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Top Investment Idea

Money, Military and Markets-XI - Wither free trade, welcome to tariffs!
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- Imposing tariffs based on trade surplus/deficit goes against common sense and belies all post-Second World War theories of economic efficiency.
- However, this seemingly irrational economic move and withdrawal of the US safety umbrella over Europe is leading to Germany's rise - a positive for India.
- The US has undermined the WTO by giving a free hand to all nations to serve their self-interest. India appears to be playing its cards well.

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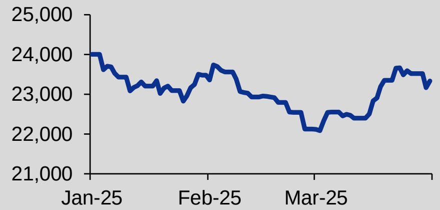

Day Low	CMP	Day High
23,158	23,332	23,350

DXY	103.2	**USDvsINR**	85.5
US10YR (%)	4.1	**IND10YR (%)**	6.5
Brent Crude ($/bbl)	73.1	**WTI ($/bbl)**	69.8
Gold ($/oz)	3,150	**Aluminum ($/MT)**	2,491

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- Government hikes APM gas price ceiling by 4% to $6.75/mmBtu, aligning with deregulation roadmap.
- Cost impact on CGD companies like IGL and MGL limited to 1.5-2%, and less than 1% for Gujarat Gas, due to APM deallocation.
- Short-term fluctuation; bullish outlook for gas sector remains intact, driven by India's energy transition goals.

Dabur India Ltd - 4QFY25 Business Update: Weak quarter; India FMCG portfolio (ex Food) declined in mid-single digits

- Industry demand trends continued to remain weak during the quarter, with rural markets continuing to grow faster than urban markets. General trade channel continues to remain under pressure.
- Barring Food & Badshah Masala range which grew in double digits, rest of India FMCG business is expected to decline in mid-single digits. Consolidated sales are expected to come in flattish yoy while EBITDA margins are expected to contract 150-175bp yoy.
- We expect domestic sales to decline 5% yoy in 4QFY25 while international business is expected to grow 9% yoy, leading to flattish yoy growth in 4QFY25. We expect EBITDA margins to contract 160bp yoy to 14.9%. Dabur is likely to close FY25 with a 3-4% lower EPS than ours/consensus estimates.

Deepak Nitrite - Phenol spreads are collapsing as phenol prices decline, while the drop in benzene prices is offset by falling acetone prices

- Phenol spreads are collapsing, and as the U.S. imposes more tariffs on Chinese products, the phenol market will face further oversupply. While input costs, particularly benzene, are moderating, the decline in acetone prices is offsetting the positive impact of easing costs
- The earnings estimate for Deepak appear unrealistic, with FY25 EPS forecasts around ₹50—implying ~₹14 per share in Q4FY25, which seems unlikely to be achieved. The EPS estimates for FY26/FY27F are dreams on an Excel sheet. However, don't expect the Bloomberg consensus to cut estimates even after a miss in Q4FY25F
- This commodity stock trades at a premium, with a price-to-book ratio of 4x (compared to around 2x for a fixed-ROE stock like NTPC) and a price-to-earnings ratio near 40x. Even branded businesses with high entry barriers would struggle to achieve such valuations

GAIL Locks in LNG Supplies Amid India's Gas Push - But at What Cost? - Update on GAIL-Qatar Energy new contract

- GAIL secures 12 LNG cargoes/year from Qatar Energy at a premium, adding 0.4-0.6 mt to its 15 mtpa portfolio.
- Indian firms, including GAIL and IOC, sign multiple long-term LNG contracts, signaling confidence in gas demand growth.
- Strategic supply security vs. cost implications: a mixed bag for GAIL's near-term financials but positive for long-term outlook.

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- As we had indicated in our note published on 16th March 2025 was typical of supply hain squeeze which happens in a dying commodity. It rises fast and fizzles out faster. The same has happened in R-32 US export prices, this price rose to Rs 440/kg in February 2025 however has corrected by Rs 60/kg or around 14% from the peak.
- Consensus EPS is just too high and its unlikely that it will be achieved for FY25, FY26 or FY27F
- Reiterate SELL on SRF. Its one of the costliest commodities chemical stocks with no big earnings recovery in sight. SELL

Actionable Ideas Top

Figure 1: Top Buys (All ADD Ratings)

