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IP Growth Decelerates Sharply – Blame Volatility in Capital Goods

Industrial production (IP) growth decelerated in August: IP growth decelerated to 5.6%YoY in August from 15.2%YoY in July (revised upwards from 13.8% YoY earlier) and 5.8%YoY in June 2010. The growth in August was significantly below market expectation (as per Bloomberg survey) of 9.5% YoY. On a seasonally adjusted sequential basis, the IP index was down 6.7% MoM (vs. +7.5% MoM in July). The key reason for the sharp deceleration in IP growth this month was the volatile capital goods component (-2.6%YoY in August vs. +72%YoY in the previous month). If we look at IP ex capital goods, growth decelerated to 6.8%YoY in August (vs. 7.4% in the previous month) largely on base effect.

We believe the 3-month moving average is a better measure of the IP growth trend: on this basis, IP growth decelerated to 8.8% YoY in the 3-months ended August from 10.8% YoY for the 3-months ended July 2010. We do not believe the underlying growth trend in economic activity has seen as sharp a moderation as today's IP growth data for August suggest.

In fact, we do not see any sign of a major deceleration of growth in other key data points that we track: The growth in passenger car sales (23%YoY vs. 29.9% YoY in July) and 2-wheeler sales (24.9%YoY vs. 32.2% YoY in July) remained strong in August. Similarly tax revenue collections (26.6% YoY vs. 24.4% YoY in July) and non-oil imports growth (41.1%YoY vs. 49.6%YoY in July) continue to grow at a healthy pace.

IP growth to remain strong in the coming months:

Although the high base effect will mean moderation in YoY growth going forward, we expect MoM seasonally adjusted growth in IP index to remain strong. We expect IP growth to remain in the 8-9% range in the coming months. We maintain our full year F2011 (12-months ending March 2011) IP growth estimate of 8.7%.

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Exhibit 1

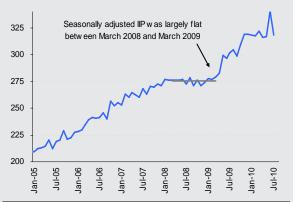
IIP Growth (YoY% and YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 2

Seasonally Adjusted IIP



Source: Morgan Stanley Research

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Need to stay on course of rate hikes: The repo rate has been raised by a total of 125 basis points in this cycle, which has narrowed the gap between operative policy rates and neutral rates to about 25-50 bps. However, we believe that domestic growth and near-term macro stability risks will warrant the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) staying the

course on policy rate hikes over the next six months unless there are signs of a major deceleration in developed world growth. Our global economics team does not expect any major slowdown in developed world growth. We expect the RBI to hike policy rates again by 25 bps at the next monetary policy review on November 2, 2010.

Exhibit 3
Trends in Industrial Production (YoY %) (Base Year – 1993-94)

	Weight	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
IIP	100	10.6	9.3	10.2	12.0	17.7	16.3	14.7	15.2	11.5	5.8	15.2	5.6
Sectoral													
Manufacturing	79.4	10.6	9.7	10.9	13.1	19.4	17.4	15.7	16.4	12.2	5.8	16.7	5.9
Mining & Quarrying	10.5	11.0	7.4	9.1	10.7	11.1	15.3	11.0	12.0	9.9	8.5	9.9	7.0
Electricity	10.2	10.6	7.5	4.0	1.8	5.4	5.6	7.3	6.9	6.4	3.5	3.7	1.0
Use Based													
Basic Goods	35.6	7.7	5.3	4.0	6.0	8.4	11.5	8.5	9.2	8.2	3.1	5.2	3.7
Capital Goods	9.3	9.2	13.5	10.2	11.1	38.7	53.7	44.0	55.0	33.7	-0.3	72.0	-2.6
Intermediate Goods	26.5	14.4	11.0	15.5	19.6	22.8	21.9	14.8	10.8	10.5	8.9	9.2	10.0
Consumer Goods	28.7	10.9	9.7	12.1	12.2	13.1	3.0	8.4	12.3	7.7	8.5	7.8	6.9
Durables	5.4	24.7	24.1	20.0	38.1	45.9	31.7	30.3	32.7	25.3	27.8	23.7	26.5
Non Durables	23.3	6.1	4.1	9.0	4.5	5.2	-4.7	1.6	5.2	1.2	1.5	1.4	-1.2

Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

Trends in Industrial Production – Two-digit Classification (Base Year – 1993-94)

	Weight	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
IIP	100	10.6	9.3	10.2	12.0	17.7	16.3	14.7	14.5	15.2	11.5	5.8	15.2	5.6
Food Products	9.1	-6.0	-9.4	2.6	7.4	-4.5	-3.4	14.4	26.5	25.1	7.4	7.3	9.1	16.8
Beverages, Tobacco & related product	2.4	5.7	-2.8	0.2	2.6	2.0	1.4	2.7	2.4	-4.8	-7.6	-0.9	-2.1	2.5
Cotton Textiles	5.5	5.7	6.9	12.3	10.1	7.6	9.8	11.5	8.0	6.1	7.0	7.5	12.1	4.0
Wool, Silk & man-made fibres	2.3	20.4	10.1	18.0	11.9	3.2	4.9	-6.4	-4.6	-4.6	0.9	2.0	1.2	4.6
Mft of Jute & other fibre textiles	0.6	-10.2	-16.6	-15.5	-14.3	39.8	-89.3	-63.8	-9.6	1.1	26.6	30.0	19.3	7.0
Textile Products (incd. Wearing Apparel)	2.5	21.6	6.4	16.9	7.7	14.5	6.8	1.2	-0.3	0.0	1.3	5.6	-0.7	-3.0
Wood and Wood Products	2.7	2.7	-0.6	19.5	3.4	10.3	14.2	7.7	16.9	-14.4	-5.7	-7.0	-9.4	-15.3
Paper & Paper Products	2.7	-0.2	-3.0	0.6	6.3	3.8	8.8	12.4	7.5	10.4	6.4	3.3	7.3	11.5
Leather & Fur Products	1.1	-0.4	-1.4	8.9	-4.5	0.6	-2.6	14.0	12.0	2.7	12.4	-10.2	-1.8	19.6
Basic Chem and Chem Products	14.0	14.8	20.6	19.3	17.5	29.1	6.0	4.8	5.5	9.1	7.6	3.4	2.5	-2.0
Rubber, Plastic, Petroleum & Coal Products	5.7	20.4	9.9	14.3	19.2	21.7	26.0	13.3	15.1	19.2	15.6	12.6	19.4	12.2
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	4.4	7.3	0.9	4.0	7.3	8.1	16.6	11.6	6.2	3.1	5.6	3.2	0.0	3.5
Basic Metal & Alloy Inds	7.5	2.1	1.9	-1.1	5.1	7.6	12.0	7.9	16.3	10.9	9.4	-0.5	4.6	6.4
Metal Products and Parts	2.8	9.5	-4.3	9.2	28.0	13.6	39.6	58.6	43.6	31.3	39.3	61.8	14.8	33.4
Machinery & equipment	9.6	15.2	17.3	16.4	12.4	44.4	43.8	40.0	23.5	43.3	24.7	1.5	49.4	0.4
Transport equipment and parts	4.0	15.0	10.3	18.2	38.8	84.0	57.9	36.0	29.0	32.6	25.2	22.9	24.9	22.8
Other Manufacturing Inds	2.6	9.5	24.5	0.8	19.1	-9.6	9.1	-0.1	40.0	32.7	27.6	12.2	31.1	27.9

Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

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Trends in Industrial Production

Exhibit 5
Manufacturing Segment Growth (YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

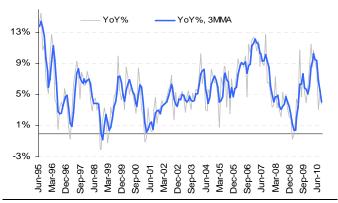
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Capital Goods Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



