

EQUITIES, DEBT SHINE

Financial year 2014-15 was spectacular for equity markets and debt instruments, as both gave positive real returns. The returns on debt have improved due to a dip in the consumer price index. Experts believe equities and debt will continue to do well. However, gold might continue to suffer due to a strong dollar.



SMALL WONDERS

Name	Mar 31, '14	Mar 31, '15	% change 1-year	Real returns*
Nifty	6,704.20	8,491.00	26.65	20.62
Sensex	22,386.27	27,957.49	24.89	18.86
BSE small-cap	7,071.96	10,890.45	53.99	47.96
BSE mid-cap	7,082.86	10,592.22	49.55	43.52
10 Year G-sec Bond yield (%)	8.00	7.50	-50(bps)	1.97
SBI Term Deposit (1-year)	9.00	8.50	-50(bps)	2.97
Silver (₹/kg)	43,600.00	37,650.00	-13.65	-19.68
Standard Gold (₹/10g)	28,900.00	26,520.00	-8.24	-14.27

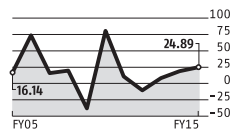
The real returns for 10 year G-sec and SBI term deposit is calculated as per the investment made on March 31, 2014; *Adjusted for Retail Inflation(CPI); Average CPI for FY15 (Till February) = 6.03
Compiled by BS Research Bureau Source: Bloomberg

HAPPY RETURNS

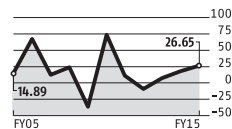
FY15 returns for benchmark indices were the best since FY10 and the third-highest in the decade

RETURNS (%)

Sensex



Nifty

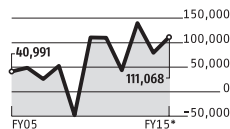


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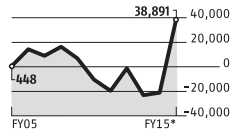
TWO TO TANGO

For the first time since FY08, both domestic and foreign investors were strong buyers

Fis (₹ crore)



MFs (₹ crore)



*Data up to March 27

Source: Sebi

EXPERT VIEW



"Last year, the 10-year bond yield declined from 9.10 per cent to 7.73 (137 bps), though the policy rate declined by only 50 bps. Effectively, market rates fell faster in anticipation of policy rate cuts. This year, market rates will mimic policy rates. Gilt and bond funds with the highest duration will be appropriate for an investor"

NILESH SHAH

Managing director, Kotak Mutual Fund



"Fundamentals for gold are particularly weak due to low demand from central banks, investors and a strong dollar (strongest since 2003), likely to remain strong. So, the need for gold as a "safe haven in times of crisis" has dissipated. For 2015, we forecast that gold prices will average \$1,150/oz, followed by \$1,055/oz in 2016"

NIC BROWN

Head of research, Natixis Commodities



"Equities are likely to do well for the next three years, albeit with corrections. However, investors should avoid investing in aggressive equity funds"

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CIO, ICICI Prudential AMC

GLOBAL STAGE

India was the second-best performing market among major global markets in FY15

Benchmark indices	Country	Change (%)
Shanghai SE Composite	China	84.33
BSE Sensex	India	24.89
MICEX	Russia	17.71
Dow Jones	US	9.23
Top 40 IX	South Africa	7.52
FTSE 100	UK	3.63
Brazil Bovespa	Brazil	1.64

SECTOR SHOW

Health care and consumer durable stocks were the big gainers

	Change (%)
BSE Health care	71.42
BSE Consumer Durable	59.63
BSE Auto	45.02
BSE Capital Goods	43.97
BSE Bankex	43.18

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Among Nifty stocks, pharma and banking stocks were the biggest gainers

TOP GAINERS	Change (%)
Lupin	115.2
YES Bank	97.1
Axis Bank	91.8
Maruti Suzuki India	87.5
Cipla	86.1

TOP LOSERS	Change (%)
Cairn India	-35.8
Tata Steel	-19.6
Reliance Industries	-11.3
Tata Power	-9.5
Hindalco Industries	-9.0

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