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SENSEX: 35,066.75 NIFTY: 10,760.60 DOW JONES: 25520.96 NASDAQ: 7240.95 USD/INR: 64.14

GOLD: \$1333.70 (April 2018 future contract)

OIL: \$65.45 (March 2018 future contract

Stock Picks

Company Name	CPM (Rs)	Target (Rs)
Asian Paints Ltd	1,138	1,283
Havells India Ltd	509	624
Federal Bank Ltd.	93	131

Source: Geoiit Financial Services Ltd

INR Fund Picks

Performance as on 31/01/18	Returns (CAGR)	
Company Name	3Yr 5Yr	
Sundaram Rural India Fund Thematic	18.71 21.03	
Kotak Emerging Equity Midcap	16.73 24.49	
DSPBR Opportunities Flexicap	15.66 20.13	
ICICI Pru Balanced Fund Balance	12.40 18.21	
SBI BlueChip Fund-Reg Largecap	11.90 18.38	



UAE Round Up

- Dubai Financial Market Company on Wednesday announced a net profit of AED233 million (\$63.4 million) for 2017, down 8 percent compared to the previous year.
- The UAE's healthcare industry is on an upward growth trajectory, bolstered by a growing number of industry-specific investments from several public and private entities.The healthcare market in the UAE is projected at \$19.5 billion in 2020, indicating an annual average growth of 12.7 per cent from 2015, and is marginally higher than the GCC growth average

MARKET UPDATE

Global:

- # Stocks tumbled this week, denting their impressive 2018 gains; the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 4.1%, the S&P 500 slid 3.9%, and the Nasdaq lost 3.5%.
- # While investors had a lot of news to digest, including President Trump's first State of the Union address, a tech-heavy batch of fourth quarter earnings, and the Employment Situation report for January, the selling was more so a natural response to a market that's moved too far too fast--although, a spike in Treasury yields did help strengthen a case for the bears.
- Technology names dominated this week's batch of earnings, with Apple (AAPL), Microsoft (MSFT), Facebook (FB), and Alphabet (GOOGL) reporting their fourth quarter results, which were mostly better-than-expected. However, the companies' shares settled the week mostly lower; MSFT, GOOGL, and AAPL shares lost 2.4%, 5.8%, and 6.4% for the week, respectively, while FB shares advanced 0.2%, touching a new all-time high.
- Apple reported above-consensus earnings on in-line revenues, but iPhone sales for the holiday season came in weaker than expected, and the company lowered its sales forecast for the first three months of 2018. Meanwhile, Facebook beat earnings and revenue estimates and reassured investors that its ad business would remain highly profitable despite changes to its news feed, which have prompted users to spend less time on the site--about 50 million hours less per day (in aggregate).
- # As for the others, Microsoft reported above-consensus earnings and revenues on the back of its rapidly-growing cloud computing business, while Alphabet, the parent company of Google, missed earnings estimates--despite beating revenue forecasts--largely due to rising costs.
- # Outside the technology space, Amazon (AMZN) and Boeing (BA) also reported their quarterly results this week. Amazon ended with a weekly gain of 2.0% after blowing past earnings estimates--thanks in part to changes in the U.S. tax code--while Boeing jumped 1.7% after also soundly beating earnings estimates, beating revenue estimates, and issuing much better-than-expected guidance for fiscal year 2018.
- In other corporate news, the health care sector struggled this week, losing 5.1%, after Amazon (AMZN), Berkshire Hathaway (BRK.A), and JPMorgan Chase (JPM) announced on Tuesday that they will be partnering to form a company focused on reducing health care costs for hundreds of thousands of their U.S. employees.
- # In Washington, President Trump delivered his first State of the Union address on Tuesday evening. The president stayed on script, calling for a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan and a compromise on immigration that would allow a path to citizenship for "Dreamers" in exchange for his promised barrier along the Mexico border and added border security. Mr. Trump also noted that lowering prescription drug prices is a top priority of his administration and took a firm, but relatively calm, stance against North Korea.
- # Meanwhile, Fed Chair Janet Yellen wrapped up her time at the Federal Reserve on a rather uneventful note as the Federal Open Market Committee unanimously voted on Wednesday to leave the fed funds target range unchanged at 1.25%-1.50%, as expected. In its statement, the central bank said near-term risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced, but added that officials are keeping an eye on inflation, which has been slow to pick up despite a tightening of the labor market.
- # The policy directive did little to change the market's rate-hike expectations; the CME FedWatch Tool still points to the March FOMC meeting as the most likely time for the next rate-hike announcement, with an implied probability of 77.5% (up from 74.7% last week), and calls for an additional two hikes before the end of the year.
- # On the data front, investors received the Employment Situation report for January on Friday: Nonfarm payrolls came in better-than-expected (+200,000 actual vs +180,000 consensus), average hourly earnings hit estimates (+0.3% MoM), and the unemployment rate stayed at 4.1% as expected. U.S. Treasuries were lower for the week ahead of the report's release, but extend their losses in the aftermath, sending yields to multi-year highs.

India:

- # After rallying for eight consecutive weeks, the Indian equity market has finally taken a breather post Union Budget 2018 announcements. The indices cracked sharply as Nifty fell over 250 points in a single session on Friday. Market participants were seen reacting to the long term capital gains tax. In addition, fiscal deficit for FY19 was kept at 3.3% of GDP, which was higher than expected.
- # The budget tried to be a balancing act between being populist and maintaining fiscal prudence with a host of measures announced for farmers and rural India
- # Meanwhile, India's core infrastructure sectors during December grew 4% (y/y), relatively slower when compared with remarkable growth of 7.4% the month prior. Fiscal deficit stood at US\$97.27bn for April-December or 113.6% of the budgeted target for the current fiscal year that ends in March. For the week, Nifty and Sensex declined by 3% each.





INVESTMENT IDEA

E-mini Dow futures(YM)

WHAT IS E-MINI DOW FUTURES(YM)

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is often viewed as a strong indicator of the success of the U.S. stock market and the U.S. economy overall. Futures and options on the Dow Jones Industrial Average represent flexible, efficient access to trading opportunities created by market moves and economic trends

About

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The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) is a price-weighted index of 30 blue-chip U.S. companies representing nine economic sectors including financial services, technology, retail, entertainment and consumer goods. The DJIA is one of the most widely quoted measures of the U.S. stock market due to its extremely high correlation to broader U.S. indexes, such as the S&P 500

E-mini Dow futures offer an accessible alternative to manage exposure to the U.S. stock market. Based on the Dow Jones Industrial Average, E-mini Dow futures offer exposure to the 30 U.S. blue-chip companies represented in the stock index.



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