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| CADILAHC Long/Buy 13th |
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The axis of CADILAHC is 330 and since 2feb 2017 it has not broken this level and take multile support at this point. Above mentioned chart you can see that it has taken multiple support around 330 and delivered strong upmove there after. Last few days back again it has taken support at 332 with good volume. It seems that it should move up. After making intermediate top of 432.50 on 10/09/2018, stock is falling corrective with low volume which is technically good. Momentum oscillator Stochastics is also suppoting this pattern. Hence we advise our client to buy CADILAHC in the range of 358-354 and on decline towards 342-338 with SL of 315 on closing basis for the price targets of 384 and 401.

| WOCKPHARMA | Long/Buy | 13th November 2018 |
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Wockhardt Limited has given a sharp pullback rally from its recent low of 437.45 made on 26th October 2018. Currently the stock has given bullish breakout of a 'Reverse Head and Shoulder' pattern neck line above Rs 524 with decent volumes. Therefore some fresh up move is likely to take the stock higher up to 598 in the short term.

#### SUNPHARMA Long/Buy 19th October 2018

Scrip is running in the falling channel since long but now it seems to form double bottom pattern on weekly chart. As of now, it has been consolidating near its falling trend line from last few days. RSI stands above 50 mark lending its support to price action. Probability is higher that it can take support from the neckline of double bottom and surge higher in coming sessions. One can maintain buy on dips strategy at current price as risk rewards levels are looking favorable. Decent volume can trigger momentum on upside in coming days and it can accelerate toward northward direction.

#### AUROPHARMA Long/Buy 17th October 2018

Auropharma rebounded as it seemed bottomed out from broadening wedge falling trendline that boded well for bulls and they take the charge once again. There is multiple confluence of support at 725-735 levels coupled with RSI which has been sustaining above 50 mark showing a positive move on upside. Formation of Symmetrical triangle price pattern on daily chart suggest it has a potential to move on northward side in coming sessions. As of now, it is trading near its lower band of symmetrical triangle where risk and reward ratio seems favourable. Breakout came with decent volume which imply bullishness in the scrip. One can take entry with the stop loss of 670 for the target of 830 and 850 marks.

#### GOGREJAGRO Long/Buy 3rd October 2018

Since 23rd Apr 2018 stocks is in complex correction. It seems it has formed wave B on 1st Oct 2018 at 492.55 and further we expect that wave C may help it to move on upper side. During entire fall of wave B, volume was low which is technically good. Momentum oscillator Stochastics is also supporting this pattern. Hence we recommend buy in the range of 544-535 and on decline towards 520-515 for the price targets of 585 and 601 with 490 as SL.

#### TATA STEEL Long/Buy 29th August 2018

Formation of multi bullish candle above rising trend line showing that demand is going to generate from bulls side. Golden crossover is seen on daily chart where 50 DMA has crossed 100 DMA while going on upside. Both daily and weekly strength indicator RSI along with the momentum indicator Stochastic are in bullish territory and sustaining above their reference lines which signal strength and upward momentum in price. Thus, taking consideration the above factors, maximum upside can be expected to 700 and 750 marks.

| Market           | Value     | % Change   |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| SGX Nifty        | 10641.00  | 0.34%      |
| Nifty Key Levels |           |            |
| Support          | S1: 10500 | S2 : 10420 |
| Resistance       | R1:10650  | R2:10710   |

#### **Market Outlook**

Bears have been left bruised due to the ongoing recovery of Rupees and decline in oil prices. Nifty formed piercing pattern on daily chart which indicates the counterattack of Bulls from the lows. Now it has to hold above 10620 level for witnessing an up move towards 10680 & 10710 levels. On downside, Support lies at 10500 & 10420 levels.

