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# India Macro Flash

### FY10 Current Account Deficit Widens to Record High, but Capital Flows Sustain + Outlook for FY11

4QFY10 BoP Overall Surplus at US\$2.1bn — Similar to trends in the previous quarter, rising imports (both oil and non-oil) resulted in the trade deficit widening to US\$31bn in 4QFY10. Invisibles, which normally see an uptrend in the 4Q, decelerated due to outflows on account of *business services* (see pg 3 for details). Encouragingly, the other components of invisibles (software + remittances) remained strong. This resulted in the current account deficit widening to US\$13bn vs. US\$12.2bn in the previous quarter. Capital flows led by FDI, FII and loans rose to US\$16.1bn resulting in the overall balance of payments coming in at US\$2.1bn in 4QFY10.

#### FY10 Highlights — CAD widens to record high, but capital flows sustain

- Current Account Widens to US\$38.4bn, Surprises by ~US\$10bn: A widening trade deficit resulted in the CAD coming in at US\$38.4bn or 2.9% of GDP higher than our expectations of US\$29bn or 2.2% of GDP vs. US\$28.7bn in FY09. (*This is a record high in US\$ terms as a percent of GDP, the record high was in 1991 at 3.2% of GDP*). While our estimates for invisibles were marginally lower due to outflows on account of business services, the trade deficit was ~US\$10bn higher. This could be attributed to valuation/revisions and defense imports; which resulted in the trade deficit widening to US\$117.3bn. (*Monthly customs data pegged the FY10 deficit at US\$102bn*).
- Capital Flows Rise to US\$53.6bn, In line with estimates: In contrast to the US\$20bn drawdown in reserves in FY09, capital flows came in at US\$54bn. This was on account of foreign investment (both FDI and portfolio) as well as higher recourse to external borrowing. As a result, FY10 saw a net accretion of reserves of US\$13.4bn (excluding valuation changes see p. 6).
- FY11 Estimates Revising CAD higher, Capital flows unchanged: We are revising our CAD to US\$35.1bn or 2.2% of GDP from US\$25.5bn earlier. This (a) incorporates FY10 data, (b) accounts for higher non-oil imports due to the upturn in the investment growth, (c) keeps the export growth unchanged at 15% and (d) assumes continued buoyancy in remittances and software. Given the underlying growth story, we expect capital flows led by FDI to remain healthy at US\$57.3bn and be more than sufficient to finance the CAD.
- INR appreciation story remains but pace remains a question: Despite a CAD of US\$35bn, we maintain our view of a steadily appreciating currency with the rupee at Rs43.5/\$ by Mar11, given: (a) the underlying growth story GDP of 8.4% in FY11E with reserves at US\$275bn, (b) imports are primarily led by industrial/capital goods, (c) capital flows are led by relatively more stable FDI flows and (d) flows are more than sufficient to finance the CAD.

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## 4QFY10 – Quarterly Highlights

### Current Account rises to US\$13bn in 4QFY10

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- This resulted in the current account deficit widening to US\$13bn vs. US\$12.2bn in the previous quarter.
- ...But sustained capital flows result in an overall surplus of US\$2.1bn
- Capital flows continued to post strong trends, led by FDI, FII and loans. This resulted in total capital flows to the tune of US\$16.1bn (vs. US\$14.7bn last quarter). The overall balance of payments thus came in at US\$2.1bn in 4QFY10 vs. US\$1.8bn in the previous quarter

#### Figure 1. India – Balance of Payments Snapshot (US\$bn)

	FY10				FY09		Full-Year		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	FY09	FY10	FY11E	
a. Trade Balance	-25.6	-29.1	-31.1	-31.5	-20.2	-118.7	-117.3	-128.0	
Exports	39.2	43.5	47.1	52.4	38.5	189.0	182.2	209.5	
Imports	64.8	72.6	78.1	83.9	58.7	307.7	299.5	337.5	
b. Invisibles	21.2	20.4	18.9	18.5	19.0	89.9	78.9	92.9	
1. Current Account (a+b)	-4.5	-8.8	-12.2	-13.0	-1.2	-28.7	-38.4	-35.1	
c.Loans	-1.8	2.5	5.6	6.0	-0.8	8.7	12.2	12.0	
d.Foreign Investment	14.4	16.2	9.6	12.0	0.5	3.5	52.1	38.7	
of which FII	8.3	9.7	5.7	8.8	-2.7	-14.0	32.4	17.0	
e.Banking Capital Net	-3.4	4.4	1.9	-0.9	-3.3	-3.2	2.1	6.0	
of which NRI deposits	1.8	1.0	0.6	-0.6	2.2	4.3	2.9	4.5	
f. Other capital	-5.2	-4.3	-2.4	-0.9	5.1	-1.5	-12.7	1.0	
g.Rupee debt service	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	
2. Capital Account (c:g)	4.0	18.8	14.7	16.1	1.4	7.2	53.6	57.3	
3. Errors & Omissions	0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-1.0	0.1	1.4	-1.7	0.0	
Overall Balance (1+2+3)	0.1	9.4	1.8	2.1	0.3	-20.1	13.4	22.1	

