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**Market Perspective-Mar 2023** 

# **India Equity Outlook**

## **India Equities Performance Vs Global Equities**

# India has underperformed Global Indices currently in short term 31st Dec 2022 to 15th Feb 2023

Top Gaining Sectors	Average Price Return%
FRANCE	12.8%
GERMANY	11.4%
KOREA	8.6%
US	8.0%
UK	7.3%
JAPAN	5.4%
CHINA	4.7%
INDONESIA	0.9%
BRAZIL	-0.1%
INDIA	-0.5%
RUSSIA	-5.7%

# India had outperformed Global Indices in the last one year 31st Dec 21 to 31st Dec 2022

Top Gaining Sectors	Average Price Return%
BRAZIL	4.7%
INDIA	4.3%
INDONESIA	4.1%
UK	0.9%
JAPAN	-9.4%
FRANCE	-9.5%
GERMANY	-12.3%
CHINA	-17.2%
US	-19.4%
KOREA	-24.9%
RUSSIA	-39.2%

In the last one half month, India is one of the worst performing market. However, In the last year, India was the best performing market. This current period is showing the mean reversion from last year performance.

## **Narratives for India's recent underperformance**

# CHINA – RELATIVELY CHEAPER ON VALUATIONS, SO WILL ATTRACT FII BUYING

	Growth (2023)	Real Rates	Yield Spread with US-Current	Current PE ratio	Forward PE
India	6	0.95	3.65	21.1	17.84
US	0.3	0.7	-	16.82	15.35
Japan	1.2	-1.8	-3.15	14.01	14.2
Euro area	-0.1	3.1	-1.44	11.87	11.13
China	4.8	2	-0.9	10.23	9.03
Indonesia	4.9	1.65	3.22	13.7	12.5
South Korea	1.7	0.05	-0.18	11.4	8.89
Malaysia	5.5	-0.9	0.29	12.95	12.41
Phillipines	6.6	1.05	0.79	13.41	11.99
Thailand	3.7	-0.8	-1.21	15.72	14.39
Maxico	1.1	4.65	5.04	12.17	10.61
Brazil	0.8	6.6	9.35	6.71	6.72

# CHINA'S RE-EMERGENCE TO RESULT IN SURGE IN COMMODITY PRICES

**Goldman nominated oil** as the best reopening play, forecasting that Brent prices could reach \$US110 a barrel by the third quarter if China, and other Asian economies, fully reopen from COVID-19 restrictions

**Morgan Stanley believes iron ore** will be the bigger beneficiary, tipping prices to average \$US140 a tonne in the second quarter of this year.

https://www.afr.com/markets/commodities/china-s-reopening-aqame-changer-for-commodity-markets-20230112-p5cc13

Lately, there have been talks around high valuations of India as against. China and hence an understanding that fund flow are attracted towards. China instead of India. Also, there were talks were that China re-opening will result in rise in Commodity prices which will be bad for Indian stock markets.

# **Reality Check**

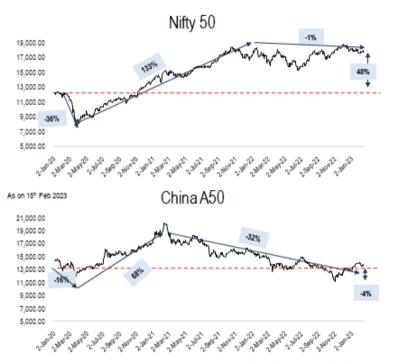


COMMODITY PRICES ROSE **TEMPORARILY** AFTER CHINA REOPENING NEWS BUT HAVE EVENTUALLY FALLEN BACK

When we see the reality post reopening of China, contrary to what the sentiments and talks were, commodity prices have fallen. For eg: Aluminum is down by 10% after making high in January 23, Brent Crude is hovering around \$80 and so on

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# **Structural Trend Vs Tipping Off**



