Index Dashboard: India

May 31, 2017

Summary

The S&P BSE SENSEX continued its buoyant start to the year, making several all-time highs during May. It closed the month at 31,146, only 14 points off the record high; the 4.13% monthly return took the index to a 17% return year-to-date.

In contrast to April’s results, this month saw large-cap stocks outperform medium-cap stocks, which in turn outperformed small-cap stocks. Due to the outperformance of the largest stocks listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange, none of our equity strategies were able to beat the market capitalization weighting; the S&P BSE Enhanced Value – one of the best performing strategies since the turn of the year - fell 4.65%.

There was significant dispersion among S&P BSE sectors this month, with a 19% difference between the best and worst performers. Healthcare plummeted by nearly 10%, making it the worst monthly performance on this dashboard by some distance, as continued scrutiny on pricing by regulators contributed to an underwhelming earnings season for many pharmaceuticals. An earlier than anticipated start to the monsoon season raised the prospects for farm output; expectations of lower input prices for firms in the S&P BSE FMCG sector helped it to a 4.13% return for May.

May proved to be a positive month for the Indian fixed income market; every fixed income index on this dashboard rose, for firms in the S&P BSE FMCG sector

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