# INDEX FUTURES INDEX OPTIONS STOCK FUTURES FILL DERIVATIVES STATISTICS FOR 13-Nov-2018 Net (Amt. in crs) -111 STOCK FUTURES -604

| Institutional Turnover |          |           |          |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| FII                    | Buy(cr.) | Sell(cr.) | Net(cr.) |
| 13-Nov-18              | 3,408    | 3,903     | -495     |
| Nov-18                 | 37,963   | 37,316    | 647      |
| DII                    | Buy(cr.) | Sell(cr.) | Net(cr.) |
| 13-Nov-18              | 2,682    | 2,346     | 336      |
| Nov-18                 | 21.258   | 22.466    | -1.208   |

STOCK OPTIONS

| Sectoral Pe                    | rforman | ce (%) |         |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
|                                | 1 Day   | 1 Week | 1 Month | 1 Year  |
| Auto Components                | 0.20    | (0.80) | 2.54    | (9.02)  |
| Automobiles                    | 1.09    | (0.18) | (0.13)  | (18.54) |
| Chemicals                      | 0.79    | 2.50   | 4.77    | (0.73)  |
| Construction & Engineering     | 1.55    | 2.20   | 7.97    | (9.17)  |
| Construction Materials         | 0.71    | 0.43   | (0.14)  | (22.54) |
| Diversified Financial Services | 0.77    | 1.03   | 3.75    | (6.49)  |
| Electrical Equipment           | 0.22    | (0.05) | 4.54    | (6.86)  |
| Energy                         | 1.88    | 0.94   | (0.13)  | (2.57)  |
| Financials                     | 0.72    | 0.13   | 2.56    | (5.59)  |
| Health Care                    | (0.94)  | 0.07   | (0.01)  | 4.64    |
| Household Durables             | (0.66)  | (0.23) | 0.80    | (12.15) |
| Household & Personal Products  | 0.47    | 0.89   | 2.52    | 16.47   |
| Information Technology         | 0.53    | 1.69   | 0.42    | 28.75   |
| Metals/Mining/Minerals         | 0.56    | (1.20) | (2.61)  | (11.83) |
| Telecom                        | 0.38    | (0.91) | 2.58    | (39.71) |
| Utilities                      | 0.73    | 0.68   | 3.19    | (12.12) |



#### Participant wise Open Interest In Equities Derivative (no. of contracts)

| Long Position     |        |        |        |        |  |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
|                   | DII    | FII    | Pro    | Other  |  |
| Future Index      | 69345  | 153001 | 24436  | 167445 |  |
| Future Stock      | 33298  | 892092 | 149831 | 787604 |  |
| Option Index Call | 33658  | 298781 | 182348 | 532490 |  |
| Option Index Put  | 129495 | 419188 | 222084 | 687576 |  |
| Option Stock Call | 0      | 41462  | 63975  | 279378 |  |
| Option Stock Put  | 0      | 42629  | 58535  | 152768 |  |

|                   | Short   | Position |        |        |
|-------------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
|                   | DII     | FII      | Pro    | Other  |
| Future Index      | 28141   | 253509   | 18720  | 113857 |
| Future Stock      | 1022287 | 482215   | 100276 | 258047 |
| Option Index Call | 0       | 95328    | 289980 | 661969 |
| Option Index Put  | 0       | 195940   | 323055 | 939348 |
| Option Stock Call | 0       | 30630    | 120482 | 233703 |
| Option Stock Put  | 0       | 34730    | 77374  | 141828 |

#### High ES & High PS Stock Maintaining Strength

| BSE Code | NSE CODE   | 1 Month Return % |
|----------|------------|------------------|
| 532497   | RADICO     | 39.8             |
| 524200   | VINATIORGA | 26.6             |
| 500003   | AEGISCHEM  | 20.5             |
| 523367   | DCMSHRIRAM | 20.4             |
| 509966   | VSTIND     | 20.0             |
| 532374   | STRTECH    | 20.0             |
| 512070   | UPL        | 18.8             |
| 532488   | DIVISLAB   | 18.1             |
| 517506   | TTKPRESTIG | 17.2             |
| 503100   | PHOENIXLTD | 16.5             |

#### High ES & Low PS Stock Showing Strength

| BSE Code | NSE CODE   | 1 Month Return % |
|----------|------------|------------------|
| 533552   | RUPA       | 25.2             |
| 533150   | GODREJPROP | 20.4             |
| 531795   | ATULAUTO   | 18.7             |
| 500690   | GSFC       | 17.4             |
| 500049   | BEL        | 16.3             |
| 500040   | CENTURYTEX | 16.1             |
| 500390   | RELINFRA   | 15.2             |
| 526586   | WIMPLAST   | 14.8             |
| 532218   | SOUTHBANK  | 14.4             |
| 500110   | CHENNPETRO | 14.4             |