Company	Bloomberg Ticker	Market Capital (Rs bn)	Price	Target Price	Up/down (%)	Analyst Name
Large Cap						
HDFC Bank	**HDFCB IN**	13,750	1,797	2,150	20%	Meghna LUTHRA
Tata Consultancy Services	**TCS IN**	12,822	3,544	3,925	11%	Abhishek SHINDADKAR
Bajaj Finance Ltd	**BAF IN**	5,374	8,669	9,750	12%	Jignesh SHIAL
Maruti Suzuki	**MSIL IN**	3,684	11,716	14,261	22%	Pramod AMTHE
UltraTech Cement Ltd	**UTCEM IN**	3,315	11,251	12,900	15%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd	**ADSEZ IN**	2,582	1,195	1,457	22%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Bajaj Auto	**BJAUT IN**	2,254	8,073	10,590	31%	Pramod AMTHE
Pidilite Industries Limited	**PIDI IN**	1,450	2,851	3,470	22%	Rohan KALLE
Shriram Finance Limited	**SHFL IN**	1,202	639	800	25%	Meghna LUTHRA
Cipla Ltd	**CIPLA IN**	1,173	1,452	1,640	13%	Yogesh SONI
ABB India Ltd	**ABB IN**	1,126	5,313	7,627	44%	Arafat SAIYED
Mid-cap						
Lupin Ltd	**LPC IN**	918	2,010	2,329	16%	Yogesh SONI
Cummins India Ltd	**KKC IN**	846	3,052	3,909	28%	Arafat SAIYED
Marico Ltd	**MRCO IN**	850	656	750	14%	Rohan KALLE
Hero MotoCorp	**HMCL IN**	757	3,784	5,525	46%	Pramod AMTHE
Bharat Forge	**BHFC IN**	551	1,153	1,407	22%	Pramod AMTHE
Petronet LNG	**PLNG IN**	448	299	519	74%	Pratyush KAMAL
Container Corp of India Ltd	**CCRI IN**	432	709	1,133	60%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Small-cap						
Ajanta Pharma Ltd	**AJP IN**	327	2,618	3,220	23%	Yogesh SONI
Deepak Fertilisers & Petrochemicals Corp. Ltd.	**DFPC IN**	147	1,161	2,051	77%	Pratyush KAMAL
Birla Corporation Ltd	**BCORP IN**	84	1,094	1,455	33%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Ethos Limited	**ETHOSLTD IN**	61	2,480	3,400	37%	Rohan KALLE
Skipper Limited	**SKIPPER IN**	51	445	695	56%	Ishan VERMA
TCPL Packaging Ltd	**TCPL IN**	40	4,444	4,380	-1%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Cyient DLM Ltd	**CYIENTDL IN**	36	452	818	81%	Arafat SAIYED
Globus Spirits Ltd	**GBSL IN**	31	1,086	1,584	46%	Nitin AWASTHI

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Figure 2: Top Sells (All REDUCE Ratings)

Company	Bloomberg Ticker	Market Capital (Rs bn)	Price	Target Price	Up/down (%)	Analyst Name
Large Cap						
Tata Steel	**TATA IN**	1,931	155	82	-47%	Satish KUMAR
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	**INDIGO IN**	1,958	5,068	3,030	-40%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Mid-cap						
SBI Cards	**SBICARD IN**	815	857	550	-36%	Meghna LUTHRA
Clean Science and Technology	**CLEAN IN**	129	1,215	683	-44%	Satish KUMAR

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27 Mar 2025	Nitin Awasthi	Agribusiness - Shrimpopedia: Mar 2025 (Overweight-Maintained)
26 Mar 2025	Nitin Awasthi	Agribusiness - Sugar sector faces unprecedented turmoil (Underweight-Maintained)
26 Mar 2025	Abhishek Shindadkar	Persistent Systems Ltd - No change in execution; bookings rigour (HOLD-Maintained)
26 Mar 2025	Satish Kumar	Strategy Note - Wither free trade, welcome to tariffs!
24 Mar 2025	Meghna Luthra	BFSI - Ears to the ground: Not for the faint hearted (Overweight-Maintained)
21 Mar 2025	Meghna Luthra	Financial Services - AMCs - Risk is a part of the business (Overweight-Maintained)
19 Mar 2025	Rohan Kalle	Pidilite Industries Limited - Analyst Day - Highlights (ADD-Maintained)
16 Mar 2025	Abhishek Shindadkar	Sonata Software - Understanding the impact on EA revenue (ADD-Upgrade)
15 Mar 2025	Satish Kumar	UPL Limited - Global agchem cycle is turning; retain ADD (ADD-Maintained)
14 Mar 2025	Satish Kumar	Strategy Note - Trouble in Pakistan – Is CPEC over?
12 Mar 2025	Meghna Luthra	Financial Services - AMCs - Volatility puts investment discipline to test (Overweight-Maintained)
11 Mar 2025	Satish Kumar	Ami Organics Ltd - EPS growth to taper down; retain REDUCE (REDUCE-Maintained)
06 Mar 2025	Bhavik Shah	Axis Bank - Concerns priced in; upgrade to ADD (ADD-Upgrade)
06 Mar 2025	Ishan Verma	Industrial Goods and Services - India power T&D biz – High-voltage growth (Overweight-Maintained)
06 Mar 2025	Pramod Amthe	Balkrishna Industries Ltd - Bhuj plant visit takeaways (ADD-Maintained)
05 Mar 2025	Pramod Amthe	Strategy Note - High conviction and doubler stock ideas
04 Mar 2025	Arafat Saiyed	Industrial - Overall - Assessing the scope of disruption in C&W (Under Review-Initiate)
03 Mar 2025	Pramod Amthe	Autos - Feb 2025 auto sales volume performance (Neutral-Maintained)

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31 Mar 2025	Bhavik Shah	Banks - Monthly sectoral credit trend by RBI – February 2025
28 Mar 2025	Shubham Dalia	New Age Technologies - Government to Disrupt Ride-Hailing Industry | Ola, Uber, Rapido Business Model Under Stress Soon
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24 Mar 2025	Pratyush Kamal	PNGRB's Zone Division & Tariff Proposal Ignites GAIL's Stock Rally
24 Mar 2025	Pratyush Kamal	US LNG Projects Get Green Light: 31 mtpa Boost to Global Supply Amid Legal Battles
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