

Date: May 21, 2019 SE/2019-20/013

To,

The National Stock Exchange India Ltd.

Listing Department Exchange Plaza Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra (East) Mumbai 400 051

The General Manager

The Corporate Relation Department **BSE Limited**

Phiroza Jeejeebhoy Towers 14th Floor, Dalal Street Mumbai 400 001

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Investor presentation & Press release for FY 2018-19.

Enclosed herewith Press Release and Investor Presentation for Quarter & Year ended March 30, 2019

Please take note of the above.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For CARE Ratings Limited

(Formerly known as Credit

esearch Limited)

Navin Kumar Jain

Company Secretary & Compli



Registered office: 4th Floor, Godrej Coliseum, Somaiya Hospital Road, Off Eastern Express Highway, Sion (East), Mumbai 400 022

CIN: L67190MH1993PLC071691

Mumbai, 21st May, 2019

FY19 Results

The Board of Directors of CARE Ratings approved the quarter ended March 2019 and financial year ended March 2019 results in the Board meeting held on Tuesday, the 21st May, 2019.

Consolidated Financial Results

CARE Ratings consolidated total income for the financial year ended March 31, 2019 is Rs.349.36 crore as against Rs. 338.57crore (adjusted*) in the year ended March 31, 2018. Consolidated income from operations for the year ended March 31, 2019 is Rs. 318.97 crore compared with Rs.313.10crore (adjusted*) in the previous year. This was supported by growth from our subsidiaries. Profit after tax moderated to Rs. 138.07 crore compared with Rs. 148.72crore (adjusted*) in the previous financial year.

Standalone Financial Results

CARE Ratings standalone total income for the financial year ended March 31, 2019 is Rs.327.19 crore as against Rs.327.30 crore (adjusted*) in the previous year. Standalone income from operations for the year ended March 31, 2019 is Rs.297.36 crore compared with Rs.302.03 crore (adjusted*) in FY18. Profit after tax on the standalone basis moderated to Rs. 134.99 crore compared with Rs.147.42crore (adjusted*) in the previous financial year.

The Board of Directors has recommanded Final dividend of Rs. 12/- per share (of Rs. 10/- face value)

Major factors affecting results of financial year ended March 2019

Towards the end of the second quarter of FY19 the NBFC sector faced headwinds which impacted the borrowing plans of this crucial segment of the economy. Further the capex related borrowing of the corporate sector also remained subdued. As a result, the company's performance did get impacted. However when looked at the above backdrop, the company has managed to perform satisfactorily.

Total operating costs increased by 12.18% from Rs.115.13 crore to Rs.129.15crore mainly due to increase in salary expenses by Rs.8.05 crore ,additional ESOP charge of Rs.4.09 crore (ESOP charges for FY19 is Rs.12.74crore and FY18 is Rs.8.65 crore) and additional CSR expenses of Rs.3 crore.

Consequently adjusted operating profit moderated to Rs.168.21 crore in FY19 as compare to Rs.186.90 crore in FY18.

^{*}Adjusted: Due to change in revenue accounting policy in FY18, The revenue for the financial year ended March 31, 2018 was higher by Rs.19.58 crore and PAT was higher by Rs.13.60 crore.



Operational Data

For the year ended March 31, 2019, your company has rated total debt amounting to Rs.19.91 lakh crore compared with Rs.16.48 lakh crore in the previous financial year ended March 31, 2018. This comprises of Rs.8.13 lakh crore in bonds, Rs.8.50 lakh crore bank loans and Rs.3.27 lakh crore in short term ratings (including Commercial Paper) for the year ended March 2019.

Economic backdrop

The year 2018-19 has been marked with various challenges on the economy front including liquidity crisis in the NBFC segment, high NPAs in the banking system, stagnant private investment and lower consumption demand resulting in subdued economic growth. Despite various measures by the RBI to infuse liquidity in the system via OMO, Rs-\$ swap operations the banking system continued to face liquidity pressure, which showed signs of marginal improvement towards the end of the financial year 2018-19.

Total corporate bonds raised during the year 2018-19 aggregated to Rs. 6.44 lakh crore. Bank credit growth was at 13.2% in 2018-19 compared with 10% growth in 2017-18. Credit growth to industry was lackluster at 6.9%. Bank credit to services grew by 17.8% in 2018-19 mainly due to higher growth to NBFCs by 29.2% as banks supported these institutions which confronted liquidity challenges from debts market.

