Indian equities faced a challenging environment this month as trade tensions weighed on global equity markets, contributing to a rise in risk-off sentiment. However, the S&P BSE SENSEX eked out a 0.50% gain in June, making it a 7.94% quarterly increase.

Healthcare led the way among S&P BSE sectors this month, rising 7.71% to push it into the black for the quarter. Information Technology, last month’s chart-topping sector, was the only other sector to gain in June; its strong recent performance leaves it with a 16.05% quarterly total return.

The challenging equity environment meant the vast majority of our India equity strategy indices fell this month. Over the quarter, the S&P BSE Low Volatility Index showed the potential benefit of marrying upside participation with downside protection; it rose 5.50% in Q2. Momentum and Quality also rose over the last three months.

Commodity prices continued to rise this month; the potential impact of China’s proposed tariffs on U.S. energy companies contributed to a 0.12% monthly gain in the S&P GSCI, making it a 6.69% quarterly increase. Given that India relies on imports for two-thirds of its energy needs, rising commodity prices put pressure on India’s currency; the S&P Indian Rupee Index closed the month down 2.01% as the rupee fell to an all-time low against the U.S. dollar.

Three out of our five Indian fixed income indices fell this month as the Reserve Bank of India opted to hike interest rates for the first time in four years.

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