Source: RBI, CIRA Estimates



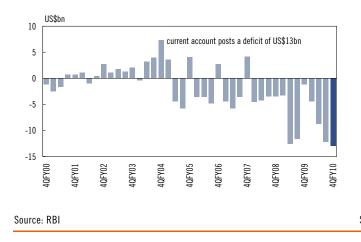
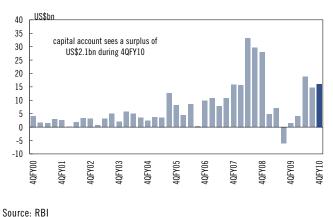


Figure 3. Trends in the Capital Account (US\$bn)



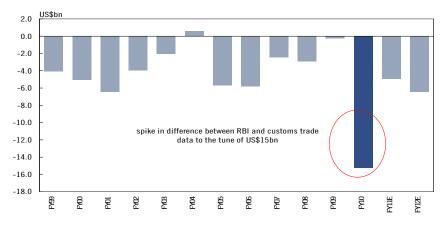
**Annual Highlights - Current A/c Dynamics** 

Two key anomalies in the current account that were a surprise included:

#### 1. Big Divergence in Trade Data between Customs and RBI

A key reason behind a disconnect in forecasts and actual trade data is due to a significant divergence in the merchandise trade data, released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) and the Balance of Payments released by the RBI. In FY10, the difference spiked to US\$15.2bn vs. the average difference of US\$4-5bn seen in previous years. A quick re-cap, the annual average divergence between the RBI and Customs data is due to (1) valuation and timing differences for imports – the RBI data have a lead in payments since these are recorded when the payments are made to suppliers while the DGCI&S records them when the goods arrive in the country; (2) DGCI&S data do not cover defense imports.

#### Figure 4. Difference between RBI and Customs Trade Data (US\$bn)



#### Source: RBI, DGCI&S

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#### 2. Invisibles Moderate as Business Services Dip into the Red

Invisibles, which trended close to US\$90bn in FY09, moderated to US\$78.9bn in FY10. While software services and remittances from workers' abroad – the two major components of invisibles – continued to post strong trends; a key item that dipped into negative territory was business services. This category includes merchandizing and trade related services, operational leasing and miscellaneous professional and technical services such as legal, accounting, advertising, market research, etc. Financial services, which comprise intermediary service fees and communications, also posted a contraction.

#### Figure 5. Trends in Invisibles (US\$bn)

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
1. Non-Factor Services	15.4	23.2	29.5	38.9	49.6	34.2
a. Travel, Insurance, etc	1.7	-1.1	2.7	1.1	-0.2	2.0
b. Miscellaneous	13.7	24.2	26.7	37.7	49.8	32.2
Of which: Software Services	16.9	22.3	29.0	36.9	43.5	48.2
Business Services	-2.2	1.6	-1.3	0.2	1.0	-7.0
Financial Services	-0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.0	-1.0
Communication Services	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.1	-0.2
2. Official Transfers	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
3. Remittances	20.5	24.5	29.8	41.7	44.6	52.1
4. Investment Income	-5.0	-5.9	-7.3	-5.1	-4.5	-7.4
Total Invisibles	31.2	42.0	52.2	75.7	89.9	78.9
Source: RBI						

On account of (1) valuation and timing differences, (2) defense payments; difference between RBI and customs data widened to US\$15bn vs. an avg difference of US\$4-5bn recorded in previous years

Headline invisibles saw a marginal slowdown to US\$79bn in FY10 (vs. US\$90bn last year)...

