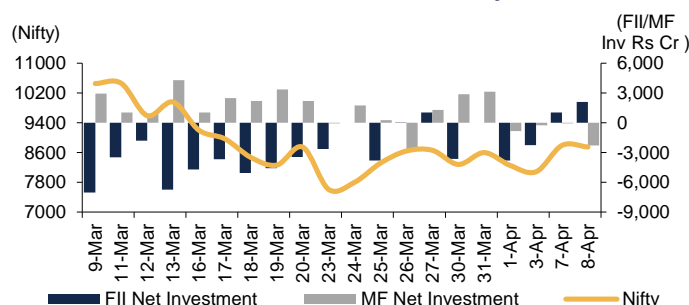


## Indian equity benchmark indices' returns

Broad Indices	Apr 9	% chg week	% chg 3 Mon	% chg Year
S&P BSE Sensex	31,160	12.93	-24.83	-19.98
Nifty 50	9,112	12.72	-25.41	-21.93
Nifty 500	7,442	12.10	-25.16	-23.11
S&P BSE 100	9,221	12.73	-25.00	-22.19
S&P BSE Midcap	11,374	11.31	-24.66	-26.24
S&P BSE Smallcap	10,294	9.40	-26.94	-31.24

## FII and mutual fund investment vs. Nifty



Sectoral Indices	Apr 9	% chg week	% chg 3 Mon	% chg Year
S&P BSE Auto	12,637	23.05	-30.92	-35.07
S&P BSE Healthcare	14,553	17.41	7.54	1.26
S&P BSE Bankex	22,904	15.95	-37.40	-32.37
S&P BSE Metal	6,164	12.76	-40.87	-47.40
S&P BSE CD	20,854	11.10	-16.25	-10.21
S&P BSE Oil & Gas	11,088	10.80	-24.00	-24.61
S&P BSE FMCG	10,879	8.98	-4.73	-6.62
S&P BSE IT	12,754	8.26	-18.64	-19.02
S&P BSE Realty Index	1,425	7.88	-38.83	-32.71
S&P BSE Power	1,433	7.65	-26.31	-29.62
S&P BSE CG	11,219	6.00	-34.59	-38.99

Source: BSE, NSE, SEBI, NSDL

## Indian debt market indicators

Indicators	Apr 9	Previous Week	1 month ago
Call Rate	4.63%	4.40%	4.90%
10 Yr G-Sec*\$	6.50%	6.29%	6.08%
3-M USD Libor^	1.31%	1.39%	0.78%
6-M USD Libor^	1.23%	1.21%	0.77%
1-Y USD Libor^	1.05%	1.05%	0.79%

\*6.45% 2029 paper ^As of Apr 8 \$Weighted Average Yield

## Currencies vs INR

Currency	Apr 9	Week ago	3 months ago	1 year ago
USD	76.29	76.16	71.21	69.29
GBP	94.61	93.65	92.78	90.60
Euro	82.94	82.35	79.11	78.16
Yen*	70.14	70.21	65.06	62.25

\*exchange rate represents 100 units of the currency

## Markets update

### A. Domestic

#### 1. Equity

- Indian equities ended the week on an encouraging note. S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 surged about 13% each.
- Positive global cues in the form of hopes that COVID-19 pandemic is nearing a peak in major hotspots worldwide boosted the sentiments.
- On the domestic front, hopes of more measures to prop up the economy enthused the investors further.
- Massive rally was witnessed in auto, healthcare, banking and metal counters. S&P BSE Auto (topmost sectoral gainer), S&P BSE Healthcare, S&P BSE Bankex and S&P BSE Metal jumped around 23%, 17%, 16% and 13%, respectively.
- Shares of Mahindra and Mahindra emerged the top gainer on the Nifty 50, rising 36% to settle at Rs 381.4 per share aided by credit rating agency CRISIL's reaffirmation of the company's rating. The company's shares also rallied after it decided to stop injecting funds into SsangYong Motor Company.
- However, some gains were reduced due to sporadic profit booking.