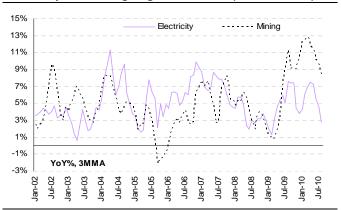
Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

Basic Goods Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 6
Electricity and Mining Segment Growth (YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 8

Consumer Goods Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Researc

Exhibit 10

Intermediate Goods Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

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Chart Scan

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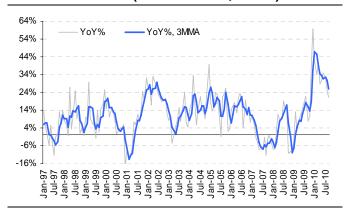
Passenger Car Sales (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: SIAM, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

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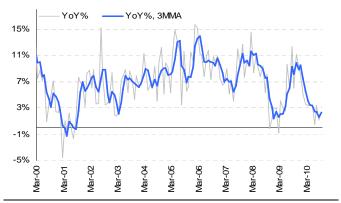
Two-wheeler Sales (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



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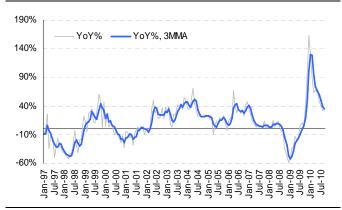
Railway Freight Traffic Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CMIE, Ministry of Railways, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 12

Commercial Vehicle Sales (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: SIAM, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 14

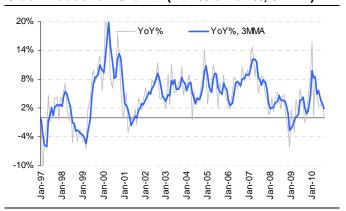
Cement Dispatches Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CMA, CMIE, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 16

Steel Production Growth (YoY% & YoY%, 3MMA)

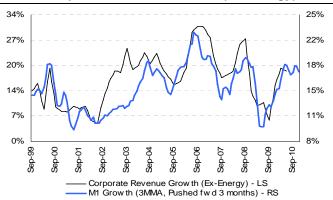


Source: CMIE, Morgan Stanley Research

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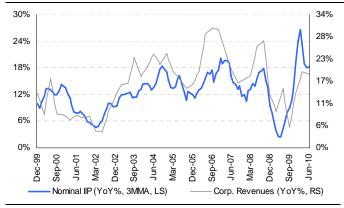
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Based on available data for Morgan Stanley coverage universe (116 companies). Source: Capitaline. RBI. Morgan Stanley Research

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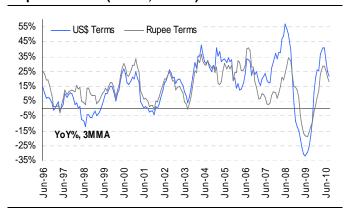
IP Growth vs. Corporate Revenue Growth (Ex-Energy)¹



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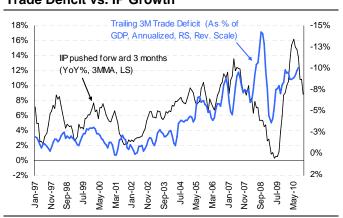
Export Growth (YoY%, 3MMA)



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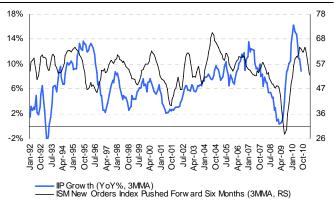
Trade Deficit vs. IP Growth



Source: CSO, Ministry of Commerce, Morgan Stanley Research

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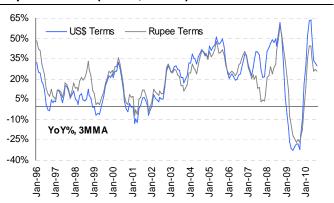
India's IP Growth vs. US ISM New Orders Index



Source: Bloomberg, CSO, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 22

Import Growth (YoY%, 3MMA)



Source: CMIE, Morgan Stanley Research

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