...this was on account of business, financial, and communication services dipping into negative territory

However, software services and remittances continued to post healthy growth

We expect invisibles to come in at US\$92.9bn in FY11 which factors in software services growing at 15%YoY

## **Balance of Payments Snapshot**

Figure 6. India – Trends and Forecasts in the Balance of Payments (US\$B, %)

	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E	CIRA Comments
CURRENTACCOUNT								
Exports(RBI)	105.2	128.9	166.2	189.0	182.2	209.5	251.4	FY11 numbers incorporate a 30% rise in petro exports
Y/Y%	23.4	22.6	28.9	13.7	-3.6	15.0	20.0	and an 18% increase in petro imports
% of GDP	12.6	13.6	13.5	15.6	13.9	13.1	12.9	
Exports-Customs*	103.1	126.3	162.9	185.3	176.6	205.8	247.0	
Y/Y%	23.4	22.5	29.0	13.7	-4.7	16.6	20.0	
Imports(RBI)	157.1	190.7	257.6	307.7	299.5	337.5	391.5	
Y/Y%	32.1	21.4	35.1	19.4	-2.7	12.7	16.0	
%to GDP	18.8	20.1	20.9	25.4	22.8	21.1	20.1	
Imports-Customs*	149.2	185.7	251.4	303.7	278.7	328.9	380.6	
Y/Y%	33.8	24.5	35.4	20.8	-8.2	18.0	15.7	
Of which Oil	43.8	56.9	79.6	93.7	85.5	100.9	118.5	Indian crude at <b>US\$78/bbl</b> in FY11
Y/Y%	46.5	30.0	39.9	17.6	-8.7	18.0	17.4	
Non-Oil	105.2	128.8	171.8	210.0	193.2	228.0	262.2	Higher due to pick up domestic economy + global prices
Y/Y%	28.8	22.4	33.4	22.3	-8.0	18.0	15.0	
a. Trade balance (RBI)	-51.9	-61.8	-91.5	-118.7	-117.3	-128.0	-140.1	$\Delta US$ \$1/bbl in oil prices=US\$700 m impact on deficit
% of GDP	-6.2	-6.5	-7.4	-9.8	-8.9	-8.0	-7.2	
Trade Balance(Customs)	-46.1	-59.5	-88.5	-118.4	-102.1	-123.1	-133.7	Difference between RBI & customs data is due to
Difference bet. RBI and Customs Data	-5.8	-2.5	-2.9	-0.3	-15.2	-5.0	-6.5	Valuation and defense
b. Invisibles	42.0	52.2	75.7	89.9	78.9	92.9	98.9	In FY10, the diff spiked to US\$15.2bn
Non-factor services	23.2	29.5	38.9	49.6	34.2	46.0	52.0	
Of which: Software Services	22.7	29.0	36.9	43.5	48.2	55.5	63.8	Business services declined, but software stayed strong
Investment income	-5.9	-7.3	-5.1	-4.5	-7.4	-5.5	-5.5	Assumes a 15% growth in software services
Remittances**	24.5	29.8	41.7	44.6	52.1	52.0	52.0	
Official transfers	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	
1.Currenta/cbalance (a+b)	-9.9	-9.6	-15.7	-28.7	-38.4	-35.1		Current a/c to remain in the red at 2.2% of GDP
% of GDP	-1.2	-1.0	-1.3	-2.4	-2.9	-2.2	-2.1	
CAPITALACCOUNT								
c. Loans	7.9	24.5	40.7	8.7	12.2	12.0	17.0	
External assistance	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.0	1.0	
Commercial borrowings***	2.5	16.1	22.6	7.9	2.5	8.0	10.0	
Short-term credit	3.7	6.6	15.9	-1.9	7.7	3.0	6.0	
d.FDI(Net=a-b)	3.0	7.7	15.9	17.5	19.7	21.7	23.7	
(a)FDI-To India	8.9	22.7	34.7	35.0	31.7	33.7	35.7	
(b)FDI-Abroad	-5.9	-15.0	-18.8	-17.5	-12.0	-12.0	-12.0	N' sector a la sectión de la dall'hand hand
e.Portfolio nvst(FII+ADRs/GDRs)	12.5	7.1	27.4	-14.0	32.4	17.0	15.0	Divestments could provide an additional boost
f.Banking Capital Of which NRI deposits	1.4	<b>1.9</b> 4.3	11.8	-3.2	2.1	6.0	<b>6.0</b> 2.5	
•	2.8		0.2	4.3	2.9 <b>-0.1</b>	4.5		
g.Rupee debt service h. Other capital****	-0.6 1.2	-0.2 4.2	-0.1	-0.1 -1.5	-12.7	-0.4	-0.4	
	25.5		11.0	7.2	53.6	1.0 57.3	1.0	
2.Capitala/c(c+d+e+f+g+h)		45.2	106.6				62.3	
Errors & Omissions	-0.5	1.0	1.3	1.4	-1.7	0.0	0.0	
Overall balance(1+2)	15.1	36.6	92.2	-20.1	13.4	22.1	21.0	
Forex								
Forex assets	145.1	191.9	299.1	241.6	252.8	274.9	295.9	
FCA to months of imports	11.1	12.1	13.9	9.4	10.1	9.8	9.1	
Exchange rate								
Rs/US\$-annual avg	44.3	45.2	40.2	46.0	47.4	44.5	41.4	
%depreciation	-1.6	2.0	-11.1	14.4	3.0	-6.1	-7.0	
Rs/US\$-yearend	44.6	43.6	40.1	50.7	44.9	43.5	41.0	
%depreciation/(-)appreciation	2.0	-2.3	-8.0	26.4	-11.4	-3.1	-5.7	

