

The Week that was

Jan 12, 2024

Global macros and Domestic markets a mixed bag

Following volatile global cues, this trading week ended on a mixed note for the Indian indices. The broad-based Nifty 50 index, Nifty Midcap 150 and Nifty Smallcap 250 each ended in green, gaining 0.8%, 0.4% and 1.2% respectively.

This was a week of mixed performance for the sectoral indices. Out of the sectoral indices closing in the green; Nifty IT, Nifty Realty and Nifty Oil and Gas were the top performers, gaining 4.8%, 4.3% and 2.6% respectively. On the other hand, Nifty FMCG, Nifty Financial Services and Nifty Bank were the top losers, losing (-) 2.0%, (-) 1.0% and (-) 0.9% respectively.

The global markets were a mixed bag this week. Each of the US Indices closed in the green with S&P 500 (US) Index[^], Dow Jones[^] and Nasdaq[^] gaining 1.9%, 0.7% and 3.2% respectively. This came in response to the rising treasury yields indicating investor confidence in the economy. This optimising took a further boost with the central bank's most recent estimations forecasting three rate cuts this year. On the contrary, the FTSE[^] Index ended the week in the red, losing (-) 1.9%. owing to renewed concerns on the supply side, especially oil prices, due to geopolitical events amid the prospect of rising asset prices re-fueling inflation pressure. The Asian Indices were a mixed bag this week with each of Hang Seng, Kospi and Shanghai Composite losing (-) 2.0%, (-) 2.3% and (-) 1.4% respectively. Only Nikkei 225 closed in the green gaining 6.5%, in response to the expectations that the Bank of Japan will maintain its ultra-dovish policy in the near-term, especially amid stimulus efforts in the wake of a devastating earthquake in central Japan.

MACROS Update:

Brent crude prices increased this week to reach: \$79.35.

The rupee fell to settle at Rs 82.91 against the US dollar.

Gold prices went down to settle at Rs 62,066 per 10 grams.

The 10 Yrs G-Sec was at 7.18% compared to its last Friday close of 7.24%.

Source: www.nseindices.com; google finance, MCX Gold Prices; www.rbi.org.in; Morningstar and tradingeconomics.com

Data for week ended on January 12, 2024. [^] data for the week (Thu – Thu) i.e., January 11, 2024



Disclaimers:

The views and investment tips expressed by experts are their own and are meant for informational purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice. Investors should check with their financial advisors before taking any investment decisions.

The word 'more' does not imply more returns or assurance of scheme performance. It refers to the additional value provided by the joint venture, as compared to Baroda AMC and BNP Paribas AMC individually.

In the preparation of the material contained in this document, Baroda BNP Paribas Asset Management India Ltd. ("AMC") (formerly BNP Paribas Asset Management India Private Limited) has used information that is publicly available, including information developed in-house. The AMC, however, does not warrant the accuracy, reasonableness and/or completeness of any information. This document may contain statements/opinions/ recommendations, which contain words, or phrases such as "expect", "believe" and similar expressions or variations of such expressions that are "forward looking statements". Actual results may differ materially from those suggested by the forward looking statements due to risk or uncertainties associated with our expectations with respect to, but not limited to, exposure to market risks, general economic and political conditions in India and other countries globally, which have an impact on our investments, the monetary and interest policies of India, inflation, deflation, unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices or other rates or prices, etc. The AMC (including its affiliates), Baroda BNP Paribas Mutual Fund ("Mutual Fund"), its sponsor / trustee and any of its officers, directors, personnel and employees, shall not be liable for any loss, damage of any nature, including but not limited to direct, indirect, punitive, special, exemplary, consequential, as also any loss of profit in any way arising from the use of this document in any manner. The recipient alone shall be fully responsible / liable for any decision taken based on this document. All figures and other data given in this document are dated and may or may not be relevant at a future date. Prospective investors are therefore advised to consult their own legal, tax and financial advisors to determine possible tax, legal and other financial implication or consequences of subscribing to the units of the schemes of Baroda BNP Paribas Mutual Fund.

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.