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Monthly Market Outlook and Commentary

Asset Class	Benchmark	Latest Value	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Equity				
India	Nifty 50	17464.75	3.99%	0.64%
US	S&P 500	4530.42	3.58%	-4.95%
Europe	Euro Stoxx 50	3902.52	-0.55%	-9.21%
Japan	Nikkei 225	27821.36	4.88%	-3.37%
China	Shanghai comp	3252.20	-6.07%	-10.65%
Bond				
India	10 yr G-Sec	6.84	1.08%	6.09%
US	10 yr treasury	2.35	28.70%	55.30%
Others				
Bullion	Spot Gold USD/ oz	1936.32	1.45%	6.11%
Currency	USD/INR	75.39	0.13%	-1.26%
Commodity	WTI Crude USD/ bbl	101.17	5.56%	33.47%



Market Commentary

The panic of war gripped the market during the first half of the month and Nifty dropped to an 8-month low of 15600. However, buying emerged soon after at lower levels taking the markets sharply higher by over 2000 points. Crude rose to a 14yr high creating chaos in many countries including India. On one side Central banks are struggling to catch up as they are in a quandary to choose between growth and inflation, on the other side Governments are battling supply side issues due to the war.

We remain committed to our strategy of investing in good quality companies at attractive prices. Volatility offers an opportunity to buy these companies at an appropriate time. We will closely watch the price and earnings growth to decide on our allocation.



Update on portfolio companies:

- 1. HDFC Bank: Two of the country's largest financial entities joined hands on April 4th, 2022. The board of India's largest mortgage lender Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) approved merger of itself with India's largest private bank HDFC Bank Limited to create a banking behemoth. The entities believe merger will be value accretive and maximise shareholder return over the long run. The management intends to capitalise on the synergies in both the business and leverage on the combined capital strength of the merged entity. They intend to cross sell products and bring into coverage a larger customer base especially in the semi urban and rural geographies.
- 2. **L&T:** In a bid to enable India's decarbonization push, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Larsen & Toubro and ReNew Power announced signing of binding term sheet for the formation of a Joint Venture (JV) company to develop the nascent green hydrogen sector in India.
 - The renewable arm of the Business has won an order to construct a 245 MW solar power project in Rajasthan. Another order has been secured to implement a solar photovoltaic cum storage project in the Kutch district of Gujarat. The large scale, grid interactive green energy storage project will have a 35 MW (AC) solar capacity and a 57 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). In the Middle East region, the Business has won orders for the supply and construction of shunt reactors in 132 kV substations on a turnkey basis.
- 3. **Reliance Industries:** Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) announced acquisition of 89% equity stake in Purple Panda Fashions Private Limited, which owns and operates the Clovia business, with an investment of Rs 950 crore through a combination of secondary stake purchase and primary investment. The Founding team and management will own the balance stake in the Company.
 - Reliance New Energy Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd, has today signed definitive agreements to acquire substantially all of the assets of Lithium Werks BV ("Lithium Werks") for a total transaction value of US\$ 61 Million including funding for future growth. The assets include the entire patent portfolio of Lithium Werks, manufacturing facility in China, key business contracts and hiring of existing employees as a going concern.
- 4. **Maruti:** Maruti Suzuki India Limited has exported a record 238,376 units in FY 2021-22, the highest in any financial year
- 5. **Hero Motors:** Hero MotoCorp, sold 4, 50,154 units in March 2022. This is a sequential growth over the volume sales in the month of February, when the company dispatched 358,254 units of motorcycles and scooters, indicating a gradual recovery in the economy.
 - Hero MotoCorp will make an upward revision in the ex-showroom prices of its motorcycles and scooters, with effect from April 5, 2022. The price revision will be up to Rs. 2,000 and the exact quantum of increase will be subject to specific model and the market.

The Income Tax department conducted a raid in some of the offices of Hero Motors during the month.



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Pelican PMS Portfolio Management strategy is developed based on the strong understanding of trends and solid backing of temperament. The robust process aims to reduce the component of subjectivity and minimizes the conventional errors committed by investors, while at the same time offering significantly higher risk adjusted returns.

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