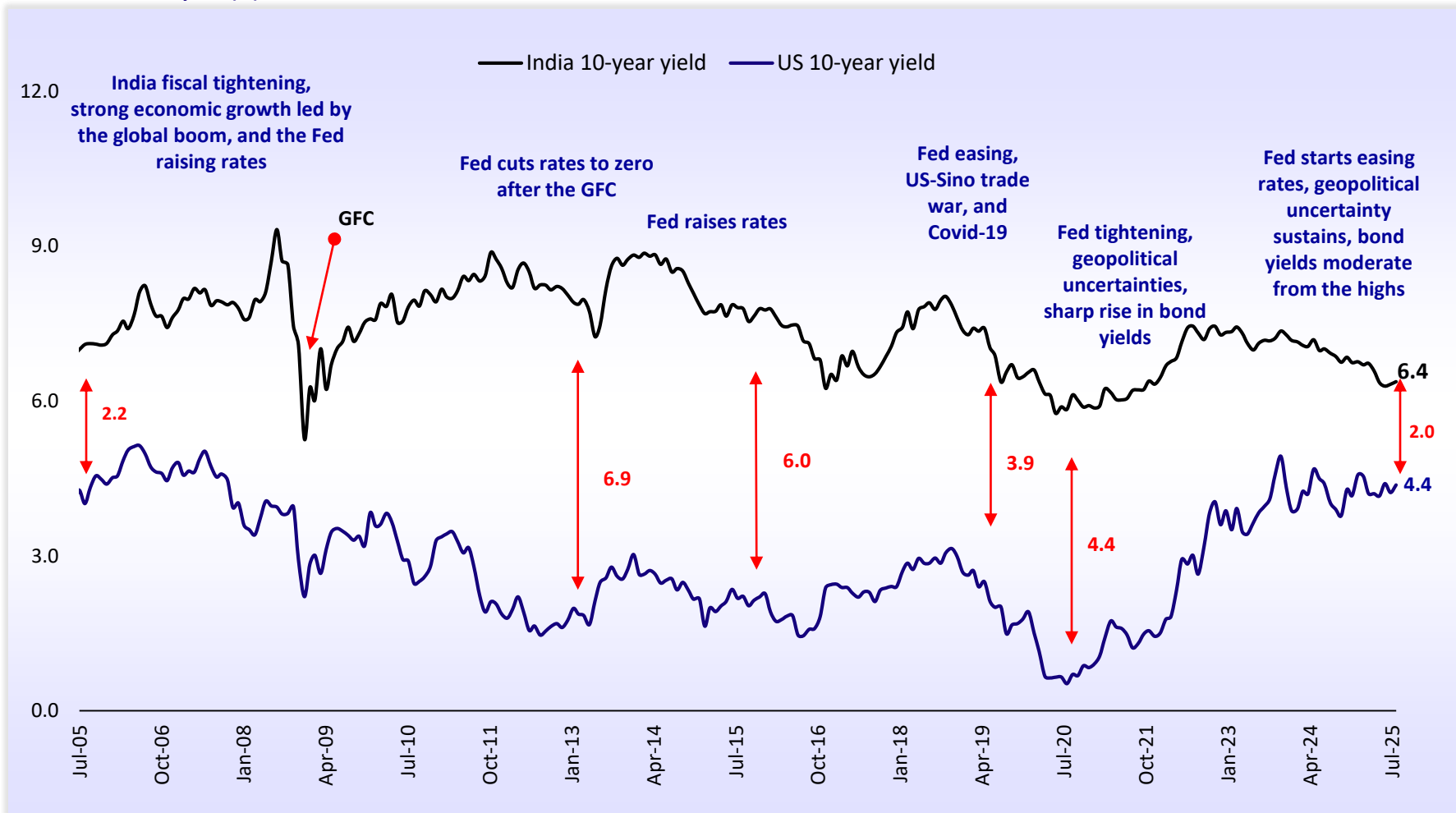
Monthly average F&O volumes (INR t)



# The 10-year yield spread between India and the US hovers close to historical lows

❖ India's 10-year government bond yield expanded 10bp MoM to 6.4% in Jul'25, while the US yield also rose 20bp MoM to 4.4%. As a result, the yield spread contracted 10bp MoM to 2.0% in Jul'25, near to an all-time low of 1.9% in May'25.

India-US 10Y bond yield (%)

