

Consumer



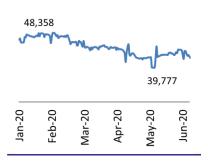
Brent Crude Index



Mentha Oil prices INR/kg



Palm Fatty Acid price (INR/MT)



Benign commodity cost trend continues

In this edition of our Consumer sector update, we analyze price movement in key commodities and identify the companies under our coverage that could benefit from or be negatively impacted by it. It is relevant to analyze price trends from the perspective of 1QFY21 earnings and beyond as topline growth in the sector is expected to be subdued due to various factors, while the commodity cost impact would be quite sharp in certain cases.

Commodity costs remain largely benign for consumer companies

- Most consumer companies are expected to witness decline in sales growth in 1QFY21, weighed by disruptions witnessed in manufacturing and the supply chain on account of the COVID-19-led lockdown. Channel liquidity issues and urban slowdown, particularly in the discretionary categories, were other factors that led to sales decline. However, we believe lower input cost would offer some relief. Most companies in the sector have curtailed ad spend / new launches due to persisting weak demand. Both these factors are likely to check what would otherwise have been a much sharper EBITDA margin decline given the plunge in sales YoY, significant downtrading, and lower premium and discretionary product sales due to pantry loading.
- Crude prices plummet: Crude prices continued their downtrend, declining 37.9% sequentially in 1QFY21 and down even more sharply YoY at 54.2%. However, prices were up 28.7% MoM at USD39.9/barrel (monthly average for June).
- Agri commodity basket saw moderate inflation/deflation in 1QFY21: The sugar index was up 2.2% QoQ /1.9% YoY. Copra cost was up 13% YoY/ 1.2% QoQ (YTD May'20). On the other hand; wheat cost declined 13.6% YoY / 2.8% QoQ. Mentha prices declined 18.5% YoY/ 7.6% QoQ. Barley cost was down 16.9% YoY / 27.5% QoQ. However, palm oil cost continued at high levels on a YoY basis (+15.3% YoY), but nosedived sequentially (-14.6% QoQ). Soap makers took price increases in March to combat the palm oil inflation.
- Non-agri commodity basket, barring gold and PFAD largely saw deflation: VAM costs fell 28.5% YoY / 14.7% QoQ. Titanium dioxide (TiO2) costs were down 7.7% YoY / up 2% sequentially. Up to May'20, HDPE costs declined 16.7% YoY YTD, and LLP costs were down 8.6% YoY YTD. Gold prices (MCX Gold) expanded 34% YoY and 5.2% QoQ. Palm fatty acid distillate (PFAD) prices were up 35.5% YoY / down 14.9% QoQ.
- On a MoM basis, the entire commodity cost basket was up by only 2.4% on average, while plummeting 8.2% QoQ and 3.6% YoY.

Impact on top picks: HUVR, DABUR, MRCO

Hindustan Unilever (HUVR): With PFAD costs declining sequentially (up YoY), HUVR is likely to be the key beneficiary. Soap companies took price increases in March 2020. Additionally, packaging costs (crude-related) are also declining significantly, which would support gross margins. Moreover, the company's cost-saving measures, along with a portfolio that could straddle the price pyramid, should aid margin improvement going forward.

Krishnan Sambamoorthy - Research Analyst (Krishnan.Sambamoorthy@MotilalOswal.com)

Research Analyst: Pooja Doshi (Pooja.Doshi@MotilalOswal.com) /Dhairya Dhruv (Dhairya.Dhruv@MotilalOswal.com)

Source: Company, MOFSL

- **DABUR:** The company is a significant beneficiary of the moderate crude price-related packaging cost as well as benign LLP costs.
- Marico (MRCO): Despite a YoY increase in copra costs, it remains benign sequentially. Moreover, other costs continue to decline, aiding overall margin growth.

Other material beneficiaries: APNT, PIDI, UBBL, HMN

- APNT and PIDI: APNT and PIDI are significant beneficiaries of declining vinyl acetate monomer (VAM), Tio2, and crude costs. However, the sales growth outlook is weak for the quarter given the lockdown on account of COVID-19.
- **CLGT**: The company is a significant beneficiary of the moderate crude price-related packaging cost.
- HMN: The company is expected to be a key beneficiary of ongoing decline in mentha and packaging costs. A weak growth outlook, however, would likely restrict the potential upside from such benefits.
- UBBL and GSKCH: Decline in barley costs is likely to benefit the gross margins of UBBL and GSKCH (now merged with HUVR). UBBL, however, is expected to witness a plunge in sales in the crucial summer quarter on account of lockdown witnessed for a large part of the quarter as well as the continuing closure of bars and pubs.

