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Portfolio Musings: Time to look at banks

Portfolio Musings: Continue to remain cautious

We continue to believe equity markets will stay cautious with no credible solution yet on the European situation. Domestically too, the window of likely policy action (relaxed FDI, fuel price and fertilizer subsidy reform) is now threatening to close for the medium term with Uttar Pradesh state elections drawing closer (unless prescheduled, expected in May 2012). However, while inflation remains elevated, we believe that policy rates may be approaching a peak with expectations of slowing global growth and increasing regulatory focus on exchange-traded commodities. Athough valuations are beginning to look attractive for the Indian market, investors are now increasingly beginning to look at the outlook for FY13, where the jury, on economic growth and earnings growth, is still not in. However, the Indian hinterland - driven by rising prosperity in tier 2 and tier 3 towns, remains robust doing the heavy lifting for the Indian economy along with services.

Raising O/W on banks, reiterating conviction Buys on tractors & 2-wheelers Our banking analysts Manish Karwa and Manish Shukla believe that the banking sector is trading at trough valuations, despite conservative estimates on asset quality (a legitimate concern, which may already be priced in). Following the high conviction call from our banking team, we raise our overweight on banks to 179bps with SBI and HDFC Bank the top picks in our model portfolio. We continue with our high conviction O/W call on 2-wheelers and tractors (M&M and Bajaj Auto) as we believe that continuing strength in India's hinterland (aided by strong monsoon) should drive robust demand for tractors and 2-wheelers. Our key U/Ws are: (a) Utilities - with power sector continuing to languish from coal-shortage, (b) Metals - we see further risk to global commodity prices from slowing global growth plus increased regulatory focus on exchange traded commodities.

Key additions: SBI, cement, NHPC & Exide; Deletions: SunTV, Bharat Forge New additions to our portfolio: SBI - a top pick with our banking analysts as SBI's NIM trajectory has been improving, while its strong liability franchise continues to help immobilize low-cost deposits. We also add 3 cement stocks (Ultratech, ACC & Shree Cement); our cement analyst foresees rising capacity utilization and narrowing price differentials between wholesale and retail prices benefitting key cement players. We introduce NHPC (regulatory focus for hydro power expected to turn favorable) and Exide (EBITDA margins to improve). Top Picks: Asian Paints, Bharti, Bajaj Auto, Coal India, HDFC Bank, ITC, JSPL, L&T, M&M, SBI.

DB India Model Portfolio continues to outperform benchmark MSCI IndiaOur model portfolio has outperformed MSCI India by 102bps since 5th August 2011 (date of last change to the portfolio) driven chiefly by our O/W stance on 2 wheelers and tractors. Our Model portfolio has outperformed MSCI India by 384bps YTD and by 455bps YoY respectively.

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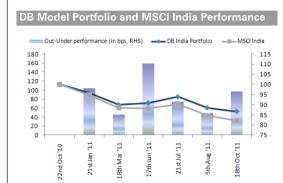
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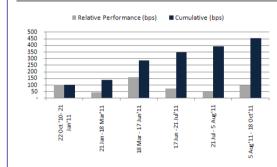
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DB India Model Portfolio vs. MSCI India



Portfolio positioning

Sector positioning

Figure 1: Key over weight, under weight and neutral sectors								
Overweight	Neutral	Underweight						
Autos	Cement	Healthcare						
Banks/Financials	Consumer Staples	IT Services						
Energy	Industrials	Metals						
Telecom	Media	Utilities						