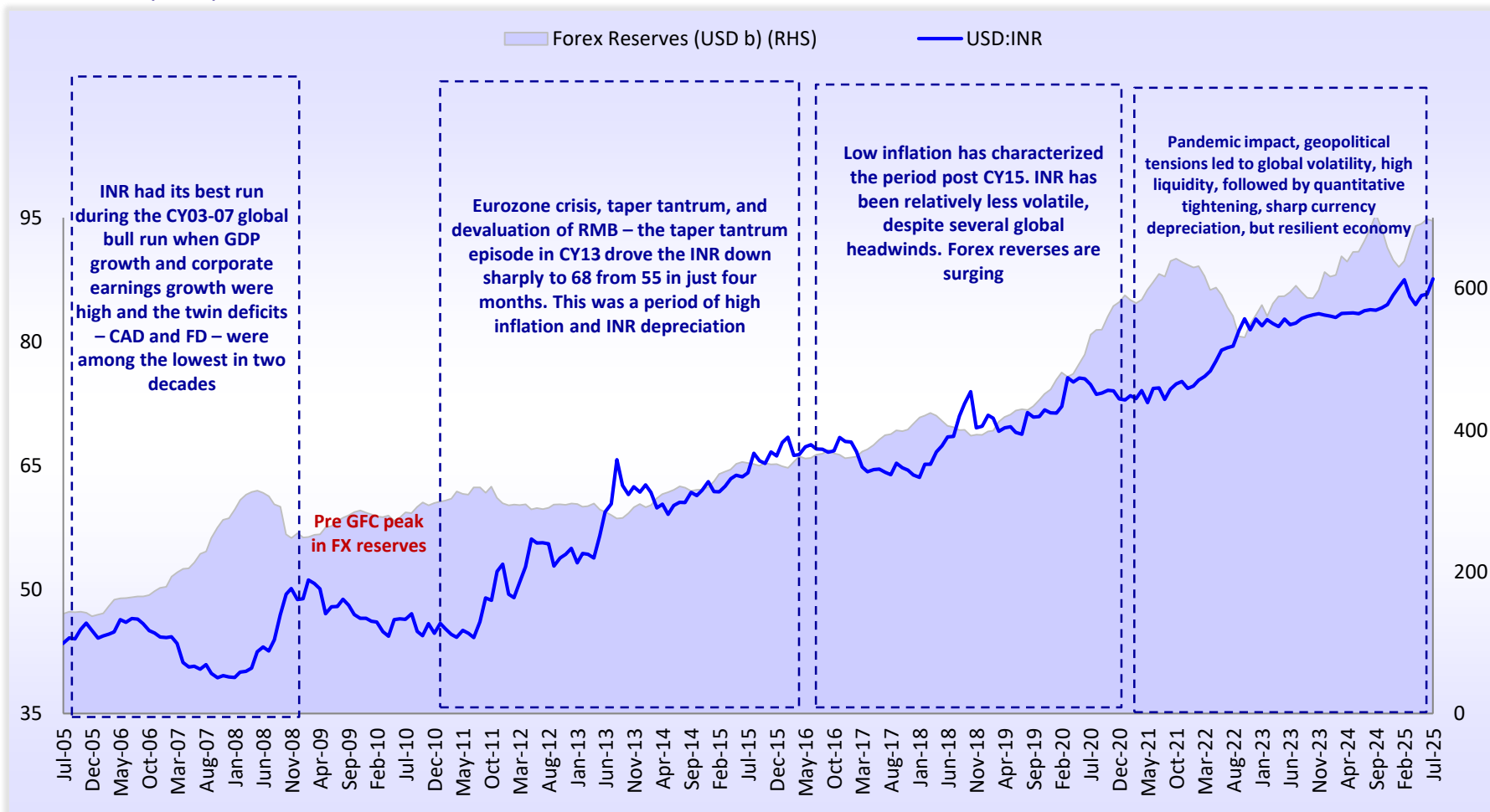


Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

# Forex reserves remain stable and close to the all-time high

- ❖ India's forex reserves at USD695b in Jul'25 (up 10% from the Jan'25 low of USD 631b) are near to the all-time high of USD705b reached in Sep'24.
- ❖ On the currency front, INR weakened 2% MoM to 87.6 against the USD.

Forex reserves (USD b)



Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

# KEY EXHIBITS 1QFY26 Interim earnings review: Resilient quarter

- ❖ As of 1<sup>st</sup> Aug'25, 184/38 companies within the MOFSL Universe/Nifty have announced their 1QFY26 results. The earnings of the aforementioned 184 MOFSL Universe companies grew 7% YoY (in line with our estimate) in 1QFY26. Ex-financials, the earnings for the MOFSL Universe grew 8% YoY (in line); whereas, barring Metals and O&G, the MOFSL Universe reported a 7% YoY earnings growth (in line).
- ❖ Earnings of the 38 Nifty companies have grown 7% YoY (vs. est. of +5.7% YoY), driven by RIL, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, JSW Steel, Bajaj Finance, L&T, and M&M.