Exhibit 1: 1QFY21 RM scenario — Commodity costs witnessing moderate inflation/deflation

		1QFY21 Change		MoM
Commodities (%)	Segment impacted	YoY	QoQ	Change
Non-Agri commodities				
Brent Crude Index	Paints, Adhesives, Packaging and Logistics	(54.2)	(37.9)	28.7
TiO2 (INR/kg)	Paints	(7.7)	2.0	(11.4)
Titanium Dioxide (CNY/metric tonne)	Paints	(9.9)	(4.9)	(4.0)
India WPI Phthalic anhydride^	Paints	(2.6)	3.2	3.2
VAM prices (USD/MT)^	Polymers and resins for adhesives, paints and end-products	(28.5)	(14.7)	(5.7)
HDPE (INR/Kg)*	Packaging (Plastic bottles)	(16.7)	6.9	2.5
Liquid Paraffin (INR/Lt)*	Hair oils	(8.6)	(4.4)	4.8
Agri commodities				
Malaysian Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	Foods (palm oil from the flesh of the fruit) and others (mainly palm kernel oil)	15.3	(14.6)	13.8
Copra Calicut INR/100Kg *	Hair oil	13.0	1.2	(3.6)
Mentha Oil (INR/kg)	Flavors & Fragrances	(18.5)	(7.6)	(11.8)
Wheat Prices (INR/Quintal)	Food products	(2.8)	(13.6)	-
Sugar index	Food products	1.9	2.2	-
India Wholesale Price Ind. Cashew Nut^	Food products	1.2	(1.2)	(0.4)
SMP Prices (INR/Kg)	Food products	4.8	(18.2)	5.7
NCDEX Barley Spot (INR/quintal)	Beer	(16.9)	(27.5)	(5.1)
Other key commodities				
PFAD (INR/MT)	Soaps	35.5	(14.9)	6.2
MCXGOLd Comdty	Jewelry	34.0	5.2	14.1

#Cal. on qtr. avg. price, ^data till Apr'20, *May'20

Exhibit 2: Crude down 54.2% YoY, 37.9% QoQ in 1QFY21

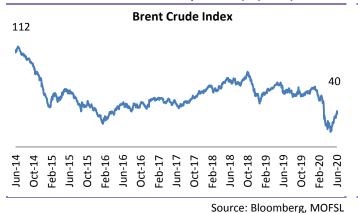


Exhibit 4: VAM prices down 28.5% YoY /15% QoQ till Apr'20

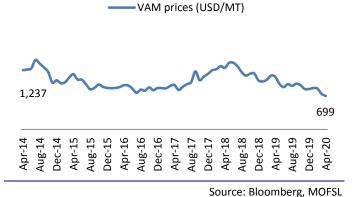


Exhibit 6: HDPE (till May'20) prices down 16.7% YoY, 6.9%

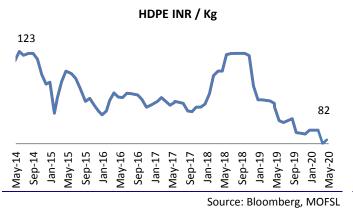
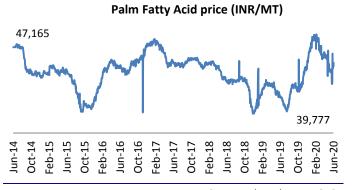


Exhibit 8: PFAD prices up 35.5% YoY, down 14.9% QoQ



Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

Exhibit 3: TiO2 down 7.7% YoY, up 2% QoQ

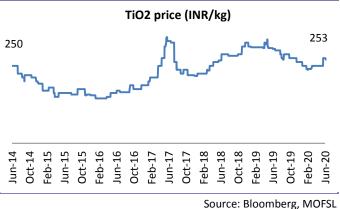


Exhibit 5: Copra (till May'20) up 13% YoY, 1.2% QoQ



Exhibit 7: LLP (till May'20) prices down 8.6% YoY, 4.4% QoQ

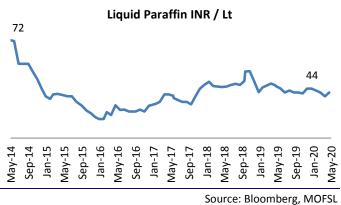
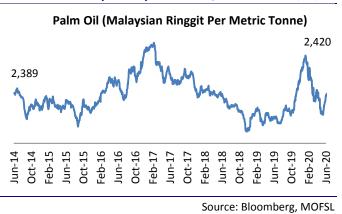