#### Low ES & Low PS Stock Maintaining Weakness

| BSE Code | NSE CODE   | 1 Month Return % |
|----------|------------|------------------|
| 532839   | DISHTV     | (27.05)          |
| 511431   | VAKRANSOFT | (25.11)          |
| 511072   | DHFL       | (16.08)          |
| 522275   | ALSTOMT&D  | (13.83)          |
| 500405   | SUPPETRO   | (12.79)          |
| 531548   | SOMANYCERA | (9.87)           |
| 526797   | GREENPLY   | (9.28)           |
| 520056   | SUNCLAYLTD | (6.12)           |
| 524000   | MAGMA      | (5.64)           |
| 500101   | ARVIND     | (5.60)           |

#### Low ES & High PS Stock Showing Weakness

| BSE Code | NSE CODE   | 1 Month Return % |
|----------|------------|------------------|
| 531500   | RAJESHEXPO | (14.82)          |
| 500620   | GESHIP     | (9.96)           |
| 532978   | BAJAJFINSV | (6.53)           |
| 500380   | JKLAKSHMI  | (5.01)           |
| 500355   | RALLIS     | (4.93)           |
| 515030   | ASAHIINDIA | (4.77)           |
| 500302   | PEL        | (4.22)           |
| 532443   | CERA       | (3.96)           |
| 500002   | ABB        | (3.69)           |
| 532210   | CUB        | (3.64)           |

<sup>\*</sup> ES- Earning Score is average of EM (Earning Momentum defined as relative performance in terms of operating profit growth) and EQ (Earning Quality defined as relative balance sheet strength in terms of debt and working capital)

<sup>\*</sup> PS- Price Score is of a companiy is relative price performance in multiple time-frame

<sup>#</sup> Analysis shown here is only for companies with market cap more than Rs 1,000 Cr.



# **STDC / R25 Open Calls for 14-Nov-2018 (8)**

| STDC (8) |           |      |          |            |        |        |      |       |       |
|----------|-----------|------|----------|------------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| No       | Date      | Type | Buy/Sell | Stock      | Entry1 | Entry2 | SL   | Tgt 1 | Tgt 2 |
| 1        | 13-Nov-18 | STDC | BUY      | CADILAHC   | 356    | 341    | 315  | 384   | 401   |
| 2        | 13-Nov-18 | STDC | BUY      | WOCKPHARMA | 528    |        | 493  | 564   | 598   |
| 3        | 19-Oct-18 | STDC | BUY      | SUNPHARMA  | 595    | 575    | 540  | 700   | 730   |
| 4        | 17-Oct-18 | STDC | BUY      | AUROPHARMA | 750    | 705    | 670  | 830   | 850   |
| 5        | 01-Oct-18 | STDC | BUY      | GODREJAGRO | 539.5  | 517.5  | 491  | 585   | 601   |
| 6        | 26-Sep-18 | STDC | BUY      | NMDC       | 113.25 | 106.5  | 95.9 | 126   | 133   |
| 7        | 29-Aug-18 | STDC | BUY      | TATASTEEL  | 597.5  | 577.5  | 540  | 700   | 750   |
| 8        | 19-Jun-18 | STDC | BUY      | POWERGRID  | 197    | 188    | 173  | 225   | 235   |



Nifty Weekly 12-Nov-18

#### **VIEW**

Diwali spark fails to light up D-street as major Indices were facing multiple resistance at higher levels but this festive spirit and short covering boosted the sentiment of mid-caps which ended on positive note. Major indices traded in range bound and closed in red due to weak global cues as FED hinted for rate hike in next month. As domestic market will now heed on state elections which first round of voting is expected on monday. Outcome of these election are crucial as they will become an eyeball of the trend expected from the general election in 2019. With most short term events behind us, such as the earning season and CPI data which will be announced on monday, decline in CPI can boost the market sentiment. Any further fall in oil prices and appreciation in rupee can take the indices to the next levels.