## Sector wise 1QFY26 performance of the MOFSL Universe companies (INR b)

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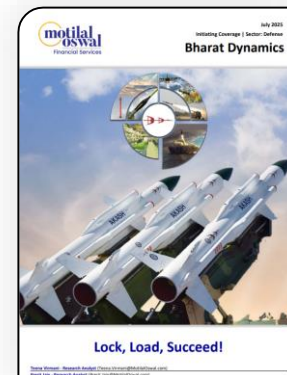
Sector (no of companies)	Sales				EBIDTA				PBT				PAT			
	Jun-25	Chg. % QoQ	Chg. % YoY	Var. over Exp. (%)	Jun-25	Chg. % QoQ	Chg. % YoY	Var. over Exp. (%)	Jun-25	Chg. % QoQ	Chg. % YoY	Var. over Exp. (%)	Jun-25	Chg. % QoQ	Chg. % YoY	Var. over Exp. (%)
Automobiles (11)	1,190	-0.4	12	3.2	157	-3.5	4	3.9	150	4.1	9	13.0	115	3.0	8	12.8
Capital Goods (6)	769	-19.6	13.7	0.6	83	-31.7	17.0	3.0	77	-32.0	26.9	8.0	50	-37.1	30.9	8.1
Cement (8)	498	-5.4	14	0.2	95	-2.8	44	2.0	63	-4.1	53	5.1	43	-4.7	47	1.4
Chemicals (5)	100	-2.5	7.1	-6.5	20	9.6	24.8	3.5	13	18.8	47.6	6.9	10	18.8	57.1	4.6
Consumer (13)	774	9.6	8	2.9	183	8.6	1	0.3	173	8.9	1	-0.2	129	9.3	1	-0.6
Consumer Durables (4)	160	-14.2	11.4	0.8	18	-22.2	21.0	6.1	17	-22.7	20.6	5.6	12	-23.4	20.3	5.8
EMS (5)	182	11.0	67	9.8	10	-10.0	67	13.5	7	-34.0	78	11.5	5	-10.2	61	10.1
Financials (48)	2,305	-9.0	6.7	0.4	1,492	9.4	16.3	9.9	1,101	1.0	4.3	2.8	822	-1.5	4.3	1.4
Banks-Private (10)	903	1.2	4	0.7	804	22.2	24	18.3	533	1.1	-4	-1.6	424	6.1	2	4.1
Banks-PSU (5)	465	-2.3	-0.7	0.6	356	-1.0	5.7	3.9	286	-4.3	14.1	7.6	181	-20.0	2.0	-6.8
Insurance (6)	519	-31.1	14	0.1	19	-44.2	4	-2.6	28	6.0	12	60.3	24	-1.3	12	8.7
NBFC - Lending (15)	361	1.1	14.8	-0.4	284	-0.4	13.5	-1.0	219	4.8	12.4	2.9	167	2.2	12.7	2.8
NBFC - Non Lending (12)	57	7.1	12	0.2	29	5.6	7	-0.4	36	21.8	7	5.9	27	20.5	8	4.8
Healthcare (10)	420	2.3	10.8	0.7	111	7.3	10.3	5.7	96	4.9	7.2	1.5	73	-1.4	8.2	-0.7
Infrastructure (1)	18	-6.0	-4	6.7	2	-23.2	-6	14.4	3	-22.9	7	21.4	2	-24.6	14	23.8
Logistics (4)	54	-0.4	12.7	-1.7	9	-8.3	10.6	-10.5	6	-12.9	7.9	-11.3	5	-17.4	15.8	-8.8
Media (1)	18	-16.5	-14	-6.5	2	-20.1	-16	-8.6	2	-24.7	-5	-8.3	1	-23.8	-7	-10.6
Metals (6)	2,035	-6.5	0.7	0.6	425	-3.3	6.6	-0.6	277	-5.7	0.5	3.5	190	-7.5	-1.8	5.5
Oil & Gas (6)	3,135	-7.7	2	-6.9	486	-3.9	5	-7.4	324	-6.5	10	-8.7	212	-9.7	7	-12.2
Real Estate (9)	76	-32.2	-3.0	-25.9	20	-31.3	-8.7	-40.2	28	-9.6	4.3	-16.6	21	-9.0	9.9	-17.0
Retail (10)	218	8.7	13	-0.8	22	18.9	7	-2.6	12	35.5	3	-3.1	9	31.7	3	-3.7
Staffing (3)	101	1.5	8.5	-0.1	3	-9.7	13.3	-4.2	2	-17.7	26.5	-12.1	2	-6.7	28.7	-6.5
Technology (13)	2,014	0.1	5	-0.3	441	-1.3	4	-1.9	425	1.0	6	0.8	316	0.6	7	1.2
Telecom (2)	140	2.2	8.0	-0.7	55	0.7	-2.7	1.2	26	-2.0	-10.2	2.9	19	-9.2	17.2	-3.4
Utilities (6)	763	0.7	2	-4.4	259	1.6	-3	-6.5	135	-11.6	10	2.2	103	-4.6	13	3.5
Others (13)	648	-7.5	17	0.5	108	-20.8	12	-2.4	40	-41.0	8	-7.5	34	-38.5	5	-4.6
<b>MOFSL Universe (184)</b>	<b>15,618</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>3,999</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>MOFSL Ex Financials (136)</b>	<b>13,313</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>MOFSL Ex Metals &amp; Oil (172)</b>	<b>10,448</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Nifty (38)</b>	<b>10,381</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>

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## Initiating Coverage | Bharat Dynamic | Lock, Load, Succeed!

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- ❖ Bharat Dynamics (BDL) is a prominent player in missile technology within the defence sector and has established itself as a leading integrator for various missile platforms. With a focus on developing advanced guided missiles, underwater weapons, and airborne products, BDL currently holds an order book of ~INR227b and a prospect pipeline of INR500b. In recent years, BDL's revenue has been adversely impacted by supply chain disruptions and difficulties in procuring essential components through imports from Russia and Israel. However, these issues are beginning to resolve, and we anticipate a rebound in revenue growth.
- ❖ We estimate BDL's revenue CAGR at 35% over FY25-28. With ongoing investments in backward integration and an improved share of indigenized products, we expect BDL's EBITDA margin to remain strong at ~24-26%. This is anticipated to drive an EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 64%/51% over FY25-28. The stock currently trades at 70x/52x/38x P/E on FY26/FY27/FY28 estimates.
- ❖ We initiate coverage on the stock with a Neutral rating and a TP of INR1,900 based on 42x Sep'27E P/E. We like the business model of BDL and its ability to scale up its revenues and order book in current scenario, however, with fair valuations, we would look for lower price points to enter the stock.