The RBI raised interest rates by 25 bps each in Jun'18 and Aug'18 on concerns over a rise in inflation. The RBI subsequently changed its stance and cut interest rates by 25 bps each in Feb'19 and Apr'19 to 6%.

Management view

Commenting on the results Rajesh Mokashi, MD & CEO, said, 'This year has been challenging with the economic environment being subdued and liquidity pressures putting pressure on some sectors. The liquidity issue is being addressed through several measures and we are watchful on the progress on this front. While we are hopeful of things improving in FY2O, we would be guarded in our outlook given the developments in the financial system and the time taken by the new government to push through with reforms this year.'

Contact:

Rajesh Mokashi, MD & CEO 022-67543636

ABOUT US

CARE Ratings (until recently called Credit Analysis and Research Limited), is the second largest full service rating Company in India**. CARE Ratings offers a wide range of rating and grading services across a diverse range of instruments and has over 25 years' experience in the rating of debt instruments and related obligations covering wide range of sectors. The Company's list of clients includes banks and other financial institutions, private sector companies, central public sector undertakings, sub-sovereign entities, small and medium enterprises ("SMEs") and microfinance institutions, among others. The Company also provides issuer ratings and corporate governance ratings and offers rating of innovative debt instruments, such as REITs, expected loss (for infra), perpetual bonds etc. CARE Ratings is recognized for being knowledge based Company and has continued to work towards deepening the base.



The company has a subsidiary CARE (Ratings) Africa Private Limited (CRAF) in Mauritius and CARE Ratings Nepal Limited in Nepal. The company has two wholly owned subsidiaries in Mumbai, India namely CARE Risk Solutions Private Limited and CARE Advisory Research & Training Limited. The Company has its registered office in Mumbai, and branches in Ahmedabad, Andheri, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, New Delhi, and Pune.

** In terms of rating income FY19.

CARE Ratings Limited Investor Presentation – FY19



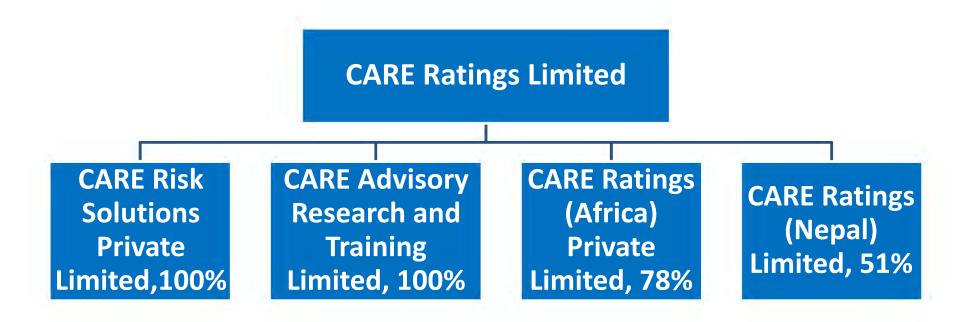
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CARE Ratings Group





Diversified Business Mix

Ratings

- Manufacturing & Services sector
- Financial sector
- Infrastructure
- Small & Medium Enterprises
- Structured Finance
- Sub Sovereign ratings
- Alternate Inv. Fund, Infra. Dev. Fund

International expansion

 Setup a rating agency in Mauritius and Nepal. Exploring neighboring countries, Africa

CARE Advisory Research & Training Ltd.

- Advisory Services
- Training Services
- Customized Research

Information Analysis & Grading

- Industry & Customized Research reports
- CARE Industry Risk Metrics (CIRM) reports
- Grading services
- Training
- Valuations

CARE Risk solutions private Ltd.