#### NIFTY-

- a) Lack of follow thru buying and multiple resistance of higher levels resisted Nifty to close below 10600 levels.
- b) Dynamic of the market remain pretty much same as the earlier week until it sustains above key resistance of 10710 level which is unfilled bearish gap of previous sessions.
- c) If it give decisive close above 10710 then the probability of upside till 10880 levels certainly look open.
- d) Support lies at 10400 followed by 10235 levels.



|              | NIFTY LEVEL | JUSTIFICATION            |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Resistance 2 | 10750       | Previous swing high      |
| Resistance 1 | 10710       | Previous swing high      |
| Close        | 10585       |                          |
| Support 1    | 10400       | Low of Bullish belt hold |
| Support 2    | 10235       | Previous swing low       |

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# **Banknifty Weekly**

12-Nov-18

#### **VIEW**

Bank Nifty has consolidated in the narrow band of 25534 and 25861 throughout last week and closed the week with a net gain of 0.3% over its previous week's close. All the major banks also remain subdued during the week.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1) A Hanging man pattern was formed on the daily candlestick chart of Bank Nifty. It is often interpreted as a sign that the bulls are beginning to lose their control on the asset price.
- 2) The stochastic have reached at the overbought zone. It is the indication of consolidation or downward price revision in extreme short term.
- 3) The Bank Nifty is consolidating near 38.2% retracement level (25825) of its last fall (from 28388 to 24240). 38.2%-50% retracement level i.e, 25825-26315 zone would act as short term stiff resistance areas of the index.

According to the above observations it can be concluded that Bank Nifty is likely to consolidate in the short term. However a move above 26315 would indicate the reversal of recent downtrend. Therefore we advise to book some short term profits in the index at the current level. However the fresh long position can be initiated only above 26315.



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# **USDINR Weekly**

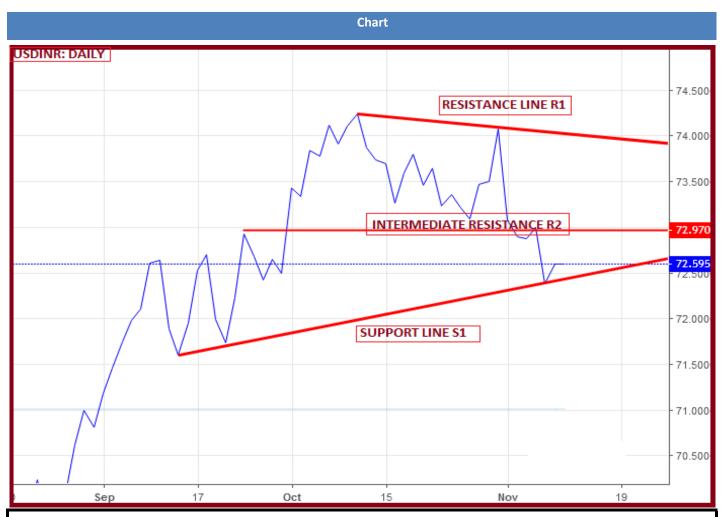
12-Nov-18

#### **VIEW**

The FOMC acknowledged the strength in the economy and suggested further gradual rate hikes resulting in USD strength across the board. The december rate hike is almost certain now. The dollar weakened following the US mid-term election results, which showed Democrats wresting control of the House of representatives from the ruling Republican party. Rupees rise was supported by dollar selling from exporters & banks and the greenback's weakness against some currencies overseas. Rupee could likely consolidate on account of opposing factors i.e. broad USD strength and lower crude prices.

#### **TECHNICAL FACTORS-**

- a) In line with our view, "The sequence of lower highs and lower lows are still intact".
- b) On a weekly chart pair has retraced after testing its upper channel of Bollinger band which imply trend reversal
- c) On a daily chart, pair gave Double top breakdown attributing the fact of trend reversal
- d) In addition, RSI and MACD are showing bearish crossover which further reinforce negative sentiment for this pair in near term
- e) A sustainable close below 72.40 levels will push pair further lower till 71.50 and 70.25 mark
- d) Now resistance slipped lower at 73.20 followed by 74.15 mark



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## STDC: Long / BUY 13-Nov-18

| BSE Code             | 532321        |
|----------------------|---------------|
| NSE Symbol           | CADILAHC      |
| 52wk Range H/L       | 468.90/330.65 |
| Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)  | 36,399.00     |
| Av.Cash Volume(,000) | 9099          |
| Open Interest        |               |