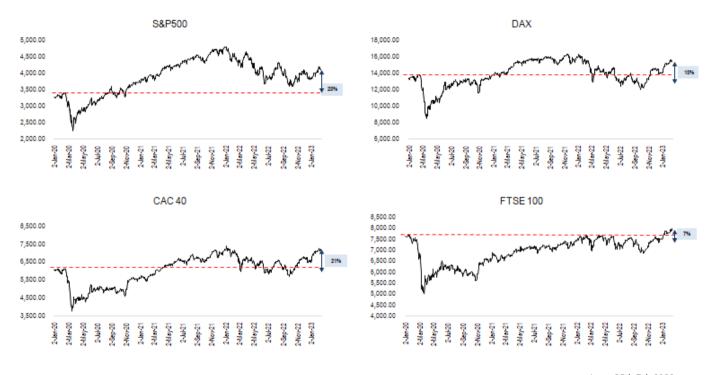
Country	During Covid Fall	Post Covid Rally	Fall Post Rally	Current Price
India	-36%	133%	-1%	48%
China	-16%	68%	-32%	-4%
US	-32%	108%	-14%	23%
France	-33%	82%	-1%	21%
Japan	-29%	83%	-9%	19%
Germany	-35%	70%	2%	13%
Indonesia	-36%	79%	-3%	11%
Korea	-34%	116%	-23%	10%
UK	-28%	21%	23%	7%
Brazil	-42%	95%	-16%	-5%
Belgium	-33%	40%	0%	-6%
Spain	-35%	57%	-9%	-6%
HongKong	-22%	43%	-33%	-25%
Russia	-45%	107%	-51%	-44%

Source: investing.com, tradingview.com

When we take a bird's eye view. Nifty pre-covid was at 12000 levels and are now at 17500, up by 48%. Instead, China broader index is down by 4%. Assuming a market which is above Pre Covid Levels as a strong market, India is amongst countries which are above the pre-covid levels.

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## **Global Markets**

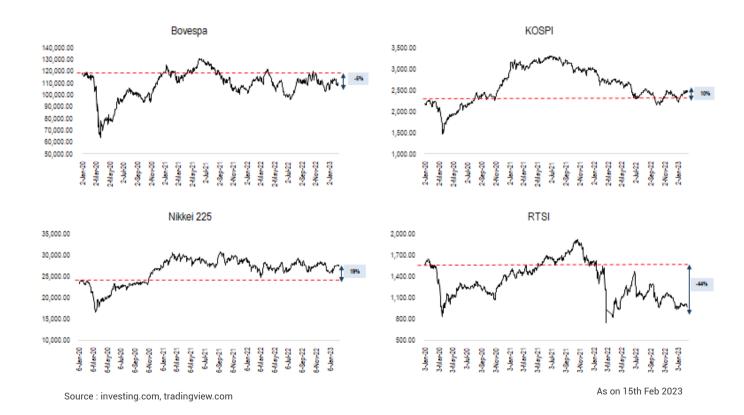


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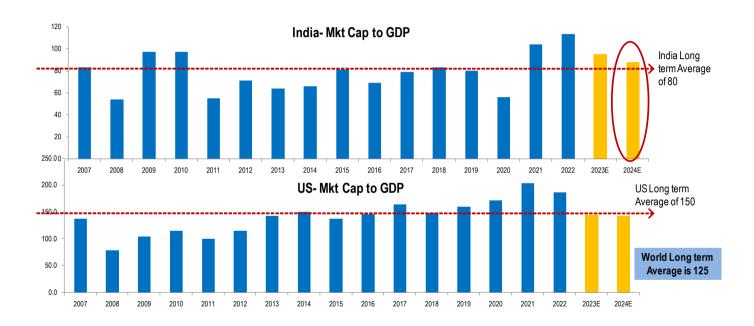
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# Valuation as f{ Size }

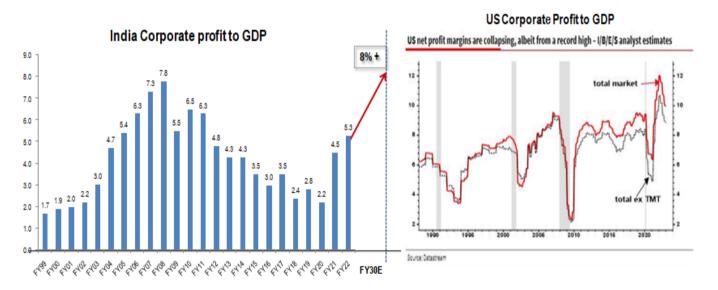


If size is a basis, we are the 5th largest market in terms of economy, our market cap is also ~5th largest in the world. This certainly means that we are not overvalued. Also, considering the Buffet indicator, our market cap to GDP is ower than its own average and also, much lower than US.