## Initiating Coverage | Vishal Mega Mart | A play on rising aspirations in Tier 2+ India

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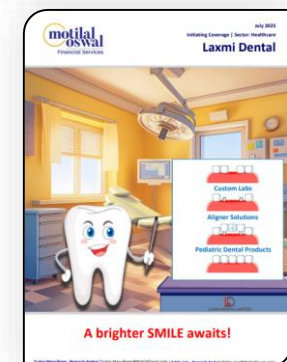
- ❖ Vishal Mega Mart (VMM) is one of India's largest offline-first value retailers, catering to a population of ~1b across the middle- and low income segments. VMM is a unique Indian retailer with: 1) a strong presence in tier 2+ cities (696 stores in 458 cities); 2) well-diversified exposure to key consumption baskets—Apparel (44%), General Merchandise (GM) & Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG; both ~28%); 3) a strong and affordable private brands portfolio (73% revenue share); and 4) one of the lowest cost structures in the industry.
- ❖ We believe VMM's uniqueness provides it with a strong moat against intense competition from both offline and online value retailers. Expect VMM to clock a revenue/EBITDA CAGR of 19%/20%, driven by: 1) ~13% CAGR in store additions, 2) consistent double-digit SSSG, and 3) modest operating leverage benefits.
- ❖ Given VMM's debt-free balance sheet and robust cost controls, we expect ~24% PAT CAGR and cumulative pre-IND-AS OCF/FCF generation of ~INR32b/INR23b over FY25-28.
- ❖ Initiate coverage on VMM with a BUY rating and a TP of INR165, premised on DCF-implied ~45x Sep'27E pre-INDAS 116 EV/EBITDA (implying ~31x Sep'27E reported EBITDA and ~69x Sep'27E P/E).



## Initiating Coverage | Laxmi Dental | A brighter SMILE awaits!

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- ❖ Laxmi Dental (Laxmiden) is distinguished as India's only fully integrated provider of dental solutions, led by a highly experienced management team with extensive expertise in the field.
- ❖ Anchored by its digital edge, premium product focus, and extensive distribution reach, Laxmiden is well-positioned to achieve sustained growth and drive further margin expansion. Accordingly, we estimate a revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 24%/48%/62% to INR3.7b/INR900m/INR685m during FY25-27.
- ❖ Considering the supportive industry trend and Laxmiden's potential for sustained growth, we assign a 43x 12M forward earnings multiple to arrive at our TP of INR540. It is important to note that Laxmiden has no direct competitors in the listed space. The healthcare services sector is currently trading at an average 12M forward P/E multiple of 43-45x. The company's select focus on therapies, a customized and scalable business model, and strong growth momentum have led us to assign a similar multiple to Laxmiden. We initiate coverage on the stock with a BUY rating.

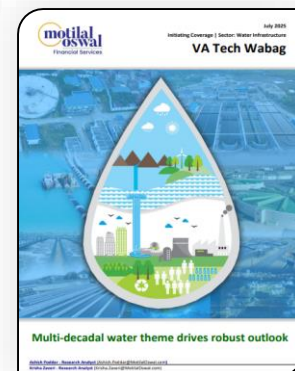


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## Initiating Coverage | VA Tech Wabag | Multi-decadal water theme drives robust outlook

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- ❖ VATW is a 100 years old water technology player and provides solutions in the design, construction, and operation of wastewater projects. The company follows an asset-light model with high focus on engineering and procurement (EP) and operations and maintenance (O&M) works. We estimate a CAGR of 17%/22%/23% over FY25-28E. The current order book of ~INR137b (4.2x FY25 revenue) and a strong bid pipeline of up to INR200b provide 15-20% revenue growth visibility for the next 3-4 years, as guided by management. Its focus on large-scale projects in high-margin segments such as EP (aims 1/3rd mix in EPC) and O&M (18%/39% mix in revenue/order book, 5-20 years execution cycle) augurs well for margins.
- ❖ We expect VATW to sustain strong FCF generation with an average of INR3.5b annually over FY25- 28E, given its robust operating performance and scope for further improvement in the working capital cycle. Over FY25-28E, we expect further expansion in RoCE (from ~20% to ~24%), RoE (~14% to ~16%), and RoIC (~28% to ~39%), above its guided range..
- ❖ We initiate coverage on VA Tech Wabag (VATW) with a BUY rating and a target price of INR1,900, based on 26x FY27E P/E (premium to historical average of 18x on improved outlook). We believe that VATW has a robust outlook ahead on the back of a strong order book, improving margins and return ratios, and healthy FCF generation, making VATW a cash-rich company.



## Initiating Coverage | Delhivery | Built to scale, wired for speed!

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- ❖ Delhivery is India's leading 3PL logistics player, catering to a wide network of ~19,000 pincodes. Delhivery, which commenced operations in 2011 as an express logistics player, has rapidly increased its presence in the PTL segment after the acquisition of Spoton Logistics in 2021. The company is India's premier logistics operator at present, with a market share of >20% in the express logistics space. With robust industry tailwinds and Delhivery's strong infrastructure in place, it is well placed to capitalize on the opportunity.
- ❖ We expect Delhivery to strengthen its market dominance and achieve a 14% revenue CAGR, driven by 18% revenue CAGR in PTL and 10% CAGR in the express parcel business. Strong revenue growth, coupled with improved cost structure, is expected to drive an EBITDA/APAT CAGR of 36/52% over FY25-28. With improved earnings, we expect RoE to improve to 5.6% in FY28 from 1.8% in FY25. With a strong B/S and negligible debt, Delhivery would comfortably be able to fund its capex requirements over the next few years.
- ❖ We initiate coverage on Delhivery with a BUY rating. We value the company using DCF, arriving at a TP of INR480 based on a WACC of 12% and terminal growth rate of 5% (implied EV/EBITDA of 36x on FY28). We believe Delhivery's focus on strategic acquisitions and providing integrated solutions will further strengthen its growth prospects.