STDC- BUY CADILAHC @ 358-354 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 342-338 SL- 315 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-384, 401

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## STDC: Long / BUY 13-Nov-18

| BSE Code             | 532300      |
|----------------------|-------------|
| NSE Symbol           | WOCKPHARMA  |
| 52wk Range H/L       | 1012/473.45 |
| Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)  | 5,842.40    |
| Av.Cash Volume(,000) | 1296        |
| Open Interest        | 4567500     |



#### STDC BUY WOCKPHARM @ 528 SL-493 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-564,598

Wockhardt Limited has given a sharp pullback rally from its recent low of 437.45 made on 26th October 2018. Currently the stock has given bullish breakout of a **'Reverse Head and Shoulder'** pattern neck line above Rs 524 with decent volumes. Therefore some fresh up move is likely to take the stock higher up to 598 in the short term.





| STDC : Long / BUY | 19.0ct.19 |
|-------------------|-----------|
| SIDC:Long/BUY     | 19-Oct-18 |

| BSE Code             | 524715    |
|----------------------|-----------|
| NSE Symbol           | SUNPHARMA |
| 52wk Range H/L       | 435/679   |
| Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)  | 8,148.50  |
| Av.Cash Volume(,000) | 8148.5    |
| Open Interest        |           |

#### **Technical Chart**



#### STDC- BUY SUNPHARMA @ 590-600 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 570-580 SL-540 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT-700, 730

Scrip is running in the falling channel since long but now it seems to form double bottom pattern on weekly chart. As of now, it has been consolidating near its falling trend line from last few days. RSI stands above 50 mark lending its support to price action. Probability is higher that it can take support from the neckline of double bottom and surge higher in coming sessions. One can maintain buy on dips strategy at current price as risk rewards levels are looking favorable. Decent volume can trigger momentum on upside in coming days and it can accelerate toward northward direction.





#### STDC: Long / BUY 17-Oct-18

| BSE Code             | 524804     |
|----------------------|------------|
| NSE Symbol           | AUROPHARMA |
| 52wk Range H/L       | 809/527    |
| Mkt Capital (Rs Cr)  | 17,886.00  |
| Av.Cash Volume(,000) | 4422526    |
| Open Interest        |            |



#### STDC- BUY AUROPHARMA @ 745-755 AND ON DIP TOWARDS 700-710 SL-670 (CLOSING BASIS) TGT- 830, 850

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# Nickel Prices to Rally on Higher Steel and EV Demand

08-Oct-18

After almost decade, Nickel market has finally turned around and now sits on a structural deficit market and may have entered the prolonged period of under supply. Global nickel market is expected to end the year showing a deficit of 120,000 tonnes in 2018 and 65,000 tonnes in 2019.

Global nickel mine production growth rate is set to slow in 2018. The production increase from Indonesia and New Caledonia is partly offset due to fall in Philippines nickel ore output on account of suspension of mines on environmental grounds. Global refined nickel production is expected to reach 2.21 million tonnes in 2018. Nickel refined production is expected to increase due to higher availability of nickel ore from Indonesia, helping the Chinese NPI producers to increase their nickel pig iron production.

Global nickel demand is expected to increase by more than 9 percent this year at 2.33 million tonnes. At the start of the year, nickel demand was forecast to rise by just 5 percent. But demand from the two drivers – stainless steel and battery increased in turn supported nickel prices in 2018.

#### Continuous Rise in Stainless Steel Production

Around 65% of the nickel demand comes from this sector. World Crude steel production is increasing at a rate of 5.44% at 1.19 million tonnes during the Jan-Aug period of 2018. China, the world's largest producer, increased its steel capacity by 9 percent in the first 8 months of the year. Continuous growth in stainless steel production increases nickel usage and would create a supply shortage in the global nickel market.

