



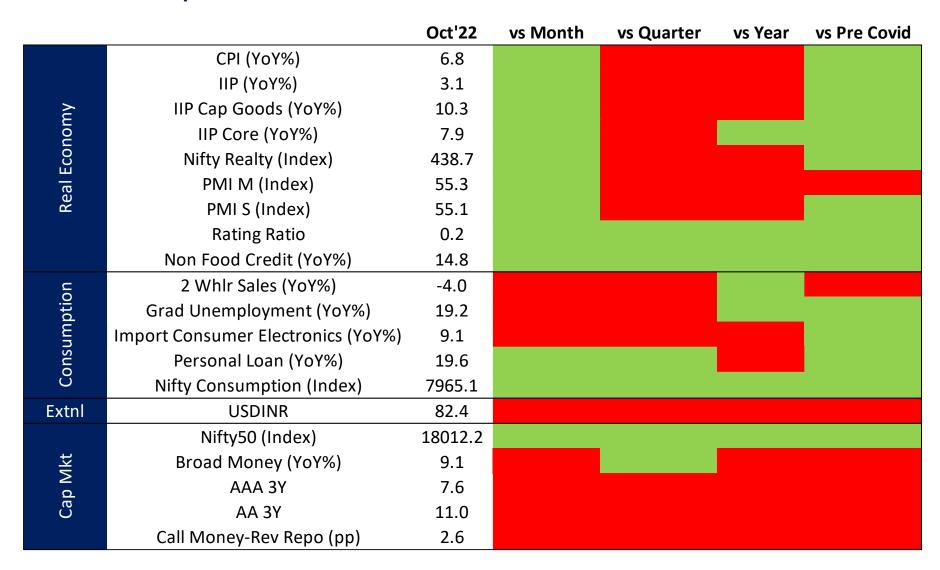
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UPDATE ON DATA TRENDS

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Macro Heat Map



Indian economy stays resilient amidst global pressures

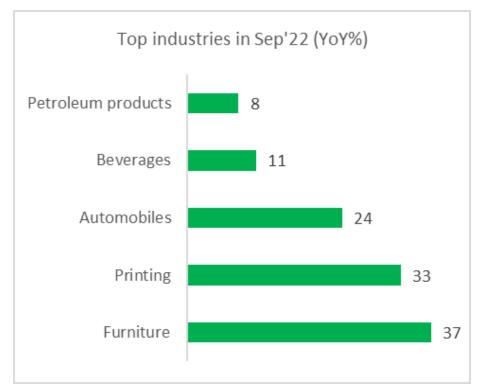
Retail inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, eased to 6.8% on-year in October. Given the rising commodity prices during the same period last year, CPI is likely to moderate in the coming months.

Revival in business sentiment, as indicated by Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI-Services and Manufacturing), reflected in the robust offtake in bank credit, which grew 17% on-year in September'22. Credit disbursed to services and industrial sectors too, witnessed a double-digit growth reaching 20% and 13% respectively. Banks' exposure towards corporate credit is likely to stay elevated as corporates move away from bond markets due to rising yields.

Industrial output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), witnessed a growth of 3.1% in September, led by power sector, which grew 11.6%.



Manufacturing output exceeds pre-pandemic levels





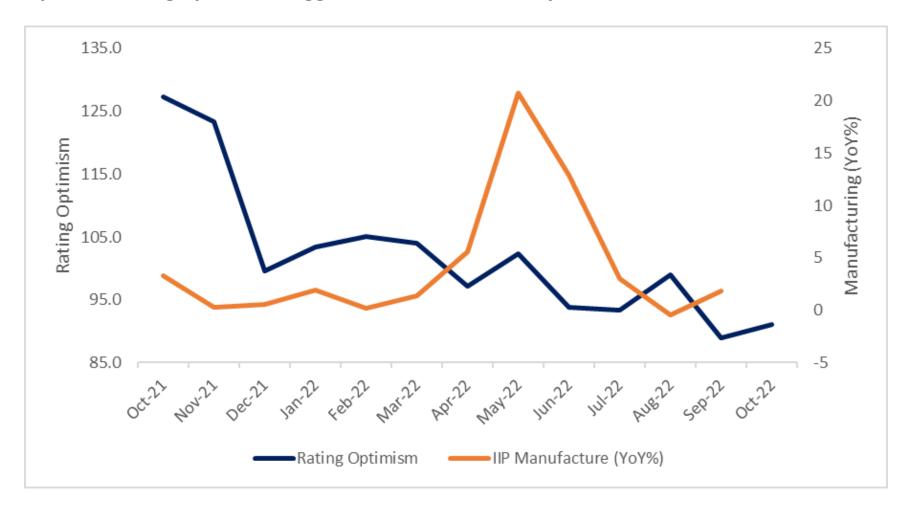
Manufacturing activity in September grew 6.6% when compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Owing to a strong festive season demand, the automobile sector recorded a double-digit growth reaching 24% in September.

High inflation is impacting the demand for consumer durables, which witnessed an overall de-growth of 4.5%.



Uptick in rating optimism suggests sustained recovery



A rising rating optimism for October suggests a sustained recovery of manufacturing output. However, even as manufacturing activity slowly treads on a path to recovery, inflationary risks are likely to keep corporate margins under pressure.

Course Ahead

Easing of global inflation as well as Wholesale Price Index (WPI) are comforting factors. However, inflation staying 80 basis points above the central bank's tolerance limit suggests another rate hike of 35-50 basis points in the upcoming MPC meeting in December.





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