## Initiating Coverage | INOX Wind | Energizing India's Wind Opportunity

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- ❖ IWL is a leading vertically integrated player in India's wind energy sector, delivering end-to-end solutions from conception and commissioning to O&M of wind power projects. With a manufacturing capacity of 2.5GW annually across four facilities, IWL produces 2MW and 3MW Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs).
- ❖ As of FY25-end, IWL holds a robust order book of ~3.2GW, offering strong revenue visibility for at least two years. Its listed subsidiary, Inox Green Energy Services Ltd. (IGESL) (55.93% stake), manages a significant 5.1GW O&M portfolio. Meanwhile, its other subsidiary, Inox Renewable Solutions Limited (IRSL, 93% stake), is diversifying beyond wind EPC into solar, hybrid EPC, and specialized services such as crane operations broadening IWL's market reach and service offering.
- ❖ Valuation and view: We arrive at a TP of INR210 by applying a target P/E of 25x to FY27E EPS, which is at a 29% discount to our target multiple for SUEL. IWL is currently trading at FY27 P/E of 20.5x, which is at a 28% discount to its direct competitor, SUEL.



# Valuations: Key observations

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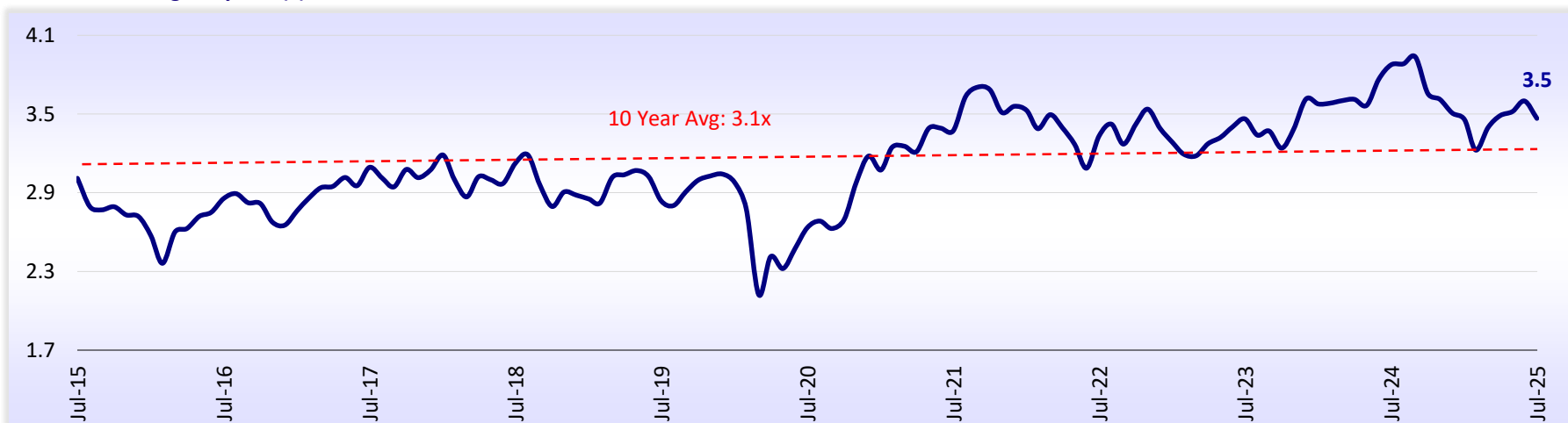
## Valuations: Nifty's 12-month trailing P/E declines MoM

- ❖ The 12-month trailing P/E for Nifty-50, traded at 23.7x, was 3% above its LTA.
- ❖ At 3.5x, the 12-month trailing P/B was 11% above its historical average of 3.1x.

12-month trailing Nifty P/E (x)



12-month trailing Nifty P/B (x)