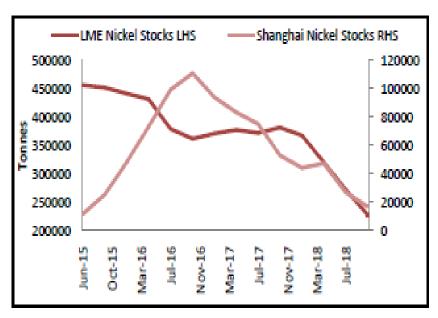
#### Battery demand

Battery demand is growing at a fast pace however the base is still very low. Currently, it contributes to just 3-5% of nickel demand. Battery demand from electric vehicles will be growing at a rate of 24% from the 2017-2025. Going with the number, there are expectations of 350,000-400,000 tonnes of new demand coming from this sector by 2025. Electric vehicles sales are accelerating. Global sales of electric vehicles reached the 400,000 barrier in the second quarter, rising 77 percent from a year earlier, according to a report from Bloomberg NEF. The latest forecast shows the sales of electric vehicles is forecasted to increase from a record 1.1 million worldwide in 2017, to 11 million in 2025 and then surging to 30 million in 2030.

It would take several years to fulfill this high demand as the Electric Vehicle market needs Class 1 nickel mined from nickel sulfide ores. There are only a handful of projects at this stage and it would take 6-7 years to bring to the market. Nornickel, one of the largest nickel producer, says the current nickel prices are not enough for more investment in nickel mine and production. For it to be attractive, nickel prices would have to be atleast \$18000 per tonnes for the next 18-24 month to bring in more nickel sulfide i.e. Class 1 Nickel for battery sector.

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## Inventory



Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg

Tightness in an inventory has been one of the reason granting support to the nickel prices. The inventory in both the exchanges – LME and Shanghai has fallen drastically this year. LME Nickel inventories at the London exchanges fell to 228,000 tonnes in September 2018 down from 450,000 tonnes, down by almost 50% since June 2015. Shanghai stocks have been declining since the start of the year, and are standing at the lowest since November 2015.

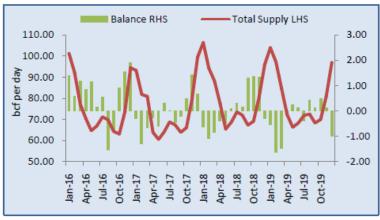
#### Outlook

We believe Nickel prices may continue to remain supported at currents levels on lower inventories, structural deficit market along with hopes of robust demand from stainless steel sector and electric vehicle sector. LME Nickel are expected to trade higher and test \$14500-\$15000 per tonne in the coming quarter of 2018 and in MCX, Nickel prices are expected to reach Rs 1050-1130 per kg by the end of the year 2018.



# Natural Gas Quarterly Outlook

#### **Demand Supply Scenario:**



Source: Narnolia Research, U.S. EIA

US Natural gas market normally shifts into deficit during the November to February period i.e. winter season in US. During this high period of demand, natural gas should be well-supplied or else supply tightness worry will emerge and prices will start to rally higher.

#### US Dry gas production

US Dry natural gas production is rising this year and is estimated to be at 82.2 bcf per day in August, up by 0.7 bcf/day in July, almost 7.4 bcf per day higher than last year. In 2018, US Dry gas production has increased by almost 10% on an average as compared to last year. Furthermore, EIA expects the dry natural gas production to keep rising on an average of 84.7 bcf per day in the coming year. Due to significant natural gas production increase in 2018, NYMEX natural gas prices have been unable to breach \$3 per MMbtu for the most of the summer.

#### US Gas consumption

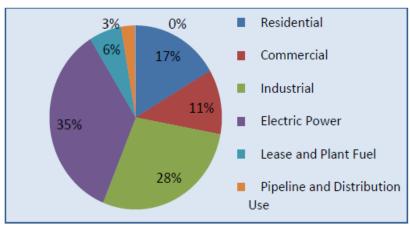
US Natural gas consumption has increased by 7% this year standing at 79.86 bcf per day. This increase in consumption is due to higher demand from the residential and industrial sector along with higher exports as compared to last year levels. Higher consumption of natural gas has been one of the reason for the lowest storage injection this October since the year 2005.

There are two demand driving season for natural gas – Winter and Summer. During winter, demand is measured by number of heating degree days and during summer, natural gas demand is measured by the number of cooling degree days.

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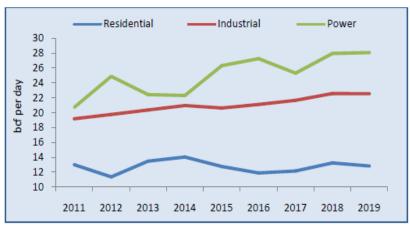
**Cooling degree days (CDD)** reflects the amount of energy required to cool a residence, industrial or a business. In 2018, CDD stood 18% higher than the previous year and averaged 25% above normal on hottest summer leading to strong air conditioning demand in the summer season. Warmer than normal temperatures extended into the month of September and provided further firmness to the natural gas prices.

#### Sector wise: Natural Gas Consumption Demand



Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg

From the above figure, we can conclude that the major consuming sectors of natural gas are Electric Power, Industrial and Residential sector. With Electric power being the major consumer of natural gas comprising 35% of the total natural gas consumption followed by Industrial and Residential sector.

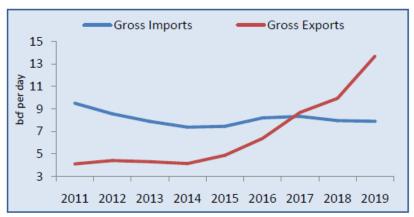


Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg

As you can see in the above figure, natural gas demand from largest contributing sector – power and industrial has been rising since the year 2011. Electric Power demand has risen from 20.7 bcf per day in 2011 to 28.07 bcf per day in 2018. Industrial demand of natural gas has increased on a slower rate as compared to electric power however, overall demand from this sector has shown a rising trend.



#### **US Attention towards Exports**

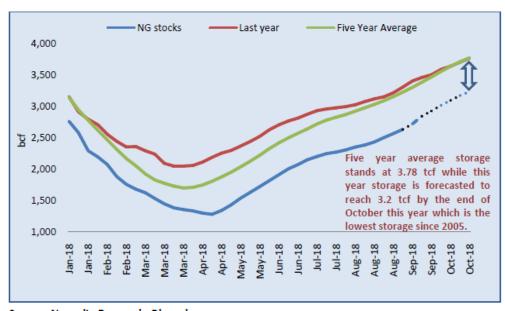


Source: Narnolia Research, EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook

United States had been a net importer while a time ago but after the shale gas revolution in the US, the nation has shifted from net importer to evolving natural gas exporter.

US exports have risen tremendously from 5 bcf per day in 2014 to almost 9bcf per day in 2018, an increment of 80%. Furthermore, there are expectations of US exports to reach 13 bcf per day in 2019. US Exports accounts for 12% of the total natural gas consumption. US LNG exports have started to rise from last year after the US removed ban on US gas exports. As of now, only few US companies have been allowed to export natural gas to other countries. Moreover, more permission will be granted to other companies to exports this year. We expect US LNG exports to rise by threefold by 2020.

#### **Storage Levels**



Source: Narnolia Research, Bloomberg



As per our calculation, we expect U.S. natural gas inventories will total 3.2 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) at the end of October 2018 which will be way below the five year average of 3.781 tcf. At present, natural gas inventories are at 2.722 tcf, natural gas inventories are 586 bcf or 20% below than the last year level and 672 bcf or 17.5% below the five-year average.

The inventory level is at the lowest level for that time of year since 2005 on high air conditioning demand this summer causing power generators to burn more gas than usual and leaving less gas available to go into storage. U.S. gas inventories will start the winter heating season at the lowest level since 2005, leaving the market vulnerable to winter price spikes.

**Winter season forecast** – Natural gas prices are unlikely to give a steep fall ahead of winter season forecast. If the weather forecast shows a cold winter ahead, prices would immediately get the support on future rise in demand for natural gas.

#### Outlook

After taking all the factors into consideration, we expect Natural Gas prices are likely to remain strong this winter season. With low stockpiles heading into the winter demand season, robust domestic consumption and higher natural gas exports from US are propping up prices, which are expected to average \$3.10/MMBtu this year and \$3.25/MMBtu in 2019. The only factor keeping the prices closer towards \$3/MMbtu is the record high production of natural gas in the United States. However, tightness in inventory during the winter season will overshadow the worries of record high production which will drive prices higher. We expect MCX Natural gas prices to test 245-250 levels in the coming six months time frame. Therefore, any downside until the end of October towards Rs 205-210 in MCX should be used as the buying opportunity.

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