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As the concerns around Middle East conflict eased, global indices rebounded with demand for safe haven assets waning. Prices for gold and oil moderated. In the upcoming policy meet, investors anticipate BoJ will not change rates after Governor commented to 'proceed cautiously' and first assess the impact of recent policy change. Separately, Australia's composite PMI scaled up to a 2-year high (53.6 in Apr'24 from 53.3 in Mar'24) and in Japan, business activity climbed up at its fastest pace in over 8-months (52.6 from 51.7 in Mar). Investors will closely await India's flash PMI reading and release of US PCE data scheduled this week.

- Barring Shanghai Comp, other global indices ended higher. US indices rebounded after ending lower as investors continued to monitor quarterly earnings reports. FTSE closed at a record high amidst growing expectations of a rate cut. Sensex continued to climb up supported by a strong rally in consumer durables and capital good stocks. It is trading higher today, in line with other Asian stocks.

**Fig 1 – Stock markets**

|               | 19-04-2024 | 22-04-2024 | Change, % |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Dow Jones     | 37,986     | 38,240     | 0.7       |
| S & P 500     | 4,967      | 5,011      | 0.9       |
| FTSE          | 7,896      | 8,024      | 1.6       |
| Nikkei        | 37,068     | 37,439     | 1.0       |
| Hang Seng     | 16,224     | 16,512     | 1.8       |
| Shanghai Comp | 3,065      | 3,045      | (0.7)     |
| Sensex        | 73,088     | 73,649     | 0.8       |
| Nifty         | 22,147     | 22,336     | 0.9       |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

- Except INR, other global currencies ended broadly weaker against the dollar. EUR and GBP depreciated as both ECB and BoE are expected to cut rates before the Fed. JPY depreciated to its weakest since Jun'90, ahead of BoJ's policy meeting. INR appreciated by 0.1% as oil prices eased. It is trading further stronger today, in line with other Asian currencies.

**Fig 2 – Currencies**

|                       | 19-04-2024 | 22-04-2024 | Change, % |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| EUR/USD (1 EUR / USD) | 1.0656     | 1.0655     | 0         |
| GBP/USD (1 GBP / USD) | 1.2370     | 1.2350     | (0.2)     |
| USD/JPY (JPY / 1 USD) | 154.64     | 154.85     | (0.1)     |
| USD/INR (INR / 1 USD) | 83.47      | 83.37      | 0.1       |
| USD/CNY (CNY / 1 USD) | 7.2393     | 7.2436     | (0.1)     |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

- Except Japan, other global yields edged down. 10Y yield in UK fell the most by 3bps amidst expectations that the BoE is likely to cut rates in Jun'24. On the



other hand, Japan's 10Y yield rose by 4bps as investors turned their focus on upcoming BoJ policy amidst a sustained weakness in JPY. India's 10Y yield fell by 4bps amidst easing tensions in Middle East. It is trading further lower at 7.17% today.

**Fig 3 – Bond 10Y yield**

|         | 19-04-2024 | 22-04-2024 | Change, bps |
|---------|------------|------------|-------------|
| US      | 4.62       | 4.61       | (1)         |
| UK      | 4.23       | 4.21       | (3)         |
| Germany | 2.50       | 2.49       | (1)         |
| Japan   | 0.85       | 0.89       | 4           |
| China   | 2.26       | 2.25       | (1)         |
| India   | 7.23       | 7.19       | (4)         |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

**Fig 4 – Short term rates**

|                          | 19-04-2024 | 22-04-2024 | change in bps |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Tbill-91 days            | 6.86       | 6.86       | 0             |
| Tbill-182 days           | 6.98       | 6.97       | (1)           |
| Tbill-364 days           | 7.04       | 7.04       | 0             |
| G-Sec 2Y                 | 7.15       | 7.13       | (2)           |
| India OIS-2M             | 6.75       | 6.75       | 0             |
| India OIS-9M             | 6.88       | 6.86       | (1)           |
| SONIA int rate benchmark | 5.20       | 5.20       | 0             |
| US SOFR                  | 5.30       | 5.31       | 1             |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research

**Fig 5 – Liquidity**

| Rs tn                             | 19-04-2024 | 22-04-2024 | change (Rs tn) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Net Liquidity (-Surplus/+deficit) | (0.4)      | 1.1        | 1.5            |
| Reverse Repo                      | 0.1        | 0          | (0.1)          |
| Repo                              | 0          | 0.8        | 0.8            |

Source: RBI, Bank of Baroda Research

**Fig 6 – Capital market flows**

|                      | 18-04-2024 | 19-04-2024 | change (US\$ mn/Rs cr) |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| FII (US\$ mn)        | (807.7)    | (5.6)      | 802.1                  |
| Debt                 | (309.2)    | (98.1)     | 211.1                  |
| Equity               | (498.5)    | 92.5       | 591.0                  |
| Mutual funds (Rs cr) | 2,720.8    | 2,383.1    | (337.7)                |
| Debt                 | 1,239.8    | 1,050.4    | (189.4)                |
| Equity               | 1,481.0    | 1,332.7    | (148.3)                |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research | Note: Mutual funds data as of 16 Apr and 18 Apr 2024

- Oil prices moderated as tensions in Middle East eased.

**Fig 7 – Commodities**

|                         | 19-04-2024 | 22-04-2024 | % change |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Brent crude (US\$/bbl)  | 87.3       | 87.0       | (0.3)    |
| Gold (US\$/ Troy Ounce) | 2,391.9    | 2,327.3    | (2.7)    |
| Copper (US\$/ MT)       | 9,797.2    | 9,742.0    | (0.6)    |
| Zinc (US\$/MT)          | 2,835.5    | 2,810.2    | (0.9)    |
| Aluminium (US\$/MT)     | 2,669.0    | 2,670.5    | 0.1      |

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research



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