- Risk Solutions for
 - Basel II, Credit risks, Operational risks, Fund Transfer Pricing, Asset Liability Mgmt., Value at risk, Capital Adequacy Ratio, IFRS



Experienced & Professional Management

Rajesh Mokashi - MD & CEO



- Over 32 years of experience in finance, commerce and credit risk sectors
- Before joining CARE, worked for Otis Elevator Company India, DSP Financial Consultants & Kotak Mahindra Finance
- Holds Master of Management Studies degree
- Qualified Chartered Financial Analyst



T N Arun Kumar - Executive Director

- 27 years of experience in financial services
- Before joining CARE, worked for The Industrial Finance Corpn. of India Ltd.
- Holds Bachelor's degree in Technology (Agricultural Engineering) from IIT Kharagpur
- PGDM (Agriculture) from IIM Ahmedabad
- CFA Charter Holder; FRM



Mehul Pandya - Executive Director

- 20 years of experience in rating services
- In charge of International Operations of CARE
- MBA; CFA

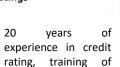


Experienced & Professional Management



Milind Gadkari Senior Director, Ratings

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new recruits ■ Master's degree in management sciences; CFA



Swati Agarwal Jain Senior Director, **Business Development**

and consultancy

PGDM



Senior Director, Ratings

Revati Kasture

- 17 years of experience in analysis research services
- C.A.; Cost Accountant



Sanjay Kumar Agarwal Senior Director, Ratings



Amod Khanorkar Senior Director, Ratings

- 22 years of experience corporate infrastructure finance, risk management and banking
- C.A.; ICWA

- 23 years of experience credit rating, valuations and project appraisal in infrastructure sector
- PGDM



Madan Sabnavis Chief Economist

- **29** vears of experience development banking, commercial banking, engineering commodity markets
- Masters degree in economics



Saikat Roy Director. **SME Business** Development

- 16 years of experience credit rating banking and sector
- ICWA



Nitin Kumar Agrawal Chief Financial Officer

- **25** years experience in finance accounting, taxation, Planning & Analysis, Investor relations, M&A
- C.A.



Umesh Ikhe Chief Technology Officer

- **20** years experience
- Bachelors Degree in Computer Science; Executive General Management Programme from Indian institute of Management



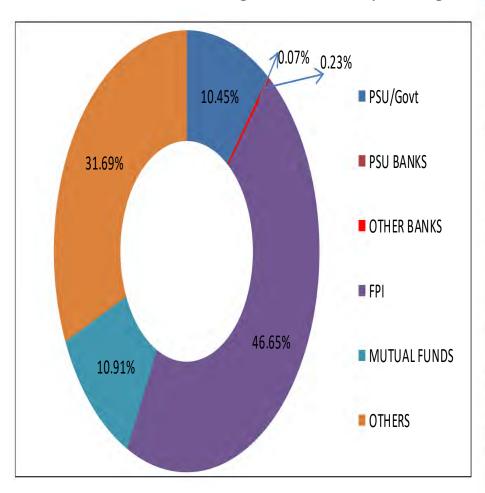
Navin Kumar Jain Company Secretary

- **30+** years experience
- ICSI ; Masters in Financial Services Management



Shareholding Snapshot as on March 31, 2019

100% Public Shareholding- Professionally Managed



Names of Top 20 Shareholders	Holding %
LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA+ LIC P & GS FUND	9.85
CRISIL LIMITED	8.90
FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENT FUNDS+FRANKLIN INDIA SMALLER COMPANIES FUND	7.50
	7.59
STICHTING DEPOSITARY APG EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY P	6.84
VIRTUS KAR INTERNATIONAL SMALL-CAP FUND	4.34
INDIA CAPITAL FUND LIMITED	3.55
MAWER GLOBAL SMALL CAP FUND	3.49
L&T MUTUAL FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED-L&T EMERGING BUSIN	3.03
BMO INVESTMENTS II (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED CO	2.84
RUSSELL INVESTMENTS LIMITED	1.80
BAJAJ HOLDINGS AND INVESTMENT LTD	1.69
GOVERNMENT PENSION FUND GLOBAL	1.50
ISHARES CORE EMERGING MARKETS MAURITIUS CO	1.32
RELIANCE CAPITAL TRUSTEE CO. LTD-A/C RELIANCESMALL	1.29
VANGUARD EMERGING MARKETS STOCK INDEX FUND, A SERI	1.29
TATA STEEL LIMITED	1.20
GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE - E	1.17
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VANGUARD TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STOCK INDEX FUND	1.08
TATA INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED	1.05
Total for Top 20 Shareholders	64.92