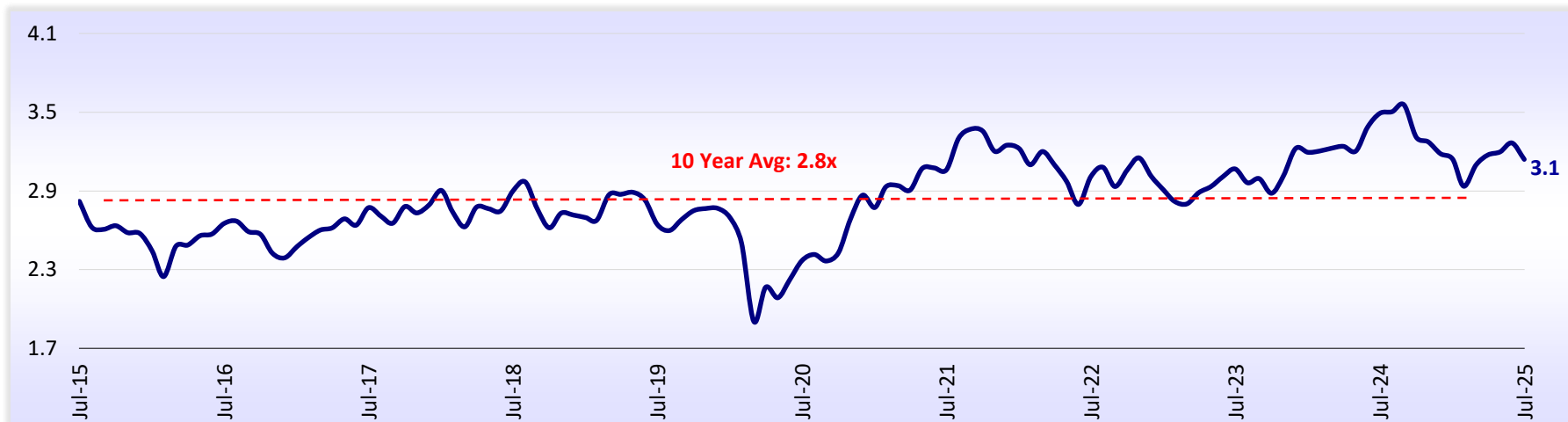
## Valuations: Nifty's 12-month forward P/E trades above its LTA

- ❖ Nifty's 12-month forward P/E, traded at 21.1x, was marginally above its LTA of 20.7x, but it was down 13% from the Sep'24 high.
- ❖ At 3.1x, the 12-month forward P/B traded at a 10% premium to its LTA of 2.8x.

12-month forward Nifty P/E (x)



12-month forward Nifty P/B (x)



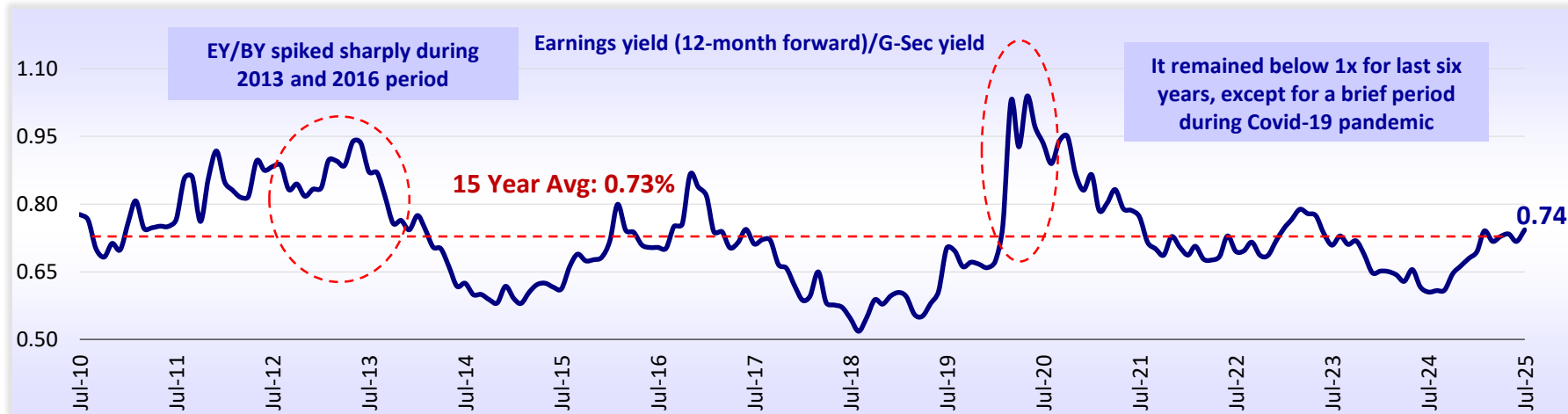
## EY/BY ratio rises marginally MoM

- ❖ India's 10Y bond yield stood at 6.4% (up 10bp MoM). Consequently, the Earnings yield to Bond yield (EY/BY) rose 3-4% MoM and traded near its LTA on both a trailing and forward basis.

Trailing earnings yield/G-Sec yield (x)



Forward earnings yield/G-Sec yield (x)



## NSE indices: Valuations above historical averages across the board

- ❖ Valuations of mid- and small-caps traded at a significant premium of 15% and 54% to their historical averages, respectively, while valuations for large caps traded at 2% above the LPA.
- ❖ Most of the sectoral indices have been trading at a significant premium to their LPA.