Source: Deutsche Bank

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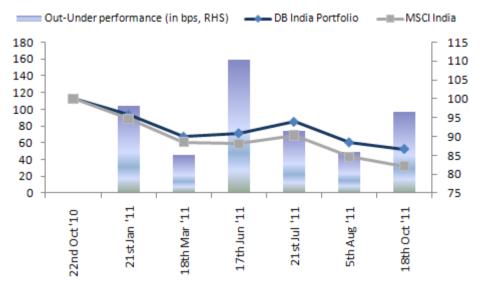
Figure 2: DB India Model Portfolio															
		Last Price	% Up	Мсар				P/E (x)		EPS Growth (%)		P/BV (x)		ROE (%)	
Company	Reco	INR	side	USD Mn	MSCI wt.	DB wt.	O/U wt.	FY12e	FY13e	FY12e	FY13e	FY12e	FY13e	FY12e	FY13e
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY					6.16	8.52	236 bps								
Automobiles & Components					5.33	6.80	147 bps								
Bajaj Auto	Buy	1,622	11%	9,563	1.21	2.41	120 bps	16.1	14.2	12.5	12.9	7.5	5.9	52.3	46.2
Exide Ind	Buy	135	11%	2,341		0.20	20 bps	17.6	14.6	7.9	21.0	3.6	3.0	21.9	22.6
Mahindra & Mahindra	Buy	801	12%	10,007	2.11	3.41	130 bps	17.4	14.2	10.6	22.2	4.0	3.4	25.2	25.7
Maruti	Hold	1,059	9%	6,227	0.63	0.78	15 bps	12.5	11.2	6.4	11.3	1.9	1.6	16.0	15.5
Consumer Durables & Apparel					0.40	1.05	65 bps								
Titan	Buy	220	25%	3,975	0.40	1.05	65 bps	30.5	24.3	46.2	25.8	13.8	10.0	52.2	47.7
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure					0.00	0.00	0 bps								
Media					0.42	0.67	25 bps								
Zee Entertainment	Buy	112	43%	2,233	0.42	0.67	25 bps	16.7	14.3	12.4	16.5	2.3	2.1	14.3	15.1
Retailing					0.00	0.00	0 bps								
CONSUMER STAPLES					7.35	7.73	38 bps								
Food Beverage & Tobacco					4.54	5.77	123 bps								
ITC	Buy	204	8%	32,249	3.92	5.12	120 bps	24.4	22.2	30.6	9.8	8.0	6.7	36.5	32.8
Nestle	Hold	4,130	8%	8,104		0.65	65 bps	37.3	29.7	32.1	25.5	31.8	22.6	101.8	88.8
Household & Personal Products					2.81	1.96	-85 bps								
Hindustan Unilever (HUL)	Hold	331	-6%	14,586	2.46	1.96	-50 bps	27.5	23.4	20.5	17.3	20.7	17.7	81.0	81.3
ENERGY					12.85	14.30	145 bps								
Consumable Fuels					1.42	2.22	80 bps								
Coal India	Buy	327	38%	42,075	1.42	2.22	80 bps	14.1	11.8	32.4	19.8	4.7	3.7	37.5	34.8
Oil & Gas					11.43	12.08	65 bps								
Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)	Buy	270	35%	47,048	1.79	2.34	55 bps	8.4	7.7	21.6	8.0	1.7	1.5	22.0	20.8
Petronet LNG	Buy	165	20%	2,525		0.55	55 bps	12.5	11.6	50.9	7.6	3.4	2.8	30.8	26.6
Reliance Industries	Buy	815	30%	54,346	9.17	9.19	2 bps	11.6	10.2	27.2	13.4	1.7	1.5	15.5	15.4
FINANCIALS					28.01	28.81	80 bps								
Banks					16.35	18.14	179 bps								
Axis Bank	Buy	1,089	31%	9,124	2.12	2.61	50 bps	11.1	9.1	20.7	21.0	2.1	1.8	20.1	20.9
HDFC Bank	Buy	474	20%	22,522	6.15	6.95	80 bps	22.8	17.8	32.2	28.1	0.7	0.6	19.1	20.9
ICICI Bank	Hold	876	27%	20,534	6.07	6.47	40 bps	16.3	13.3	20.5	22.6	1.7	1.6	11.0	12.3
Sate Bank of India (SBI)	Hold	1,855	38%	23,980	1.01	1.91	90 bps	7.5	5.9	45.5	27.6	1.2	1.1	17.6	19.1
Yes Bank	Buy	279	36%	1,994		0.20	20 bps	10.1	8.1	33.0	24.3	2.1	1.8	23.3	23.8
Diversified Financials					3.42	1.47	-195 bps								
Power Finance Corp	Buy	142	114%	3,833		0.20	20 bps	5.2	4.3	20.1	21.4	1.0	8.0	20.0	21.0
Rural Electrification Corp (REC)	Buy	171	64%	3,439	0.44	0.63	20 bps	6.1	5.2	10.8	18.0	1.2	1.0	21.0	21.6
Shriram Transport Finance	Buy	598	41%	2,750	0.64	0.64	0 bps	8.9	7.8	19.7	14.4	2.2	1.8	26.9	24.9
Thrifts and Mortgage Finance					6.80	6.70	-10 bps								
Housing Development Finance Corp (HDFC)	Buy	671	20%	20,083	6.24	6.70	46 bps	24.0	20.0	18.6	20.0	5.0	4.3	22.6	23.7
Real Estate					1.43	2.50	107 bps								
DLF	Buy	228	14%	7,871	0.80	1.80	100 bps	25.4	16.5	0.7	54.2	1.4	1.3	5.8	8.4
Sobha Developers	Buy	229	46%	457		0.70	70 bps	12.5	9.0	-2.4	39.2	1.1	1.0	9.2	11.8