#### 2. Debt

- Government bond prices ended sharply lower. The yield of the 10 year 6.45% 2029 paper settled at 6.49% on April 9 as against 6.31% on April 3.
- Prices steadily declined over the three trading days of the week.
- Supply pressure from the state development bond auction and the weekly gilt sale (the first of the current financial year) pulled prices down.
- In the state development bond auction, states raised a total notified Rs 37,500 crore via sale of dated securities.
- Further, the RBI notified the auction of state development bonds for a total of Rs 13,128 crore on April 13.
- The RBI also conducted a 3-year targeted long term repo auction for a notified Rs 25,000 crore on the last trading day of the week, receiving bids amounting to ~Rs 1.13 lakh crore.
- In the weekly gilt auction, the RBI sold a new government security (G-Sec) maturing in 2022, a new G-Sec maturing in 2060, and the benchmark 10 year paper for a total notified Rs 19,000 crore. The coupons for the new papers have been set at 5.09% and 7.19% respectively.
- Concerns about the Centre's fiscal position also weighed on prices.

#### 3. Forex

- The rupee fell against the US dollar, hitting record lows during the week, weighed by dollar demand from foreign banks and oil importers.
- Weak investor risk appetite due to the rising number of domestic coronavirus cases also dented sentiment for the local unit.
- Gains registered by domestic equities helped the rupee recover some losses.

## International equity benchmark indices' returns

Indices	Apr 9	% chg week	% chg 3 mon	% chg Year
DJIA*	23,434	11.31	-18.48	-10.39
Nasdaq Composite*	8,091	9.74	-11.37	2.30
FTSE 100*	5,678	4.84	-25.05	-23.54
Nikkei 225	19,346	8.56	-16.60	-11.27
Straits Times	2,571	7.62	-20.82	-22.68
Hang Seng	24,300	4.58	-14.92	-19.42
Shanghai Comp	2,826	2.24	-8.69	-12.77

\*As of Apr 8

## International debt market indicators

Indicators	Apr 9	Apr 3
US 10-Year*	0.77	0.59
UK 10-Year*	0.38	0.31
German 10-Year*	-0.31	-0.43
Japan 10-Year	0.02	-0.01

\*As of Apr 8

## Commodities

Commodity	Apr 9	% chg week	% chg 3 mon	% chg Year
Brent Crude Oil (\$ per barrel)*	32.84	-3.72	-49.76	-53.49
Gold (\$ per troy ounce)*	1647.80	2.15	6.26	26.46
Silver (\$ per ounce)*	15.07	4.69	-15.88	-1.25
Indian gold (Rs per 10 gm)	44944.00	3.94	13.19	40.68
Indian Silver (Rs per Kg)	43156.00	8.24	-6.84	14.27

\*As of Apr 8

Source: Respective commodity exchanges, LBMA, MCX

## B. International

### 1. Equity

- Global equities heaved a sigh of relief on the back of slowing rate of new coronavirus infections in many countries.
- US stocks surged in the week mainly boosted by hopes of additional stimulus measures from the US Federal Reserve and on reports that the government may soon rollback containment measures put in place to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.
- However, some gains were cut short on tracking downbeat domestic monthly jobs data.
- US non-farm payrolls plunged by 701,000 jobs in March after jumping by an upwardly revised 275,000 jobs in February; the unemployment rate surged up to 4.4% in March from 3.5% in February.
- US ISM non-manufacturing index fell to 52.5 in March from 57.3 in February.
- Britain's FTSE rose nearly 5% led by gains in shares of recently battered travel, energy and banking firms.
- Further gains were prevented as shares of insurers dipped after halting dividend payments.
- UK services PMI posted 34.5 in March, down sharply from 53.2 in February, while the composite PMI was at 36.0 in March, down sharply from 53.0 in February.
- Asian equities were also in the positive territory. Japan's Nikkei index jumped 8.6% on short covering and a slowdown in coronavirus cases in major countries.
- Japan's core machinery orders rose 2.3% month-on-month in February compared with a 2.9% rise in January.
- Japan current conditions index of the Economy Watchers' Survey decreased to 14.2 in March from 27.4 in February; the outlook index that signals future activity fell for the second straight month to 18.8 in March from 24.6 in the previous month.
- Hong Kong's Hang Seng index advanced 4.6% due to latest stimulus measures unveiled by China and fall in the new cases of coronavirus.
- Some gains were chipped off after the city's government extended social-distancing restrictions.
- China's Shanghai Composite rose 2.2% buoyed by the government's latest stimulus measures to boost the economy and a dip in new coronavirus cases.