Highlights: FY19(adjusted*)

	Standalone	Consolidated
Particulars Particulars	FY19	FY19
Performance during the Period		
Total Income	-0.03%	3.19%
Revenue From Operations*	-1.5%	1.9%
Operating Profit (Without ESOP)	-7.5%	-6.4%
Operating Profit (With ESOP)	-10.0%	-8.9%
Other Income	18.1%	19.3%
Profit Before Tax (without ESOP charge)	-4.5%	-3.5%

Particulars	Standalone FY19	Standalone FY18	Consolidated FY19	Consolidated FY18
Margin				
Operating Profit Margin(without ESOP)	60.85%	64.75%	57.71%	62.82%
Profit After Tax (without ESOP charge) Margin	43.91%	46.88%	42.01%	45.70%
Operating Profit Margin(with ESOP)	56.57%	61.88%	53.72%	60.05%
Profit After Tax (with ESOP charge) Margin	41.26%	45.04%	39.52%	43.92%

^{*}Revenue from Operations and Profit after Tax stated above does not include the effect of revenue policy change resulting in higher revenue of Rs.1958 Lakhs and PAT of Rs. 1360 Lakhs as reported in the audited results of corresponding year ended FY18 in previous year.



Financial Performance(adjusted*)

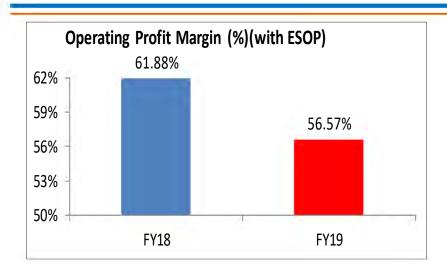
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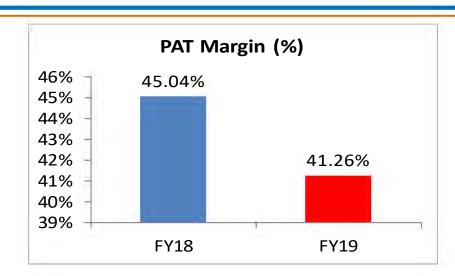
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	Standalone		Consolidated % Change		dated	% Change	
Particulars	FY19	FY18	70 Change	FY19	FY18	70 Change	
Revenue from Operations*	29,736	30,203	-1.5%	31,897	31,310	1.9%	
Total Expenses	11,641	10,648	9.3%	13,490	11,642	15.9%	
Operating Profit (without ESOP)	18,095	19,555	-7.5%	18,407	19,668	-6.4%	
ESOP Charge	1,274	865	47.3%	1,274	865	47.3%	
Operating Profit (with ESOP)	16,821	18,690	-10.0%	17,134	18,803	-8.9%	
Other Income	2,983	2,527	18.1%	3,039	2,547	19.3%	
Profit Before Tax *	19,804	21,217	-6.7%	20,173	21,350	-5.5%	
Provision for Tax	6,306	6,475	-2.6%	6,366	6,478	-1.7%	
Profit After Tax *	13,499	14,742	-8.4%	13,807	14,872	-7.2%	
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Operating Profit margin (%)(without ESOP)	60.9%	64.7%		57.7%	62.8%		
Operating Profit margin (%) (With ESOP)	56.6%	61.9%		53.7%	60.1%		
Profit Before Tax margin (%)(without ESOP)	64.4%	67.5%		61.4%	65.6%		
Profit Before Tax margin (%)(With ESOP)	60.5%	64.8%		57.7%	63.1%		
Net Profit margin (%) (without ESOP)	43.9%	46.9%		42.0%	45.7%		
Net Profit margin (%)(With ESOP)	41.3%	45.0%		39.5%	43.9%		
Basic EPS (Rs. per share)	45.82	50.04		46.66	50.51		

^{*} The Company had changed the revenue recognition policy prospectively from FY18. Accordingly, some income booked in previous year is not available in current year. The revenue for FY18 is higher by Rs. 19.58 crore and PAT is higher by Rs. 13.60 crore in FY18. The slides in this presentation compares FY18 numbers excluding the impact of this change



Financial Performance:FY19 (Rs cr)-Standalone (adjusted*)





Towards the end of the second quarter of FY19 the NBFC sector faced headwinds which impacted the borrowing plans of this crucial segment of the economy. Further the capex related borrowing of the corporate sector also remained subdued. As a result, the company's performance did get impacted. However when looked at the above backdrop, the company has managed to perform satisfactorily.