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HEALTH CARE					4.68	3.13	-155 bps										
Aurobindo Pharma	Buy	124	78%	733		0.65	65 bps	6.1	4.7	15.1	27.9	1.4	1.1	23.7	25.4		
Cipla	Hold	286	-4%	4,674	0.81	0.81	0 bps	21.9	19.0	9.0	15.2	3.1	2.8	15.0	15.6		
Lupin	Hold	462	-3%	4,216	0.58	0.42	-16 bps	21.1	19.2	11.8	9.5	5.0	4.1	26.2	23.5		
Sun Pharma	Hold	473	-2%	9,920	1.25	1.25	0 bps	22.8	21.2	20.2	7.2	4.8	4.2	22.9	21.0		
INDUSTRIALS					9.36	8.98	-38 bps										
Construction & Engineering					2.40	4.10	170 bps										
IRB Infra	Buy	169	14%	1,142		0.50	50 bps	10.8	12.1	15.2	-10.7	1.9	1.7	19.6	15.0		
Larsen & Toubro	Buy	1,352	37%	16,811	2.40	3.60	120 bps	18.9	16.9	6.4	12.0	2.8	2.5	16.3	15.6		
Electrical Equipment					1.85	1.98	13 bps										
Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL)	Buy	323	23%	16,080	1.63	1.98	35 bps	12.4	13.4	9.6	-7.4	3.1	2.6	28.3	20.9		
Industrial Conglomerates					2.23	0.00	-223 bps										
Machinery					2.35	2.90	55 bps										
Tata Motors	Buy	181	-3%	10,915	2.35	2.90	55 bps	7.1	7.3	-8.6	-1.7	2.2	1.8	36.1	28.1		
Transporation Infrastructure					0.53	0.00	-53 bps										
IT Services					16.60	15.80	-80 bps										
Infosys	Buy	2,710	9%	31,650	10.01	10.56	55 bps	19.8	17.3	16.0	14.3	5.2	4.6	27.5	28.0		
Tata Consultancy	Buy	1,039	20%	41,425	4.19	4.94	75 bps	21.3	18.8	19.8	13.2	7.8	6.8	38.7	38.7		
Tech Mahindra	Buy	573	92%	1,484		0.30	30 bps	7.7	6.1	46.4	26.4	1.7	1.5	23.7	26.1		
MATERIALS					9.71	9.89	18 bps										
Chemicals					1.04	2.29	125 bps										
Asian Paints	Hold	3,122	4%	6,092	0.77	1.77	100 bps	28.5	24.0	25.7	18.9	10.8	8.5	42.5	39.8		
United Phosphorus	Buy	139	44%	1,308	0.27	0.52	25 bps	7.9	7.0	45.2	12.8	1.4	1.3	19.9	19.7		
Construction Materials					1.96	2.20	24 bps										
ACC	Buy	1,103	7%	4,219	0.50	1.00	50 bps	18.4	14.6	2.2	25.5	3.0	2.7	16.9	19.2		
Shree Cement	Buy	1,855	20%	1,315		0.25	25 bps	30.6	12.6	-1.0	143.8	3.0	2.5	10.1	21.4		
Ultratech Cement	Hold	1,130	3%	6,304	0.66	0.95	29 bps	16.8	12.9	31.1	29.7	2.5	2.1	16.0	17.8		
Metals & Mining					6.71	5.40	-131 bps										
Hindustan zinc	Buy	118	22%	10,143		0.35	35 bps	8.5	7.5	22.4	13.3	1.8	1.5	23.8	21.9		
JSW Steel	Buy	571	47%	2,594	0.44	0.79	35 bps	7.7	5.8	-0.6	32.5	0.8	0.7	10.4	12.6		
Jindal Steel & Power	Buy	510	57%	9,691	1.64	2.39	75 bps	10.9	8.3	20.4	31.1	2.7	2.1	27.9	28.3		
Tata Steel	Buy	425	46%	8,301	1.12	1.87	75 bps	7.0	5.1	-8.6	37.9	1.5	1.2	25.7	18.3		
Telecom					0.33	1.10	77 bps										
Bharti	Buy	372	24%	28,763		1.10	110 bps	14.5	9.9	62.4	45.7	2.5	2.0	18.8	22.3		
UTILITIES					4.95	1.74	-321 bps										
Electric Utilities					0.84	0.00	-84 bps										
Gas Utilities					1.35	0.30	-105 bps										
Indraprastha Gas	Hold	398	13%	1,136		0.30	30 bps	16.7	15.6	31.9	7.3	4.6	3.8	30.4	26.7		
IPP					2.76	1.44	-132 bps										
NTPC	Hold	170	12%	28,453	0.84	1.04	20 bps	14.2	12.5	7.8	13.3	1.9	1.7	14.0	14.6		
NHPC	Buy	29	25%	5,808		0.40	40 bps	13.4	11.7	17.6	14.9	1.0	1.0	8.6	8.5		
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Source: Deutsche Bank; Bloomberg Finance L.P.

