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Equity Outlook

Equity is currently going through a consolidation phase. The key event which will have an impact in the near term is that of Winter session of the parliament and the possibility of rate hike by the FED. Market carries an apprehension that the rate hike in US will see shift in money flow from emerging markets and back to US. We feel that the fears are unwarranted.

The long term average interest rate differential between US and India has been at 4.1%, in the last few years we had seen US rate going down and the Indian interest rate going North-wards. This movement of interest rates took the gap between Indian and US interest rates to a high of 8% +, we are now seeing the gap getting bridged. The key thing to understand is that INR depreciates by the gap of interest differential. In future if we are seeing the gap getting narrow, we will see INR depreciate at a slower pace, lower INR depreciation is a welcome from the eyes of overseas investors like FIIs, NRIs, FPIs etc. If US raises interest rates, we will witness a knee jerk reaction but this will act as long term benefit for the overseas investors.

In next year we will see US recovering and China & Europe slowing. Growth-wise better days of US will be set off by slowing China. The liquidity to world market will be provided by European Commercial Bank (ECB) and Bank of Japan (BOJ) Again India will stand out as an exception to the global mayhem.

Swiftly and silently Indian Auto Ancillary will do well over the next few years. The optimism emerges from the three legs of revival of domestic Auto demand, replacement demand and exports. Indian Auto Industry is gearing up for higher exports. The industry is engaged more in automation and hence requires semi-skilled labour. Most of global OEM now have their base in India and are expanding capacities for global demand. We believe a suitable auto ancillary stock with successful track record, parent support and honorable track record could emerge as a significant market outperformer.

An icing on the cake for markets could be successful passage of GST in the current winter session. GST could provide a necessary spark to the otherwise cold market this winter.

Happy Investing !!!

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