\*Data on exports and imports differ from those given by DGCl&S on account of differences in coverage, valuation and timing (e.g. RBI data on imports includes defence).\*\* <u>Remittances</u> - 50% are for family maintenance; balance is local withdrawal from NRI rupee deposits. \*\*\*<u>Commercial Borrowings</u> include US\$4.1bn of the Resurgent Bond Issue repaid in September 2003 and repayment of India Millennium Bonds in FY06. \*\*\*\* <u>Other capital</u> refers to leads and lags in exports, advances received pending issue of shares, funds held abroad.

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Source: RBI, CIRA Estimates.

## **Charting Trends in the Annual BoP**

#### Figure7. Trends in the Trade Deficit (US\$bn)

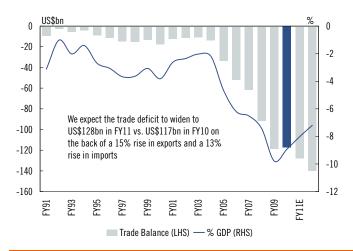
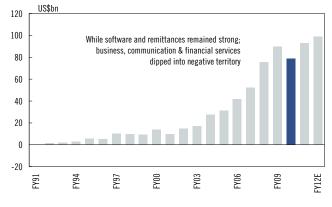


Figure 8. Trends in Invisibles (US\$bn)



#### Figure 9. Trends in the Current Account (US\$bn, % GDP)

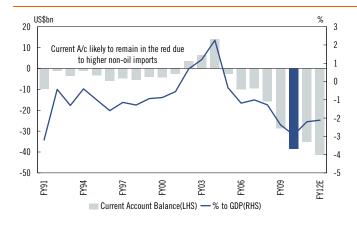
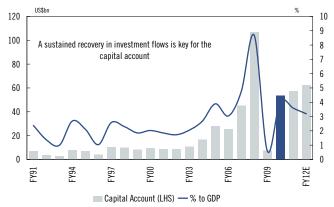
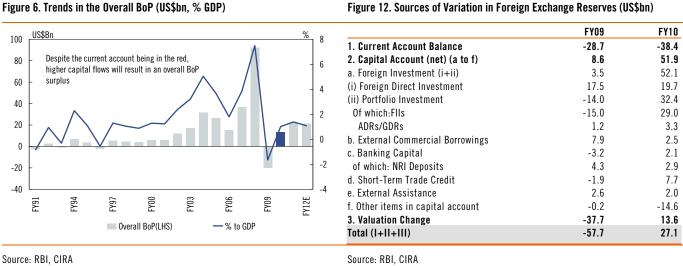


Figure 10. Trends in the Capital Account (US\$bn, % GDP)



#### Figure 6. Trends in the Overall BoP (US\$bn, % GDP)



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### **Citigroup Global Markets**