### 2. Commodity

- Crude oil prices slumped this week after US EIA's report trimmed its domestic and global benchmark price forecasts and outlook for domestic production for this year and next.
- Indian gold prices remained unchanged this week on the back of lockdown announced by the central government to contain the spread of coronavirus.
- Indian silver prices remained unchanged this week on reports that central and state governments may extend lockdown period in the country.

## • News summary

### 1. Domestic

- India's industrial production grew at the fastest pace in seven months at 4.5% during February; IIP had recorded a growth of 0.2% in February 2019.
- India Nikkei services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) dropped steeply from February's 57.5 to 49.3 in March, while the composite PMI fell to 50.6 in March, down from February's 57.6.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) expected India's growth to slow down to 4% in the current fiscal owing to weak global demand.
- Fitch cut India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to a 30-year low of 2% from 5.1% estimated earlier.
- Finance Ministry released Rs 17287 cr to states to boost their financial resources during the COVID-19 crisis.
- President, PM, Union ministers, Members of Parliament, and state governors to take a 30% pay cut in current fiscal to contribute to the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) to help fight Covid-19.
- Government allowed 28 states to cumulatively borrow up to Rs 3.2 lakh cr from the open market in the first nine months of this fiscal.
- RBI said forex and bond markets will operate between 10 am and 2 pm in second and third weeks of April, in view of the Coronavirus-related dislocations.
- RBI reached out to banks and non-banking finance companies to inform that borrowers should be considered 'under moratorium by default' regardless of their opting-in or otherwise.
- SEBI allowed mutual funds to modify the cut-off timings for equity and debt schemes from 3 pm to 1 pm and for liquid and overnight schemes to 12.30 pm from 1.30 pm.

### 2. International

- The World Trade Organization expected the global merchandise trade to decline 13-32% in 2020 due to Covid-19 crisis.
- US non-farm payrolls plunged by 701,000 jobs in March after jumping by an upwardly revised 275,000 jobs in February; the unemployment rate surged up to 4.4% in March from 3.5% in February.
- US Federal Reserve's meeting minutes showed that the policymakers indicated that not only did they consider it important to use all their rate power now, but also that they intend to keep rates anchored at the bottom for the foreseeable future.
- Eurozone services PMI was 26.4 in March compared to 52.6 in February, while the composite PMI was 29.7 in March compared to 51.6 in February.

## C. Week ahead

Day	Events
Monday, April 13, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India Consumer Inflation, March 2020</li> </ul>
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Import / Export Prices, March 2020</li> <li>China Trade Balance, March 2020</li> <li>India Wholesale Inflation, March 2020</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Retail Sales, March 2020</li> <li>US Industrial Production, March 2020</li> <li>US Empire State Manufacturing Index, April 2020</li> <li>US Business Inventories, February 2020</li> <li>US NAHB Housing Market Index, April 2020</li> </ul>
Thursday, April 16, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Philadelphia Fed General Business Activity Index, April 2020</li> <li>US Housing Starts and Building Permits, March 2020</li> <li>Eurozone Industrial Production, February 2020</li> </ul>
Friday, April 17, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eurozone Consumer Prices, March 2020</li> <li>China GDP, Q1 2020</li> <li>China Industrial Production, March 2020</li> <li>China Retail Sales, March 2020</li> <li>China Fixed Asset Investment, March 2020</li> </ul>

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