DB India model portfolio (significantly oriented to domestic consumption plays) has outperformed MSCI India over past one year

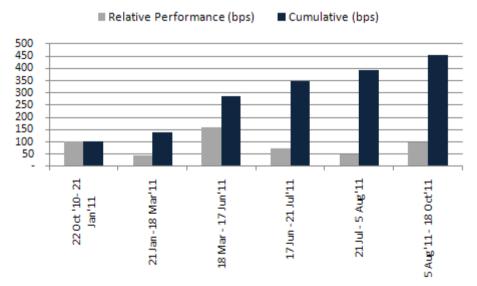
Figure 4: Performance of DB India Model Portfolio & MSCI India



Source: Deutsche Bank, Bloomberg Finance L.P.; DB India Model portfolio is benchmarked to MSCI India; Last priced as of 18th October 2011 close

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Figure 5: Relative performance of DB India Model Portfolio vs. MSCI India



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Over the latest period i.e. 5th Aug to 18th Oct 2011, 15 stocks advanced while 31 stocks declined. In terms of relative performance, 19 stocks outperformed MSCI India, while 27 stocks underperformed In the latest changes to portfolio, we have added 6 stocks (i.e. SBI, ACC, Ultratech, Shree Cement, Exide and NHPC), while removed 4 stocks (i.e. Bharat Forge, Sun TV, Reliance Communication and Bank of Baroda).

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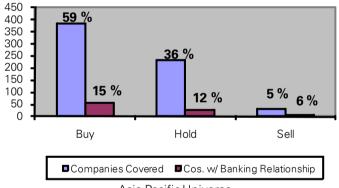
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