### NSE indices: Valuation snapshot

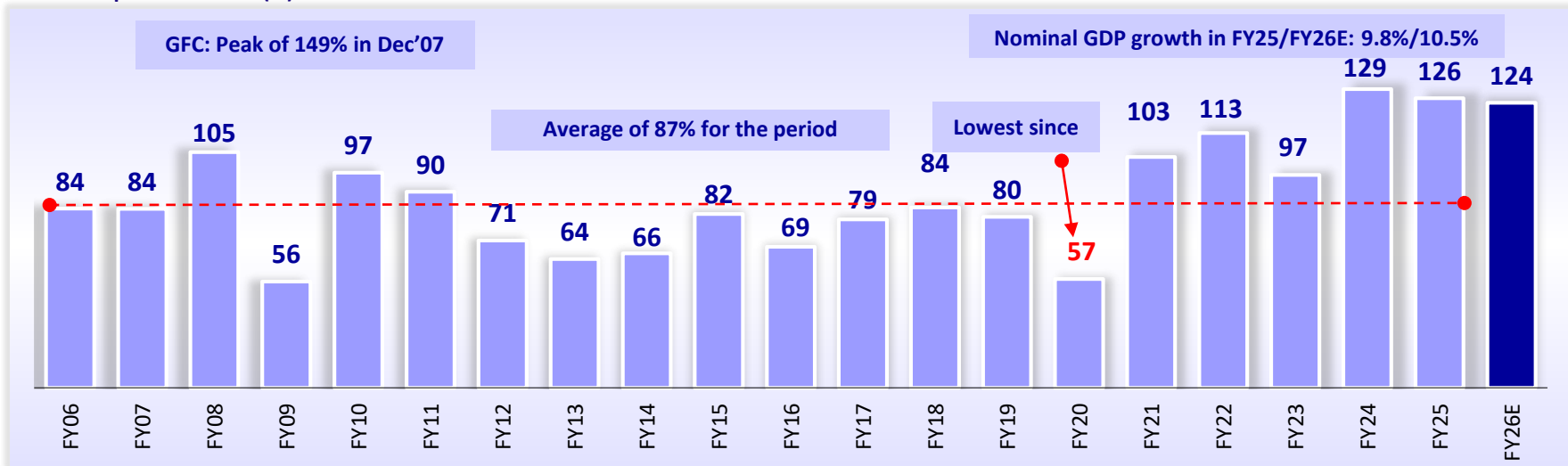
Indices	Nifty-50	Nifty Midcap-100	Nifty Smallcap-100	Nifty-500	Auto	BANK	FMCG	Capital Goods	IT	Metal	Energy
Jul'25 closing	24,768	57,401	17,967	22,915	23,656	55,962	68,237	55,812	35,302	9,285	35,116
YoY change (%)	-0.7	-2.7	-6.1	-2.6	-11.4	8.6	-9.8	-10.1	-13.6	-3.1	-20.3
EPS (12m fwd)	1,135	1,905	617	932	971	3,014	1,456	1,426	1,446	587	2,354
P/E (12m fwd)	21.1	26.4	25.4	24.6	24.4	18.6	46.9	39.1	24.4	15.8	14.9
P/E (10 yr average)	20.7	22.9	16.5	19.7	19.7	15.9	25.9	33.8	21.2	11.2	11.6
P/B (12m fwd)	3.1	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.7	2.2	8.3	9.5	6.3	2.0	2.1
P/B (10 yr average)	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.1	3.6	8.5	5.1	1.4	1.4
RoE (%)	14.9	13.9	12.3	14.2	16.2	11.9	18.0	26.8	25.8	13.0	14.3
RoA (%)	3.3	2.7	3.7	2.8	7.4	1.3	3.6	18.7	17.2	6.0	7.0

Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL; as of 31<sup>st</sup> July'25 | LPA: Long Period Average i.e. 10-year average

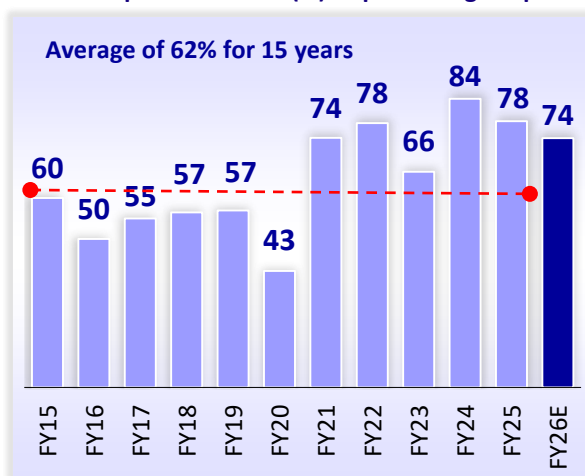
# India's market cap-to-GDP ratio continues to remain high

- ❖ India's market cap-to-GDP ratio is projected at 124% in FY26, lower than the peak of 146% in Sep'24 but above the Feb'25 low of 120%.
- ❖ The market cap-to-GDP ratio for broader markets continues to trade at a significant premium to the long-term average.