Exhibit 9: Palm oil prices up 15.3% YoY, down 14.6% QoQ



8 July 2020

QoQ

Exhibit 10: Mentha prices down 18.5% YoY, 7.6% QoQ

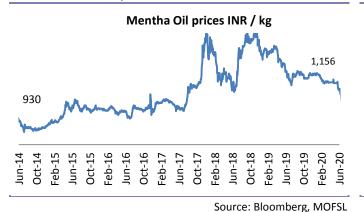


Exhibit 11: MCX gold commodity up 34% YoY, 5.2% QoQ

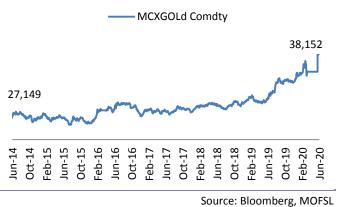


Exhibit 12: Wheat prices down 2.8% YoY, 13.6% QoQ

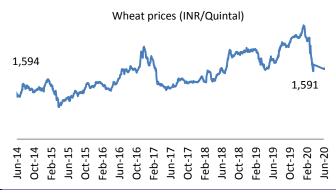


Exhibit 13: Sugar prices up 1.9% YoY, 2.2% QoQ



Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

Exhibit 14: Key RM and gross margins of FMCG companies

Company	Major RMs	FY20 Gross Margin	Pricing Power
Asian Paints	Pigment & additives – TiO2; solvents – TiO2, monomers	43.7	High
Britannia	Wheat, vegetable oil, sugar, milk	40.3	Moderate
Colgate-Palmolive	Sorbitol, oils, various chemicals	65.2	High
Dabur	LLP, fruit concentrates	49.9	Moderately High
Emami	Mentha oil	67.0	Moderately High
GCPL	PFAD, LAB, various chemicals	57.0	Moderately High
Hindustan Unilever	Chemicals & perfumes, oils, fats & resins, tea	54.1	High
Marico	Copra	48.8	Moderate
Nestle	Milk, coffee, sugar, wheat flour, vegetable oil	57.8	High
Pidilite	VAM	53.4	High
United Spirits	Spirits, grains	44.8	Moderate
Across FMCG	Packaging costs are crude-linked	-	-

Source: MOFSL, Company

Explanation of Investment Rating		
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)	
BUY	>=15%	
SELL	<-10%	
NEUTRAL	< - 10 % to 15%	
UNDER REVIEW	Rating may undergo a change	
NOT RATED	We have forward looking estimates for the stock but we refrain from assigning recommendation	

*In case the recommendation given by the Research Analyst is inconsistent with the investment rating legend for a continuous period of 30 days, the Research Analyst shall within following 30 days take appropriate measures to make the recommendation consistent with the investment rating legend.

Disclosures

The following Disclosures are being made in compliance with the SEBI Research Analyst Regulations 2014 (herein after referred to as the Regulations).

Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. (MOFSL) is a SEBI Registered Research Analyst having registration no. INH000000412. MOFSL, the Research Entity (RE) as defined in the Regulations, is engaged in the business of providing Stock broking services, Investment Advisory Services, Depository participant services & distribution of various financial products. MOFSL is a subsidiary company of Passionate Investment Management Pvt. Ltd.. (PIMPL). MOFSL is a listed public company, the details in respect of which are available on www.motilaloswal.com, MOFSL (erstwhile Motilal Oswal Securities Limited - MOSL) is registered with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and is a registered Trading Member with National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE), Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) and National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) for its stock broking activities & is Depository participant with Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL),NERL, COMRIS and CCRL and is member of Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) for distribution of financial products and Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDA) as Corporate Agent for insurance products. Details of associate entities of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited are available on the website at http://onlinereports.motilaloswal.com/Dormant/documents/List%20of%20Associate%20companies.pdf