# The Context - "Corporate Profits to GDP"

Every Valuation ratio has a certain context in which it can be best interpreted. Corporate profits to GDP share is the context in which we read the popular ratio-Market cap to GDP

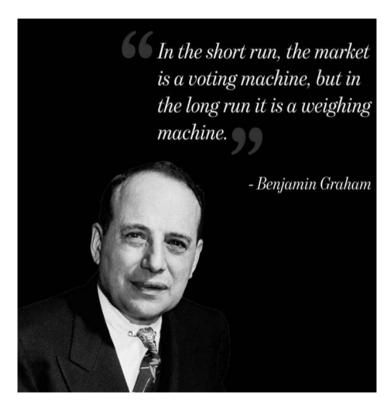




Note: Market Cap to GDP is governed by an important indicator- Corporate Profit to GDP. Our Corporate profit to GDP is continuously rising meaning thereby that our valuations should also increase, whereas in US, the corporate profit to GDP is falling indicating a de-rating of valuation multiples

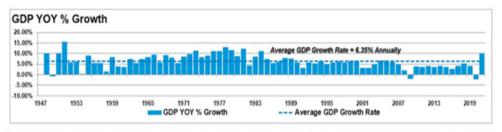
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# **Short term Vs Long term Movement**

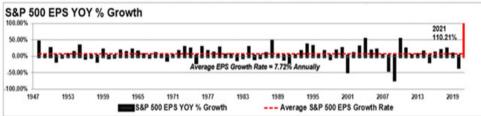


Meaning thereby, that price will follow the crowd in the short term , but crowd will follow the fundamentals in the long term

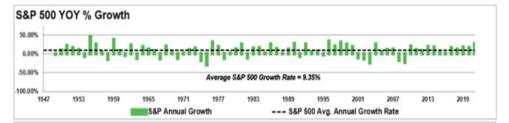
# The Truth-Relation of SPX 500 with EPS growth & US GDP growth



Nominal GDP Growth: 6.35% Real GDP Growth: 3.3% Inflation: 3%

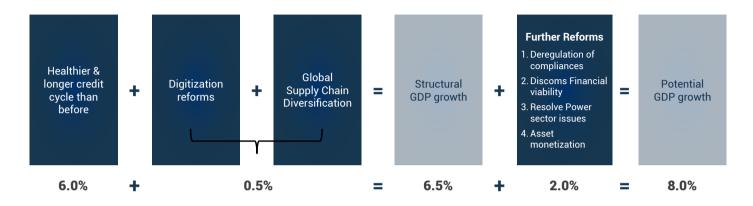


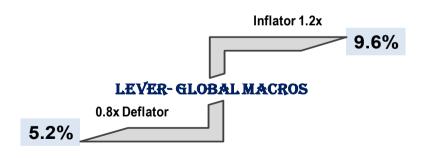
EPS growth 7.72% > GDP growth as Margins expands due to operating leverage



S&P price growth 9.35% > EPS growth due to multiple re-rating

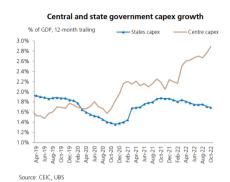
# Math of Structural Growth-India to achieve~6.5% Real GDP growth

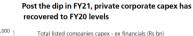




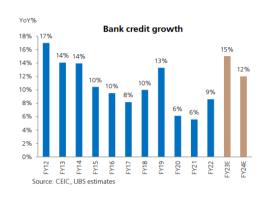
As per recent Economic Survey report, it is expected that structural Real GDP growth should be around 6.5% and alongwith reforms like deregulations of compliance, asset monetization etc, the real GDP growth may be enhanced to 8%. We believe that Global macros will play an important role in defining India's growth going forward. A positive global macro environment will help inflate our growth by 1.2x to 9.6% while a negative global macro environment may deflate our growth by 0.8x to 5.2%.

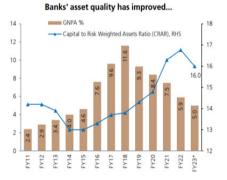
# **Healthier and Longer Credit Cycle**



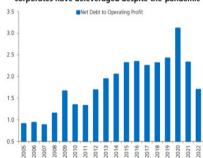












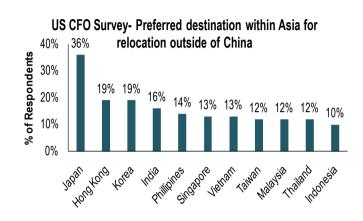
Bank credit growth has been well into double digits for guite some time now. A recent IMF Working paper analyses the trends in the Credit to-GDP ratio gap, bank balance sheets and the GDP growth in India since 2012; and shows that better-capitalized banks result in higher credit growth, which further translates into higher GDP growth.