FY19 Operating profit margin stood at 56.57% & PAT margin moderated to 41.26% mainly due to Increase in salary cost of Rs.8.05 cr, ESOP cost of Rs.4.09cr, and CSR expenses of Rs.3 cr.

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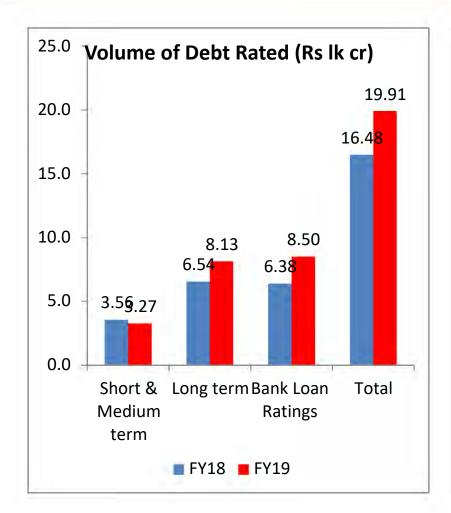
Financial Performance – without adjustment

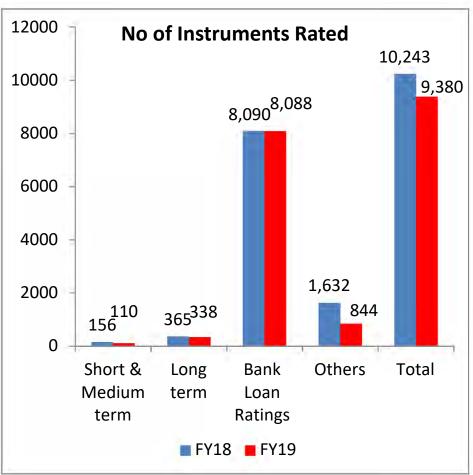
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	Standalone		% Change	Consolidated		% Change
Particulars	FY19	FY18	∕₀ Change	FY19	FY18	70 Change
Revenue from Operations	29,736	32,161	-7.54%	31,897	33,268	-4.12%
Total Expenses	11,641	10,648	9.33%	13,490	11,642	15.87%
Operating Profit (without ESOP)	18,095	21,513	-15.89%	18,407	21,626	-14.88%
ESOP Charge	1,274	865	47.27%	1,274	865	47.27%
Operating Profit (with ESOP)	16,821	20,648	-18.53%	17,134	20,761	-17.47%
Other Income	2,983	2,527	18.05%	3,039	2,547	19.34%
Profit Before Tax	19,804	23,175	-14.55%	20,173	23,308	-13.45%
Provision for Tax	6,306	7,073	-10.84%	6,366	7,074	-10.01%
Profit After Tax	13,499	16,103	-16.17%	13,807	16,234	-14.95%
Operating Profit margin (%)(without ESOP)	60.9%	66.9%		57.7%	65.0%	
Operating Profit margin (%) (With ESOP)	56.6%	66.9%		53.7%	65.0%	
Profit Before Tax margin (%)(without ESOP)	64.4%	69.3%		61.4%	67.5%	
Profit Before Tax margin (%)(With ESOP)	60.5%	66.8%		57.7%	65.1%	
Net Profit margin (%) (without ESOP)	40.1%	40.9%		42.0%	47.0%	
Net Profit margin (%)(With ESOP)	41.3%	46.4%		39.5%	45.3%	
Basic EPS (Rs. per share)	45.82	54.10		46.66	54.54	