MOFSL and its associate company(ies), their directors and Research Analyst and their relatives may; (a) from time to time, have a long or short position in, act as principal in, and buy or sell the securities or derivatives thereof of companies mentioned herein. (b) be engaged in any other transaction involving such securities and earn brokerage or other compensation or act as a market maker in the financial instruments of the company(ies) discussed herein or act as an advisor or lender/borrower to such company(ies) or may have any other potential conflict of interests with respect to any recommendation and other related information and opinions.; however the same shall have no bearing whatsoever on the specific recommendations made by the analyst(s), as the recommendations made by the analyst(s) are completely independent of the views of the associates of MOFSL even though there might exist an inherent conflict of interest in some of the stocks mentioned in the research report

MOFSL and / or its affiliates do and seek to do business including investment banking with companies covered in its research reports. As a result, the recipients of this report should be aware that MOFSL may have a potential conflict of interest that may affect the objectivity of this report. Compensation of Research Analysts is not based on any specific merchant banking, investment banking or brokerage service transactions. Details of pending Enquiry Proceedings of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited are available on the website at https://galaxy.motilaloswal.com/ResearchAnalyst/PublishViewLitigation.aspx

A graph of daily closing prices of securities is available at www.nseindia.com, www.nseindia.com. Research Analyst views on Subject Company may vary based on Fundamental research and Technical Research. Proprietary trading desk of MOFSL or its associates maintains arm's length distance with Research Team as all the activities are segregated from MOFSL research activity and therefore it can have an independent view with regards to Subject Company for which Research Team have expressed their views.

Regional Disclosures (outside India)

This report is not directed or intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity resident in a state, country or any jurisdiction, where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law, regulation or which would subject MOFSL & its group companies to registration or licensing requirements within such jurisdictions.

For Hong Kong:

This report is distributed in Hong Kong by Motilal Oswal capital Markets (Hong Kong) Private Limited, a licensed corporation (CE AYY-301) licensed and regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) "SFO". As per SEBI (Research Analyst Regulations) 2014 Motilal Oswal Securities (SEBI Reg No. INH000000412) has an agreement with Motilal Oswal capital Markets (Hong Kong) Private Limited for distribution of research report in Hong Kong. This report is intended for distribution only to "Professional Investors" as defined in Part I of Schedule 1 to SFO. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to professional investor and will be engaged only with professional investors." Nothing here is an offer or solicitation of these securities, products and services in any jurisdiction where their offer or sale is not qualified or exempt from registration. The Indian Analyst(s) who compile this report is/are not located in Hong Kong & are not conducting Research Analysis in Hong Kong.

For U.S.

Motial Oswal Financial Services Limited (MOFSL) is not a registered broker - dealer under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 act") and under applicable state laws in the United States. In addition MOFSL is not a registered investment adviser under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act" and together with the 1934 Act, the "Acts), and under applicable state laws in the United States. Accordingly, in the absence of specific exemption under the Acts, any brokerage and investment services provided by MOFSL, including the products and services described herein are not available to or intended for U.S. persons. This report is intended for distribution only to "Major Institutional Investors" as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the Exchange Act and interpretations thereof by SEC (henceforth referred to as "major institutional investors"). This document must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not major institutional investors. In reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 15a-6 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and interpretations thereof by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in order to conduct business with Institutional Investors based in the U.S., MOFSL has entered into a chaperoning agreement with a U.S. registered broker-dealer, Motilal Oswal Securities International Private Limited. ("MOSIPL"). Any business interaction pursuant to this report will have to be executed within the provisions of this chaperoning agreement.

The Research Analysts contributing to the report may not be registered /qualified as research analyst with FINRA. Such research analyst may not be associated persons of the U.S. registered broker-dealer, MOSIPL, and therefore, may not be subject to NASD rule 2711 and NYSE Rule 472 restrictions on communication with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

For Singapore

In Singapore, this report is being distributed by Motilal Oswal Capital Markets Singapore Pte Ltd ("MOCMSPL") (Co.Reg. NO. 201129401Z) which is a holder of a capital markets services license and an exempt financial adviser in Singapore. As per the approved agreement under Paragraph 9 of Third Schedule of Securities and Futures Act (CAP 289) and Paragraph 11 of First Schedule of Financial Advisors Act (CAP 110) provided to MOCMSPL by Monetary Authority of Singapore. Persons in Singapore should contact MOCMSPL in respect of any matter arising from, or in connection with this report/publication/communication. This report is distributed solely to persons who qualify as "Institutional Investors", of which some of whom may consist of "accredited" institutional investors as defined in section 4A(1) of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore ("the SFA"). Accordingly, if a Singapore person is not or ceases to be such an institutional investor, such Singapore Person must immediately discontinue any use of this Report and inform MOCMSPL.