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### **Global Chain Diversification**

#### Share of India's manufactured exports has gone up





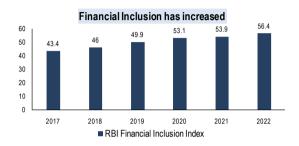
India- 2nd largest mobile phone producer globally		
FY15	FY22	
6 Cr units	31 Cr units	

Apple's suppliers list with significant India capacity		
FY18	FY21	
4	11	

- » The PLI scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing contributed to a total production of 2.04 lakh crore, including exports of 80,769 crore as of September 2022.
- » E recent example of Govt infra & logistics push- The \$900M container port in Kerala, which is expected to meet its deadline of September 2023, is helping India get products to market faster and make it more competitive in world markets
- » The country is also entering into FTAs and signing bilateral trade pacts with several countries. India has already signed trade agreements with UAE and Australia, while FTAs with the UK and Canada are in the pipeline

# **Digitization**

### India's Digital Economy will grow to \$800bn (18% of GDP) by FY25



UPI: No of transactions: 74bn

CY22 Value of transactions: Rs125.94 lac Cr



Interestingly, Total UPI transaction value accounted for nearly 86% of India's GDP in FY22









# **Indian economy – Direction for Reforms**

## Good Governance is the key to a nation's progress

To simplify, ease and reduce cost of compliance, financial sector regulators will be requested to carry out a comprehensive review of existing regulations..

### Acts, Compliances & Filings

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All	Labo	our Finance & Taxation		EHS	Secretarial	Com	mercial	Industry Specific
ACTS			COMPLIANCES				FILINGS	
1,536		19,966		28,101	21,166	5		6,618
		A	ctionable	Checklisted	Informatio	nal		

Source: teamleaseregtech.com

#### As on 23rd feb 2023

Number	Number of Updates		
<b>2</b> TODAY	25 YESTERDAY	118 THIS WEEK	
<b>652</b> THIS MONTH	1719 THIS QUARTER	<b>5542</b> THIS YEAR	

1	39000 compliances have been reduced
2	3400 legal provisions decriminalized
3	Jan Vishwas Bill to amend 42 Central Acts
4	Vivad se Vishwas I Relief for MSME- 95% of contract amt to be returned if failure to execute during covid

5	Rs 9000cr more funds from 1st Apr to result in 2.0 lakh Cr loans at 1 % further lower rate
6	Dekho Apna Desh- boost to local tourism- beneficial for Indian MSMEs
7	Formal vs Informal-better to ask large vs smaller companies
8	Regulator asked to take public input

## **Economic Resilience- Resurgence of MSMEs in India- Informal to Formal**

>15m MSMEs-GST registered >5900 Businesses shut down during 20-22

>88%
MSMEs reached
pre-pandemic
levels

Rs15700Cr Budget allocation in FY22

2010-15 Cheap Imports

2015-20 Formalization

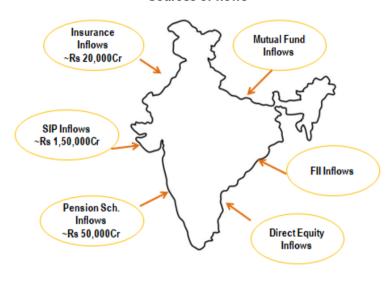
- » MSME transactions in cash, the working style, low scale of operation, and poor financial management put businesses in a difficult position.
- » MSMEs faced issues like having access to finance, marketing their products, and even struggling to cover expenses such as employee salaries, office rent, bills, taxes, and loans EMIs.
- » Outstanding Credit with MSME has grown by 11% CAGR since Pre-Covid i.e from Rs. 18.45 tn in Sep 2019 to Rs. 25 tn in Sep 2022.
- » Credit Flow to MSME rose from Rs 13lac Cr in FY18 to Rs 20 Lac Cr in FY22
- » Loan delinquency has fallen from 4.11% to 2.95% in FY22
- » Since July 2020, 93000 micro enterprises have grown to small units
- » 10000 small enterprises have grown to become medium enterprises.
- » GSTN Registration ~80.2% were earlier sales tax payers and the balance 19.8% were new registration indicating formalization of informal units.
- » MSME GST tax payer increased to 14 mn in 2022 from 6.6 mn in 2017

### **Resilience of Flows Flls Flows**

#### **FII Flows**

Month	FII Equity Flow Rs Cr
Dec-21	-19,026
Jan-22	-33,303
Feb-22	-35,592
Mar-22	-41,123
Apr-22	-17,144
May-22	-39,993
Jun-22	-50,203
Jul-22	4,989
Aug-22	51,204
Sep-22	-7,624
Oct-22	-8
Nov-22	36,239
Dec-22	11,119
Jan-23	-28,852
Feb-23	-1,252

#### Sources of flows



- » Though FIIs have been sellers since Dec 21, our domestic flows have been supportive of inflows based on Monthly SIP in Mutual funds, Insurance or flows in Pension schemes etc.
- » Total FDI received from 1947 roughly around \$950 bn out of which \$532 have come in the past 90 months from 162 countries. FDI has come across 61 sector & 31 states in India.

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