Business Performance: FY19



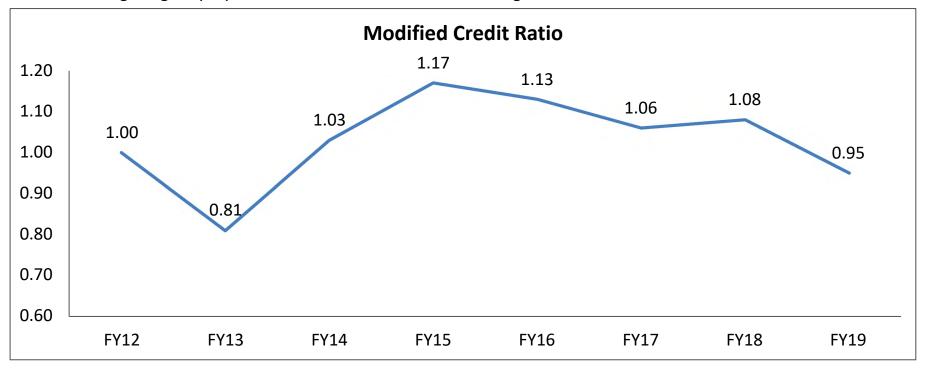






Rating Movement

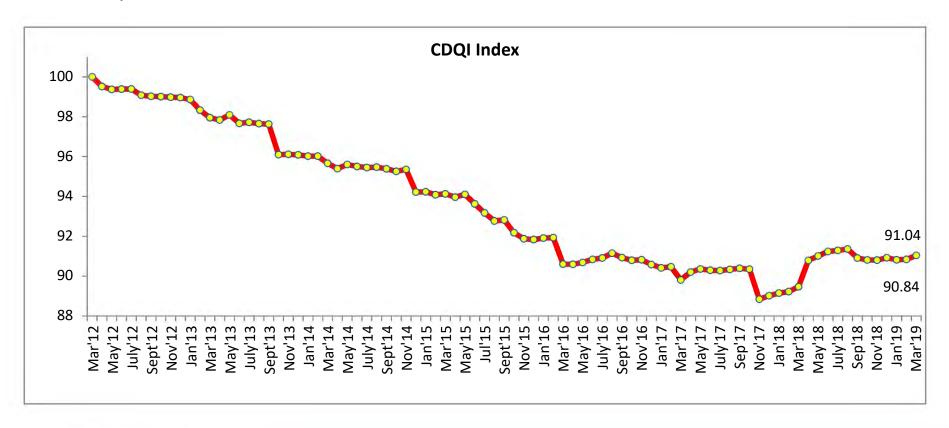
There has been a moderation in credit quality of entities rated by CARE Ratings in 2018-19. The credit quality as measured by CARE Ratings 'modified credit ratio' (MCR), for 2018-19 came in at 0.95 compared with the ratio of 1.08 in 2017-18. The softening in overall credit quality in 2018-19 can partly be ascribed to the small enterprises (total revenues less than Rs.100 crs), which have seen a decline in credit quality, while the large and medium enterprises have been steering the overall stability in credit quality. The stability in rating was noted across sectors with the majority of sectors having a higher proportion of reaffirmation of credit ratings in 2018-19.



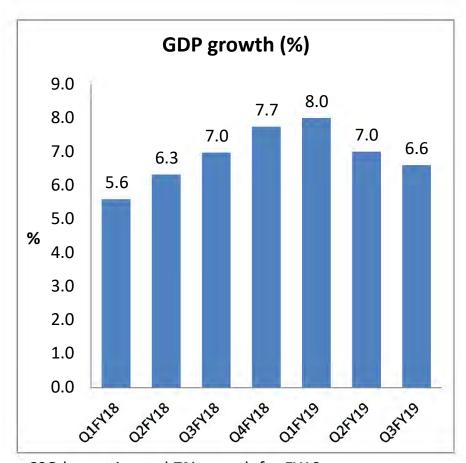


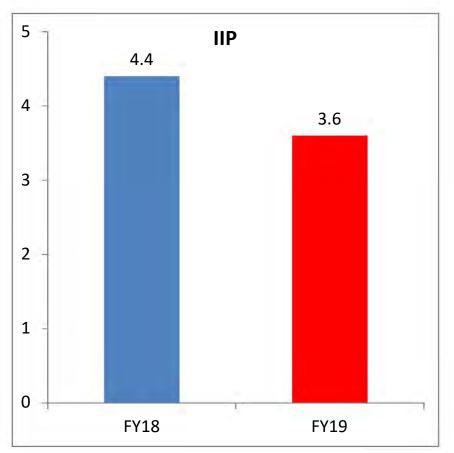
CARE Ratings Debt Quality Index (CDQI)

CDQI showed an improving trend during the first five months of FY19. However, it fell marginally in the months of September and October'18 and remained more or less stable in the months of November'18 – February'2019. It, thereafter, increased in the month of March'19.