## **Trade Snapshot – Direction and Composition**

#### Figure 13. India – Composition of Imports (US\$Bn, %)

#### Figure 14. Composition of Exports (US\$Bn, %)

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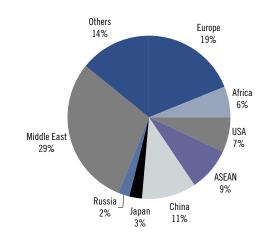
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	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10*
Petroleum crude& products	29.8	44.0	57.1	79.7	91.3	69.9
% to total	26.8	29.5	30.8	31.9	31.4	31.0
% YoY	44.9	47.3	29.8	39.6	14.6	-23.5
Capital goods	15.1	24.3	30.8	49.8	47.1	31.7
% to total	13.5	16.3	16.6	20.0	16.2	14.0
% YoY	37.9	61.0	26.8	61.9	-5.5	-32.8
Gold & Silver	11.1	11.3	14.6	17.9	18.7	22.1
% to total	10.0	7.6	7.9	7.1	6.4	9.8
% YoY	62.4	1.5	29.1	22.1	4.7	18.0
Chemicals, related products	8.7	11.4	13.8	18.7	29.1	19.4
% to total	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.5	10.0	8.6
% YoY	39.4	30.6	21.6	34.8	55.9	-33.4
Pearls precious stones	9.4	9.1	7.5	7.3	14.2	12.2
% to total	8.4	6.1	4.0	2.9	4.9	5.4
% YoY	32.0	-3.0	-18.1	-2.0	94.0	-14.5
Food & related items	3.5	3.3	4.9	5.3	5.7	7.8
% to total	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.0	3.5
% YoY	3.2	-7.2	50.5	8.8	6.4	37.9
Textiles(incl.RMG)	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.1
% to total	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9
% YoY	24.8	30.5	4.3	15.3	2.9	-17.6
Other non-POL items	28.0	37.9	49.8	62.9	74.4	54.9
% to total	25.1	25.4	26.9	25.2	25.6	24.3
% YoY	45.9	35.4	31.4	26.4	18.3	-26.2
Other commodities	4.2	5.9	4.5	5.8	7.6	5.5
% to total	3.8	4.0	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.4
% YoY	62.4	39.6	-23.7	28.3	32.2	-27.7
TOTAL IMPORTS	111.5	149.1	185.1	249.8	290.7	225.5
% YoY	42.5	33.8	24.1	35.0	16.4	-22.4

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10*
Engineering goods	17.3	21.6	29.5	37.2	47.0	30.8
% to total	20.7	21.0	23.3	22.8	25.7	21.9
%YoY	40.1	25.1	36.3	26.4	26.2	-34.5
Petroleum, crude prods	7.0	11.6	18.7	28.4	26.9	21.7
% to total	8.4	11.3	14.8	17.4	14.7	15.4
%YoY	95.7	66.6	60.4	52.0	-5.3	-19.3
Gems & Jewellery	13.8	15.5	16.0	19.7	27.7	22.4
% to total	16.5	15.1	12.6	12.1	15.2	15.9
%YoY	30.0	12.9	2.8	23.3	40.9	-19.3
Agri, allied products	8.5	10.2	12.7	18.4	17.6	13.3
% to total	10.1	9.9	10.0	11.3	9.6	9.5
%YoY	12.4	20.6	24.1	45.5	-4.8	-24.1
Chemicals & related	8.0	10.3	12.1	15.6	17.3	13.8
% to total	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.8
%YoY	23.5	28.4	18.1	28.3	11.0	-20.1
Textiles ( incl RMG)	13.5	16.4	17.4	19.4	20.0	15.9
% to total	16.2	15.9	13.7	11.9	11.0	11.3
%YoY	5.9	21.0	5.9	11.9	3.2	-20.8
Ores & minerals	5.1	6.2	7.0	9.1	7.8	6.5
% to total	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.6	4.3	4.6
%YoY	114.2	21.4	13.6	30.4	-14.4	-17.0
Other manuf goods	8.1	8.7	9.9	11.1	10.9	8.6
% to total	9.7	8.5	7.9	6.8	6.0	6.1
%YoY	28.2	7.6	13.9	11.7	-1.6	
Other commodities	2.3	2.5	3.1	4.0	7.7	7.6
% to total	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	4.2	5.4
%YoY	20.2	11.0	22.5	30.5	91.1	-1.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	83.5	103.1	126.3	163.0	182.9	140.5
% YoY	30.7	23.4	22.5	29.1	12.2	-23.2

\* April – Jan FY10 Source: CMIE ,RBI

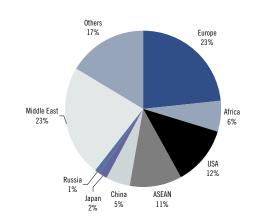




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\* April - Jan FY10 Source: CMIE, RBI

#### Figure 16. Direction of Exports FY09



#### Source: RBI ,CMIE

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# Appendix A-1

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