Specific Disclosures

- 1 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives does not have financial interest in the subject company, as they do not have equity holdings in the subject company.
- 2 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives do not have actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities in the subject company
- 3 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives have not received compensation/other benefits from the subject company in the past 12 months
- 4 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives do not have material conflict of interest in the subject company at the time of publication of research report
- 5 Research Analyst has not served as director/officer/employee in the subject company
- 6 MOFSL has not acted as a manager or co-manager of public offering of securities of the subject company in past 12 months
- 7 MOFSL has not received compensation for investment banking/ merchant banking/brokerage services from the subject company in the past 12 months
- 8 MOFSL has not received compensation for other than investment banking/merchant banking/brokerage services from the subject company in the past 12 months
- 9 MOFSL has not received any compensation or other benefits from third party in connection with the research report
- 10 MOFSL has not engaged in market making activity for the subject company

The associates of MOFSL may have:

- financial interest in the subject company
- actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities in the subject company
- received compensation/other benefits from the subject company in the past 12 months
- other potential conflict of interests with respect to any recommendation and other related information and opinions.; however the same shall have no bearing whatsoever on the specific recommendations made by the analyst(s), as the recommendations made by the analyst(s) are completely independent of the views of the associates of MOFSL even though there might exist an inherent conflict of interest in some of the stocks mentioned in the research report.
- acted as a manager or co-manager of public offering of securities of the subject company in past 12 months
- be engaged in any other transaction involving such securities and earn brokerage or other compensation or act as a market maker in the financial instruments of the company(ies) discussed herein or act as an advisor or lender/borrower to such company(ies)
- received compensation from the subject company in the past 12 months for investment banking / merchant banking / brokerage services or from other than said services.

The associates of MOFSL has not received any compensation or other benefits from third party in connection with the research report

Above disclosures include beneficial holdings lying in demat account of MOFSL which are opened for proprietary investments only. While calculating beneficial holdings, it does not consider demat accounts which are opened in name of MOFSL for other purposes (i.e holding client securities, collaterals, error trades etc.). MOFSL also earns DP income from clients which are not considered in above disclosures.

Analyst Certification

The views expressed in this research report accurately reflect the personal views of the analyst(s) about the subject securities or issues, and no part of the compensation of the research analyst(s) was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations and views expressed by research analyst(s) in this report.

Terms & Conditions:

This report has been prepared by MOFSL and is meant for sole use by the recipient and not for circulation. The report and information contained herein is strictly confidential and may not be altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed, in part or in whole, to any other person or to the media or reproduced in any form, without prior written consent of MOFSL. The report is based on the facts, figures and information that are considered true, correct, reliable and accurate. The intent of this report is not recommendatory in nature. The information is obtained from publicly available media or other sources believed to be reliable. Such information has not been independently verified and no guaranty, representation of warranty, express or implied, is made as to its accuracy, completeness or correctness. All such information and opinions are subject to change without notice. The report is prepared solely for informational purpose and does not constitute an offer document or solicitation of offer to buy or sell or subscribe for securities or other financial instruments for the clients. Though disseminated to all the customers simultaneously, not all customers may receive this report at the same time. MOFSL will not treat recipients as customers by virtue of their receiving this report.