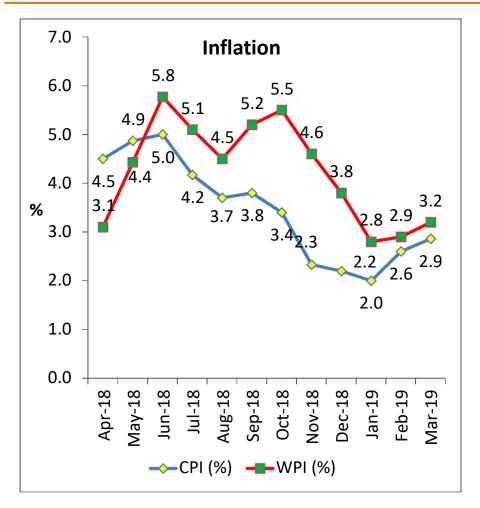


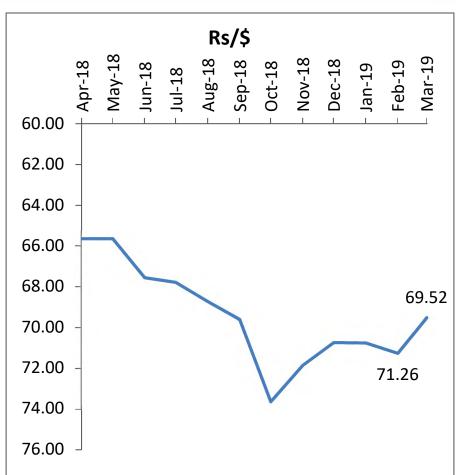




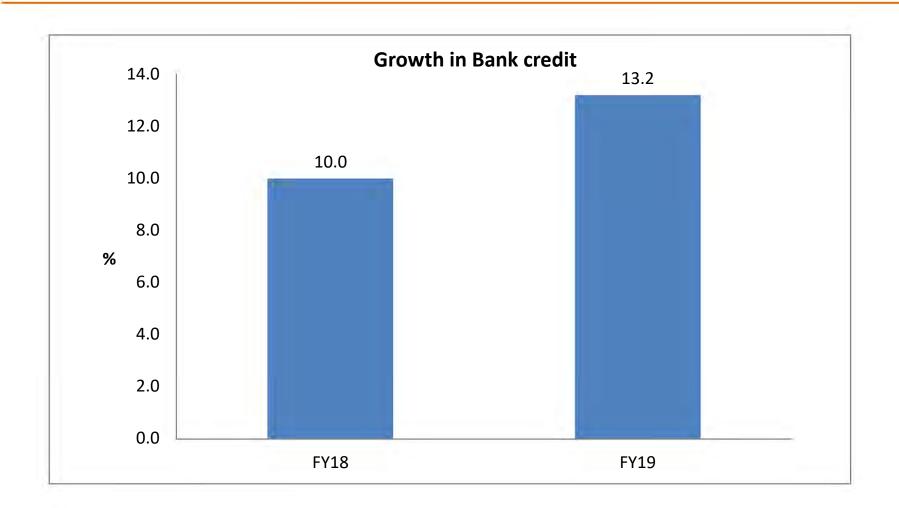
CSO has estimated 7% growth for FY19 We are expecting 6.9% for the fiscal year