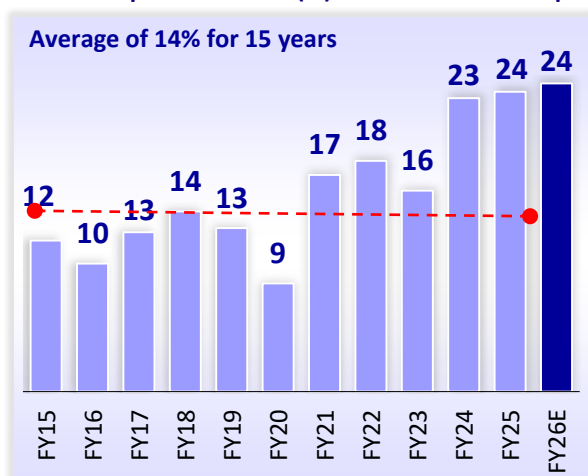
Market cap-to-GDP ratio (%) – Overall



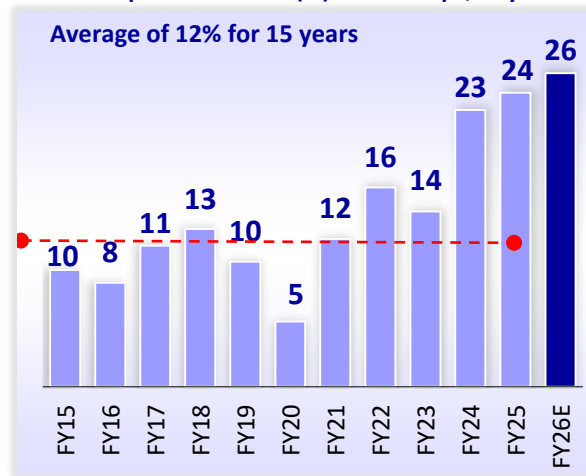
Market cap-to-GDP ratio (%) - Top 100 large-caps



Market cap-to-GDP ratio (%) - 101 to 250<sup>th</sup> mid-caps



Market cap-to-GDP ratio (%) - small-caps, beyond 250<sup>th</sup>



# Top ideas: MOFSL

Company	Mcap (USDb)	CMP	EPS (INR)			EPS CAGR (%) FY25-27E	PE (x)			PB (x)			ROE (%)		
			FY25	FY26E	FY27E		FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Preferred large cap stocks															
Bharti Airtel	133.1	1,885	30.3	48.1	63.7	45.0	62.2	39.2	29.6	9.3	8.0	6.2	18.0	22.7	25.7
ICICI Bank	120.6	1,471	66.8	72.6	84.4	12.4	22.0	20.3	17.4	3.6	3.3	2.8	18.0	17.0	17.3
Larsen & Toubro	57.1	3,590	106.8	130.5	155.1	20.5	33.6	27.5	23.1	5.1	4.5	4.0	16.0	17.3	18.2
Sun Pharma	46.8	1,629	47.1	51.2	61.1	13.8	34.6	31.8	26.7	5.4	4.8	4.2	16.6	15.9	16.7
M & M	45.5	3,160	98.7	119.5	136.7	17.7	32.0	26.5	23.1	6.2	5.2	4.4	20.8	21.3	20.7
UltraTech Cem.	41.2	12,106	207.6	305.6	382.8	35.8	58.3	39.6	31.6	5.0	4.6	4.2	9.3	12.2	14.0
Titan Company	34.0	3,315	42.3	53.9	63.3	22.3	78.4	61.5	52.4	25.4	19.7	15.6	35.8	36.1	33.2
Bharat Electronics	32.0	377	7.2	8.2	9.8	16.5	52.1	45.9	38.4	14.0	11.0	8.8	26.8	24.0	22.9
Eternal	31.9	304	0.6	1.2	3.9	157.3	517.7	256.9	78.2	9.0	8.7	7.8	2.1	3.4	10.5
Tech Mahindra	16.4	1,439	47.9	61.3	78.3	27.8	30.0	23.5	18.4	4.7	4.5	4.4	15.7	19.6	24.2
TVS Motor Co.	15.2	2,859	57.1	67.1	79.6	18.1	50.1	42.6	35.9	13.7	10.8	8.7	30.7	28.4	26.8
Lodha Developers	14.0	1,206	28.7	37.9	40.2	18.5	42.1	31.9	30.0	5.8	5.0	4.3	14.6	16.7	15.4
Indian Hotels	12.0	741	11.8	13.4	16.1	16.8	62.7	55.4	45.9	9.4	8.1	7.0	16.3	15.7	16.3
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Dixon Tech.	11.6	16,836	117.2	169.3	265.1	50.4	143.7	99.4	63.5	33.7	25.5	18.3	30.0	29.2	33.6
SRF	10.3	2,984	46.1	68.7	92.6	41.8	64.8	43.4	32.2	7.0	6.3	5.4	11.4	15.3	18.0
Suzlon Energy	9.6	66	1.1	1.7	2.3	47.5	61.2	39.5	28.2	14.8	10.7	7.8	29.4	31.5	32.0
Coforge	6.7	1,704	25.2	46.4	58.9	52.9	67.6	36.7	28.9	8.8	7.9	7.0	13.9	17.1	20.7
Jindal Stainless	6.5	706	30.5	36.2	44.5	20.7	23.1	19.5	15.9	3.5	3.0	2.6	15.1	15.4	16.1
Supreme Inds.	6.3	4,246	75.6	85.0	119.6	25.7	56.1	49.9	35.5	9.5	8.6	7.3	17.8	18.0	22.2
Page Industries	6.2	46,765	652.9	749.1	877.2	15.9	71.6	62.4	53.3	37.1	30.6	25.3	51.8	48.9	47.5
Kaynes Tech	4.7	6,370	45.8	81.5	132.9	70.4	139.1	78.2	47.9	14.4	8.2	6.9	11.0	13.9	16.4
Radico Khaitan	4.2	2,841	25.8	36.4	47.1	35.1	110.1	78.1	60.4	14.1	12.3	10.6	12.8	15.8	17.6
UTI AMC	1.9	1,296	63.9	68.8	79.8	11.8	20.3	18.8	16.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	16.0	16.5	18.2
Niva Bupa Health	1.8	82	1.2	0.6	1.8	23.9	69.8	134.3	45.4	4.9	3.8	3.5	7.9	3.2	8.1

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