Disclaimer:

The report and information contained herein is strictly confidential and meant solely for the selected recipient and may not be altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed, in part or in whole, to any other person or to the media or reproduced in any form, without prior written consent. This report and information herein is solely for informational purpose and may not be used or considered as an offer document or solicitation of offer to buy or sell or subscribe for securities or other financial instruments. Nothing in this report constitutes investment, legal, accounting and tax advice or a representation that any investment or strategy is suitable or appropriate to your specific circumstances. The securities discussed and opinions expressed in this report may not be suitable for all investors, who must make their own investment decisions, based on their own investment objectives, financial positions and needs of specific recipient. This may not be taken in substitution for the exercise of independent judgment by any recipient. Each recipient of this document should make such investigations as it deems necessary to arrive at an independent evaluation of an investment in the securities of companies referred to in this document (including the merits and risks involved), and should consult its own advisors to determine the merits and risks of such an investment. The investment discussed or views expressed may not be suitable for all investors. Certain transactions -including those involving futures, options, another derivative products as well as non-investment grade securities - involve substantial risk and are not suitable for all investors. No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information and opinions contained in this document. The Disclosures of Interest Statement incorporated in this document is provided solely to enhance the transparency and should not be treated as endorsement of the views expressed in the report. This information is subject to change without any prior notice. The Company reserves the right to make modifications and alternations to this statement as may be required from time to time without any prior approval. MOFSL, its associates, their directors and the employees may from time to time, effect or have effected an own account transaction in, or deal as principal or agent in or for the securities mentioned in this document. They may perform or seek to perform investment banking or other services for, or solicit investment banking or other business from, any company referred to in this report. Each of these entities functions as a separate, distinct and independent of each other. The recipient should take this into account before interpreting the document. This report has been prepared on the basis of information that is already available in publicly accessible media or developed through analysis of MOFSL. The views expressed are those of the analyst, and the Company may or may not subscribe to all the views expressed therein. This document is being supplied to you solely for your information and may not be reproduced, redistributed or passed on, directly or indirectly, to any other person or published, copied, in whole or in part, for any purpose. This report is not directed or intended for distribution to, or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction, where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law, regulation or which would subject MOFSL to any registration or licensing requirement within such jurisdiction. The securities described herein may or may not be eligible for sale in all jurisdictions or to certain category of investors. Persons in whose possession this document may come are required to inform themselves of and to observe such restriction. Neither the Firm, not its directors, employees, agents or representatives shall be liable for any damages whether direct or indirect, incidental, special or consequential including lost revenue or lost profits that may arise from or in connection with the use of the information. The person accessing this information specifically agrees to exempt MOFSL or any of its affiliates or employees from, any and all responsibility/liability arising from such misuse and agrees not to hold MOFSL or any of its affiliates or employees responsible for any such misuse and further agrees to hold MOFSL or any of its affiliates or employees free and harmless from all losses, costs, damages, expenses that may be suffered by the person accessing this information due to any errors and delays.

Registered Office Address: Motilal Oswal Tower, Rahimtullah Sayani Road, Opposite Parel ST Depot, Prabhadevi, Mumbai-400025; Tel No.: 022 71934200/ 022-71934263; Website www.motilaloswal.com. CIN no.: L67190MH2005PLC153397. Correspondence Office Address: Palm Spring Centre, 2nd Floor, Palm Court Complex, New Link Road, Malad(West), Mumbai-400 064. Tel No: 022 7188 1000.

Registration Nos.: Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited (MOFSL)*: INZ000158836(BSE/NSE/MCX/NCDEX); CDSL and NSDL: IN-DP-16-2015; Research Analyst: INH000000412. AMFI: ARN - 146822; Investment Adviser: INA000007100; Insurance Corporate Agent: CA0579;PMS:INP000006712. Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company Ltd. (MOAMC): PMS (Registration No.: INP000000670); PMS and Mutual Funds are offered through MOAMC which is group company of MOFSL. Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited is a distributor of Mutual Funds, PMS, Fixed Deposit, Bond, NCDs,Insurance Products and IPOs.Real Estate is offered through Motilal Oswal Real Estate Investment Advisors II Pvt. Ltd. which is a group company of MOFSL. Private Equity is offered through Motilal Oswal Private Equity Investment Advisors Pvt. Ltd which is a group company of MOFSL. Research & Advisory services is backed by proper research. Please read the Risk Disclosure Document prescribed by the Stock Exchanges carefully before investing. There is no assurance or guarantee of the returns. Investment in securities market is subject to market risk, read all the related documents carefully before investing. Details of Compliance Officer: Name: Neeraj Agarwal, Email ID: na@motilaloswal.com, Contact No.:022-71881085.

* MOSL has been amalgamated with Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited (MOFSL) w.e.f August 21, 2018 pursuant to order dated July 30, 2018 issued by Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench.