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Geo-political tensions in the Middle East escalated amidst increased hostilities between Iran and Israel, which is likely to weigh on investors' sentiments. While oil prices jumped up amidst supply concerns, gold and dollar also inched up due to safe-haven demand. In US, University of Michigan's inflation expectation survey also noted an uptick for both 1Y and 5Y period. Separately, inflation in both Germany and France moderated, inching closer to ECB's target of 2%. In China, exports and import growth contracted in Mar'24 by 7.7% and 1.9% respectively. In India, CPI remained in line with our estimate at 4.9%, stickiness in food inflation remained while core was benign. FY24 headline CPI averaged at 5.4%, in line with RBI's estimate. IIP growth picked up to 5.7% in Feb'24 from 4.1% in Jan'24.

- Global stocks ended mixed. Markets remained cautious monitoring geopolitical tension. In US, 1-year ahead inflation expectations firmed up raising doubts about the timing of rate cut by Fed. Hang Seng fell the most, followed by US stocks. FTSE inched up supported by better macro print in UK. Sensex fell by 1.1% dragged down by consumer durables and oil and gas stocks. It is trading further lower today, while Asian stocks are trading mixed.

**Fig 1 – Stock markets**

	11-04-2024	12-04-2024	Change, %
Dow Jones	38,459	37,983	(1.2)
S & P 500	5,199	5,123	(1.5)
FTSE	7,924	7,996	0.9
Nikkei	39,443	39,524	0.2
Hang Seng	17,095	16,722	(2.2)
Shanghai Comp	3,034	3,019	(0.5)
Sensex	75,038	74,245	(1.1)
Nifty	22,754	22,519	(1.0)

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

- Global currencies ended weaker against the dollar. DXY rose by 0.7% as expectations of Fed rate cut in Jun'24 diminished. EUR depreciated by 0.8% as ECB hinted at rate cuts. GBP too depreciated even as UK's GDP expanded in Feb'24. Higher oil prices weighed on INR. It is trading further weaker today, in line with other Asian currencies.

**Fig 2 – Currencies**

	11-04-2024	12-04-2024	Change, %
EUR/USD (1 EUR / USD)	1.0726	1.0643	(0.8)
GBP/USD (1 GBP / USD)	1.2553	1.2452	(0.8)
USD/JPY (JPY / 1 USD)	153.27	153.23	0
USD/INR (INR / 1 USD)	83.19	83.42	(0.3)
USD/CNY (CNY / 1 USD)	7.2370	7.2373	0

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research



- Except India, global yields broadly closed lower. Germany's 10Y yield fell at the sharpest pace following comments by ECB Governing Council member who hinted at a rate cut in Jun'24. Both US and UK's 10Y yield fell by 6bps each. India's 10Y yield rose by 7bps in the truncated week as some bit of delay in global and domestic rate cut is priced in. It is trading at 7.17% today.

**Fig 3 – Bond 10Y yield**

	11-04-2024	12-04-2024	Change, bps
US	4.59	4.52	(6)
UK	4.20	4.14	(6)
Germany	2.46	2.36	(10)
Japan	0.87	0.86	(2)
China	2.29	2.28	(1)
India	7.11	7.18	7

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

**Fig 4 – Short term rates**

	10-04-2024	12-04-2024	change in bps
Tbill-91 days	6.86	6.84	(2)
Tbill-182 days	7.01	7.00	(1)
Tbill-364 days	7.03	7.02	(1)
G-Sec 2Y	7.06	7.11	5
India OIS-2M	6.69	6.72	2
India OIS-9M	6.79	6.83	4
SONIA int rate benchmark	5.20	5.20	0
US SOFR	5.31	5.31	0

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

**Fig 5 – Liquidity**

Rs tn	10-04-2024	12-04-2024	change (Rs tn)
Net Liquidity (-Surplus/+deficit)	(0.8)	(0.8)	0
Reverse Repo	0.1	0.1	0
Repo	0	0	0

Source: RBI, Bank of Baroda Research

**Fig 6 – Capital market flows**

	08-04-2024	10-04-2024	change (US\$ mn/Rs cr)
FII (US\$ mn)	1,090.2	553.6	(536.6)
Debt	66.8	165.4	98.6
Equity	1,023.4	388.2	(635.2)
Mutual funds (Rs cr)	7,667.2	2,385.7	(5,281.5)
Debt	5,171.9	24.5	(5,147.3)
Equity	2,495.3	2,361.2	(134.1)

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

- Oil prices rose as tensions between Iran and Israel flared up.

**Fig 7 – Commodities**

	11-04-2024	12-04-2024	% change
Brent crude (US\$/bbl)	89.7	90.5	0.8
Gold (US\$/ Troy Ounce)	2,372.5	2,344.4	(1.2)
Copper (US\$/ MT)	9,209.9	9,333.2	1.3
Zinc (US\$/MT)	2,752.2	2,833.0	2.9
Aluminium (US\$/MT)	2,454.0	2,494.0	1.6

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research



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