

INDIA REPORT



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BOMBAY

INR ₹ /US\$ Rs45.14 INR ₹ /GB£ Rs71.15 INR ₹ /EUR Rs59.87

The SENSEX closed + 1% as strength in the commodity and real estate sectors in the final hour helped push the index firmly in positive territory. Reliance Infra, HDFC and Hindalco led

with gains over 3%, while losers over 1% included ACC, ITC and M&M. The market undertone is positive.

LONDON / NEW YORK

GDRs show a mixed performance, while ADRs in New York attract buyers. On London's AIM, Greenko and Indus Gas show gains over 50% YTD.

ECONOMIC NEWS

- The gravity of the recent corruption scandals (Commonwealth Games, G2 spectrum for mobile phones, housing scandal and insider trading investigations) in the last two months has deeply embarrassed and put pressure on the ruling coalition Government; especially as the opposition has paralysed Parliament, and four more state elections are due this year. Foreign investors are concerned by the political paralysis that may delay reforms and also by general governance standards in the country. So, how will foreign investor sentiment be affected? In the short term, India's image as a destination for investment has been dented. However, the damage to the image also depends on how well investors know India, and therefore the degree of comfort they have with India risk. FIIs who have invested in India for some time are aware that corruption and state bureaucracy have existed in the country for decades. Despite this, FIIs have been rewarded on their investments because the economy has grown strongly in the last decade and corporate earnings have grown and supported higher share prices. However, new or potential investors in India may put plans on hold as they worry about the worst scandals in a decade. They will, in time, realise that there is no systemic risk to the economy as the amounts concerned, although in many millions of dollars, are not material in context of the overall banking industry. The hope among foreign investors is that the furore caused by these scandals acts as a catalyst to "clean up" the way business is done in India in some sectors. The clean up would make India more attractive to foreign investors.
- FIIs have invested a record net \$28.8bn into Indian equities this year. This year's figure very easily surpasses the previous record of nearly \$18bn in the bull market of 2007. Investors are very interested in putting money in a large economy that is still showing strong (relative to developed economies suffering from anaemic growth) economic activity and where the banking system has been insulated against the catastrophic losses being witnessed in many countries. The contagion in Europe as Greece, Ireland and possibly Spain and Portugal seek EU loans to avoid bankruptcy acts as a stark reminder and motivator to invest in a country like India which has a young and fast urbanising population, large domestic consumption (about 57% of GDP), low reliance of exports (only about 18% of GDP) and an entrepreneurial spirit which will all help the economy to grow

at 8.5%+ to March 2011 and possibly exceed 9% the following year.

From April 2011 The Bribery Act 2010 comes into force in the UK, which wants to be an international leader in clamping down on bribery and corruption. The World Bank estimates that \$1 trillion is spent on bribery globally. The UK has slipped in the latest annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2010 prepared by Transparency International from 17th place to 20th, trailing Barbados (17th) and Qatar (19th). The proposed Act is wider than the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 as it covers commercial-to-commercial transactions as well as transactions with foreign public officials or entities, and prohibits facilitation ("speed") payments. The Bribery Act applies to businesses that have entities in the UK or do part of their business in the UK. An international company could therefore be prosecuted in the UK for corrupt acts it commits in India, just by virtue of doing part of its business in UK. India slipped three places in the CPI to 87th out of 178 countries and trails well behind Rwanda (66th), El Salvador (73rd) and China (78th). This UK Act is seen by many as being far reaching and draconian because penalties include unlimited fines, jail sentences of up to 10 years and debarment from entering into public contracts in Europe. Thus, in order to escape penalties if an offence occurs, companies have the burden to show they had "adequate procedures" to prevent bribery. The risk by UK companies, and international companies with offices in the UK, in doing business with India and internationally will increase.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS & ALL GOOD WISHES FOR 2011



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SELECTED SHARE PRICES

GDR OFFER PRIC	CES (US\$) LONDO	DN - 13 Dec	2010: 16:0	00 GMT			
Company	Day's Price	Day's Change	Prem/ Disc.	Company	Day's Price	Day's Change	Prem/ Disc.
L&T	\$43.48	+38¢	-0.8%	SBI	\$122.00	+\$1	-0.4%
M&M	\$17.19	-25¢	+0.4%	Suzion Energy	\$4.74	+4¢	+7.5%
Ranbaxy	\$12.27	- 3¢	+0.8%	Tata Power	\$28.40	n/c	-2.8%
Rel. Inds	\$46.70	-97¢	-0.9%	Tata Steel	\$14.27	+33¢	+1.8%

Source : Bloomberg

ADR OFFER PRICE	S (US\$) NEW Y	ORK – 13 [Dec 2010: 1	6:00 GMT			
Company	Day's Price	Day's Change	Prem/ Disc.	Company	Day's Price	Day's Change	Prem/ Disc.
Dr.Reddy	\$40.90	+ 9¢	+1.0%	Satyam	\$2.76	- 11¢	+2.6%
HDFC Bank	\$167.60	+54¢	+11.8%	Sterlite	\$14.88	+10¢	+1.1%
ICICI Bank	\$49.55	+50¢	-0.5%	Tata Com (ex VSNL)	\$11.21	+14¢	-1.2%
Infosys	\$70.29	+52¢	+0.6%	Tata Motor	\$28.74	+37¢	+1.3%
MTNL	\$2.41	- 7¢	+2.4 %	WIPRO	\$14.50	-13¢	+45.3%

Source: Bloomberg

AIM (LONDON): in GB p unless stated otherwise (indicative only) – 13 Dec 10: 16:00 GMT								
Company	Day's	Day's	YTD	Company	Day's	Day's	YTD	
	Price	Change	Change		price	Change	Change	
Caparo Energy	117	- 0.50	+ 4%	Ishaan	65.5	-1.25	+24%	
DQE	140	+3.50	N/A	Jubilant Energy	80	N/C	+2%	
Eredene	18	+0.25	+6%	OPG Power	66	-2	-36%	
Eros	229	n/c	+42%	Photon Kaathas	55	N/A	+10%	
Greenko	186	+7	+58%	SKIL Ports	255	+2	N/C	
HIRCO	71	-2	-45%	Trikona Trinity	51	-0.25	-8%	
IEnergizer	162	+1.50	+30%	Unitech	29	n/c	+20%	
Indus Gas	625	-2.50	+52%	W. Pioneer	27	+0.25	+8%	

Source: Bloomberg

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