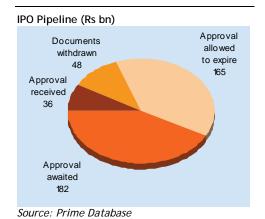


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Financial Services

IPOs - Bulging pipeline, thinning output

- Crash: Since the equity market crash in January this year, the IPO market has been moribund. Total monies raised from the primary market this February onwards has been a modest Rs.43 bn from 25 issues. During the same period last year, this number was an impressive Rs.330 bn from 65 issues. This represents a huge decline of 86.8%. The meager amount raised since February was mostly by small/mid-sized companies whose issues were managed by Tier-2 bankers. Thus the impact on large bankers such as Kotak, Citicorp, JM, UBS etc. has been quite debilitating.
- Robust pipeline: Many IPOs that were to hit the markets are currently in the pipeline. The pipeline (including issue withdrawn, approval sought, approval expired and approval received status) is now a staggering Rs.431 bn. Also, several hundred companies that were planning to file with SEBI have decided to postpone the same. All inclusive, the pipeline could be worth a massive Rs.500-600 bn. However, this does not include any disinvestment plans that the government may have, which could add another Rs.150-200 bn to the pipeline.
- Substantial sentiment revival needed: While the pipeline indicates the magnitude of the opportunity for India's top investment bankers, it is quite clear that such sums cannot be raised in the absence of an improvement in both local as well as international market sentiment. If and when sentiment does improve, companies under our coverage such as Edelweiss (OP), Motilal Oswal (MP) and Kotak (NR) would be major beneficiaries while companies like India Infoline (MP) and IDFC (OP) would be beneficiaries to a small extent. We maintain our Neutral stance on the financial services sector.

Financials

| | Revenue / Net Op. Income (Rs bn) | | | EPS (Rs) | | | Adj. Book Value (Rs) | | | Return on Equity (%) | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E |
| HDFC | 30.5 | 35.4 | 43.0 | 68.5 | 81.7 | 99.9 | 421 | 473 | 543 | 22.2 | 18.4 | 19.7 |
| IDFC | 13.1 | 15.7 | 19.3 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 10.6 | 33 | 46 | 51 | 17.4 | 14.7 | 16.0 |
| Edelwiess | 10.9 | 11.6 | 15.4 | 39.6 | 36.1 | 44.5 | 247 | 279 | 318 | 23.4 | 13.8 | 15.8 |
| India Infoline | 10.2 | 12.5 | 17.0 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 37 | 54 | 60 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 11.6 |
| Motilal Oswal | 6.9 | 6.7 | 8.5 | 11.0 | 9.3 | 12.1 | 54 | 62 | 73 | 28.4 | 16.1 | 18.0 |
| Reliance Capital | 49.2 | 61.7 | 76.2 | 41.0 | 58.2 | 72.5 | 250 | 301 | 364 | 17.6 | 21.1 | 21.8 |

Valuation

| | CMP | Rating | TP | Price / Earnings (x) | | | Price / Adj. Book (x) | | | Net Dividend Yield (%) | | |
|------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| | (Rs) | | (Rs) | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E | FY08 | FY09E | FY10E |
| HDFC | 2,281 | MP | 2,406 | 33.3 | 27.9 | 22.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| IDFC | 92 | OP | 125 | 12.3 | 10.6 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.2 |
| Edelwiess | 582 | OP | 630 | 14.7 | 16.1 | 13.1 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| India Infoline | 140 | MP | 130 | 22.9 | 20.9 | 17.7 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Motilal Oswal | 113 | MP | 120 | 10.2 | 12.1 | 9.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Reliance Capital | 1,244 | MP | 1,400 | 30.3 | 21.4 | 17.2 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |



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BUY : > 15% Outperformance to BSE Sensex Outperformer (OP) : 5 to 15% Outperformance to Sensex

Market Performer (MP) : -5 to 5% of Sensex Movement Underperformer (UP) : -5 to -15% of Underperformace to Sensex

Market Performer (MP) : -5 to 5% of Sensex Movement
Sell : <-15% Relative to Sensex

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