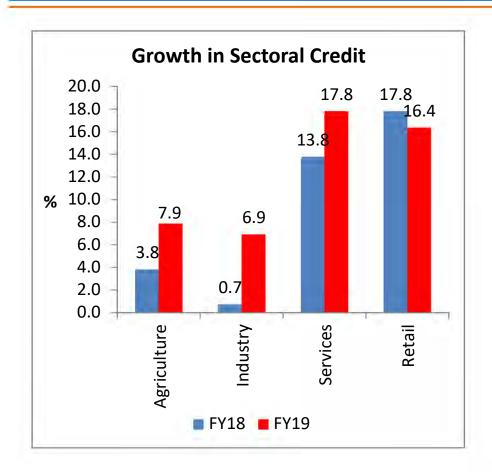








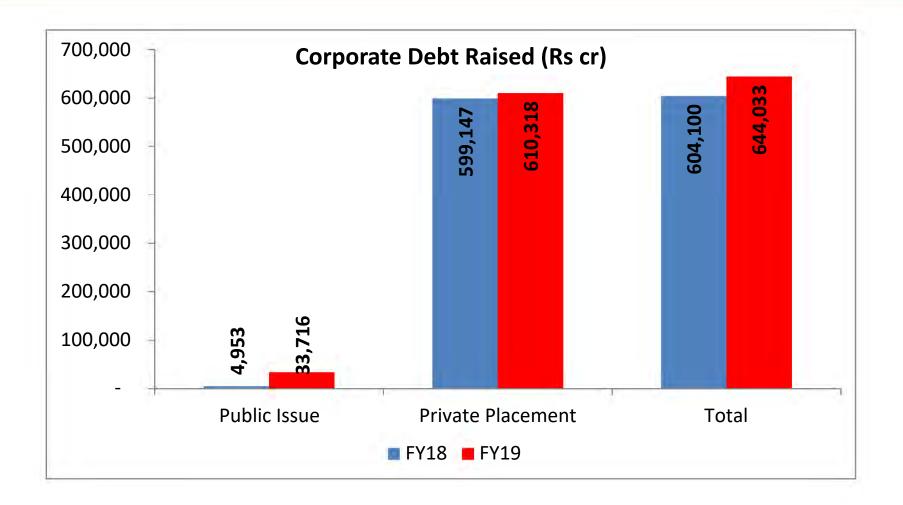




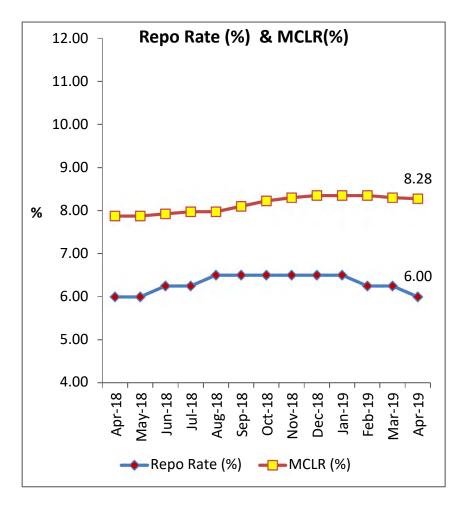
CP Issuances 30.0 25.96 25.0 22.90 20.0 Lkah crore 15.0 **%** 10.0 4.80 3.70 5.0 0.0 **FY18** FY19 Oustanding CPs Issuances

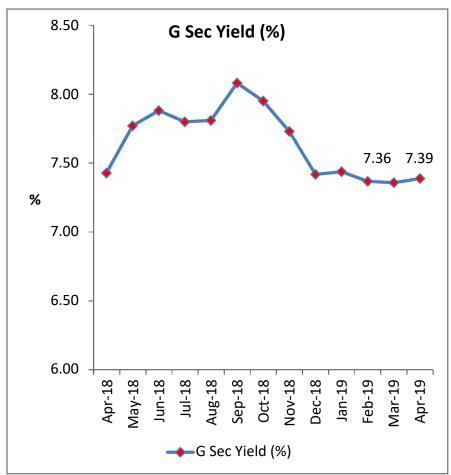
Mfg + services has grown at 11.6% in FY19 compared with 6% growth in FY18.













Economy Overview

Positives

- Easing inflation
- Increasing bank credit off take
- Commercial Paper issuances rose
- Fall in interest rates
- Strengthening Rupee

Negatives

- Subdued economic growth
- Decline in debt issuances
- Subdued industrial output
- Stagnant core sector growth



Economic Outlook for FY20

- GDP growth is expected to be around 6.9% in FY19 and 7.1% in FY20
- Inflation expected to be around 4-4.5% in FY20 contingent upon global crude oil prices
- Exchange rate of Rupee to depreciate by 3.5-4% during the year assuming crude oil prices to remain stiff
- RBI is expected to lower the repo rate by 25-50 bps depending upon how inflation pans out



Thank You

