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# A Budget of Fiscal Prudence

Nirmala Sitharaman hit the right chord with top focus on fiscal prudence, green energy and investment-led growth for all sections of the society



to not bite the bait of populism ahead of the general elections. The devil is in the fine print, but prima facie, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman steered clear of any major deviations from the path of fiscal consolidation. The Budget team delivered an investment-led Budget that aims for inclusive growth. There is a sprinkling of sops too, but the thrust

"The vote on the account is citizens pride and peers' envy. It has achieved the impossible trinity of inclusive growth, infrastructure investment and fiscal prudence," remarks Nilesh Shah, managing director, Kotak Mahindra AMC. Vishal Kampani, non-executive vice chairman, JM Financial, agrees. He says the Budget has laid the framework for robust growth in the coming years.

is on capital expenditure,

infrastructure and housing.

"The focus continues on fiscal consolidation while balancing the



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Refraining from being too populist, the government targeted inclusive development by announcing measures which have a far-reaching impact on the economy," Kampani adds. "Also, there is a promise to lay the detailed roadmap and strategy for Amrit Kal in the full year Budget in July 2024."

Adopting a counter-cyclical approach, the government opted for fiscal discipline to achieve its target of lowering the fiscal deficit to 4.5 percent of the GDP by FY26. In fact, it marginally outperformed: Fiscal

deficit of 5.8 percent and 5.1 percent

percent and 5.3 percent.

"This was not a pre-election Budget. While the speech talked a lot about the key voter constituents, it has chosen to prioritise fiscal consolidation. This bodes well for macro stability and will be seen as positive by the RBI [Reserve Bank of India] as well," says Sonal Varma, managing director and chief economist-India and Asia ex-Japan, Nomura.

In FY24, revenue receipts came in at ₹27 lakh crore versus the Budget estimate of ₹26.3 lakh crore. This is projected at ₹30 lakh crore next fiscal. Revenue expenditure marginally rose to ₹35.4 lakh crore versus the Budget forecast of ₹35 lakh crore.

The major revenue outgo for the government comprises food subsidy and fertilisers and is seen at ₹2 lakh crore and ₹1.64 lakh crore each. This is lower than last year's spending of ₹2.1 lakh crore and ₹1.9 lakh crore each.

In the coming fiscal, the finance minister has budgeted for a nominal GDP growth of 10.5 percent and gross tax revenues are expected to rise 11.5 percent year-over-year in comparison to 12.5 percent in FY24. "There will be some hits and misses, but it seems achievable overall," Varma adds.

Buoyant tax collection cushioned the impact of a significant shortfall on the divestment front. The government revised its divestment

#### COMMENTS

#### Transformative, yet prudent



The Interim Budget is a transformative yet prudent financial statement with enough indications of a detailed roadmap: that the present government hopes to outline and guide the country towards Viksit Bharat by 2047. The Centre's confidence is evident as the finance minister avoided big-bang

tax base, which usually come in preelection Budgets. Rather, she moved along the proven lines of increased capital expenditure and infraspending, fiscal prudence, welfarism and setting of ambitious goals to catch the imagination of the people while pushing the economy. The Budget laid stress on transformation, reforms and performance in a practical vein. With 11 per cent Y-o-Y, growth momentum on the capex front has been maintained. The growth picture on the revised estimate looks robust at about 17 percent Y-o-Y (as last year's capex allocation was unutilised). Considering the magnitude of ₹11 trillion, it should be in FY25 since the other pillar, i.e

current fiscal, and expectations of corrective measures on this aspect were missing in the Interim Budget.

The Finance Minister also meant business with an aggressive fiscal consolidation target. It is commendable that the fiscal deficit has been brought down to 5.8 per cent in the revised target, riding on better revenue mobilisation, as against the target of 5.9 per cent in the last Budget. The government continued on its prudent policy choices by setting an even lower fiscal deficit target for FY25 at 5.1 per cent when the markets were anticipating a 5.3 per cent handle. It is likely the government would meet its target again as the revenue expectations seem conse rvative for FY25 as well. Even with the conservative revenue estimates, it has managed to keep a tab on the borrowings (₹14.1 trillion vs₹15.4 trillion in FY24).

The writer is non-executive vice chairman, JM Financial Limited



#### MR. VISHAL KAMPANI \_\_\_

#### Non-Executive Vice Chairman, JM Financial Ltd

Shared his views on Interim Budget which were published in **Business Standard**, **Forbes** and **The Economic Times**.

He was part of an interactive session with top leaders from the industry as part on the panel discussion on 'NBFCs: Way Ahead for 2030' at 6th NBFC summit organized by CII.



## Secondary sales by PE firms double in 2023

RAJESH KURUP Mumbai, February 25

DESPITE THE SLOWDOWN in overall PE-VC investments, secondary sales by private equity (PE) firms more than doubled to ₹87,348 crore in 2023, aided by the macro environment and maturing secondary markets. With the overall euphoria in the industry, the rising trend is expected to continue this year as well.

In comparison, calendar year 2022 recorded a total of ₹41,071 crore through secondary sales by PE firms. A secondary sale is when a PE firm sells its stake to another PE firm, while exits by PEs generally include buyback, secondary sales and strategic sales.

The top three secondary sales in CY23 were exits by BPEA EQT by offloading its stake in Coforge for ₹7,577 crore, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board divesting about 1.7% stake in private lender Kotak Mahindra Bank for ₹6,123 crore and American PE fund Blackstone selling its remaining 20.50% stake in Sona BLW Precision Forgings for ₹4,917 crore, according to data

#### **UPBEAT TREND**

Company	₹ crore	Investor(s)
Coforge	7,577	BPEA EQT
Kotak Mahindra Bank	6,123	СРРІВ
Sona BLW Precision Forgings	4,917	Blackstone
Axis Bank	3,736	Bain Capital
Mankind Pharma	3,282	ChrysCapital
Brookfield's Tower Infra InvIT *	3,127	Brookfield
CAMS^	2,700	Warburg Pincus
IDFC First Bank	2,480	Warburg Pincus
Coforge	2,430	BPEA EQT
Mankind Pharma	2,360	Capital Group
Top 10 total	38,732	

compiled by JM Financial.

According to Sonia Dasgupta, MD & CEO, investment banking at JM Financial: "With stable macro environment in India and maturing secondary markets, the appetite for secondary sales within public market investors has seen an uptick."

"The overall private equity-venture capital investments in 2023 slowed to ₹2.47 trillion (\$30 billion), compared with ₹3.1 trillion (\$40 billion) in 2022.

However, there are a few sectors which did well, such as healthcare and hospitals, where PE/VC funds invested ₹40,000 crore in 2023, compared with ₹6,500 crore in 2022," she said.

ESG-aligned assets, which pri-

marily include renewable energy companies, attracted ₹45,000 crore in investments in 2023, compared with ₹20,000 crore in 2022. The other top deals for the year included Bain Capital offloading a 1.1% stake in Axis Bank in December, Chrys Capital divesting stake in Mankind Pharma and US-based PE firm Warburg Pincus offloading stake in Computer Age Management Services (see chart).

According to Mahesh Singhi, founder & MD at investment banking firm Singhi Advisors: "For the last three years, ever since the buoyancy in the capital markets, almost 75% of capital raise has been through secondary sale of equity, offer for sale or block deals of significant sizes, including sell by PE funds and promoters together."

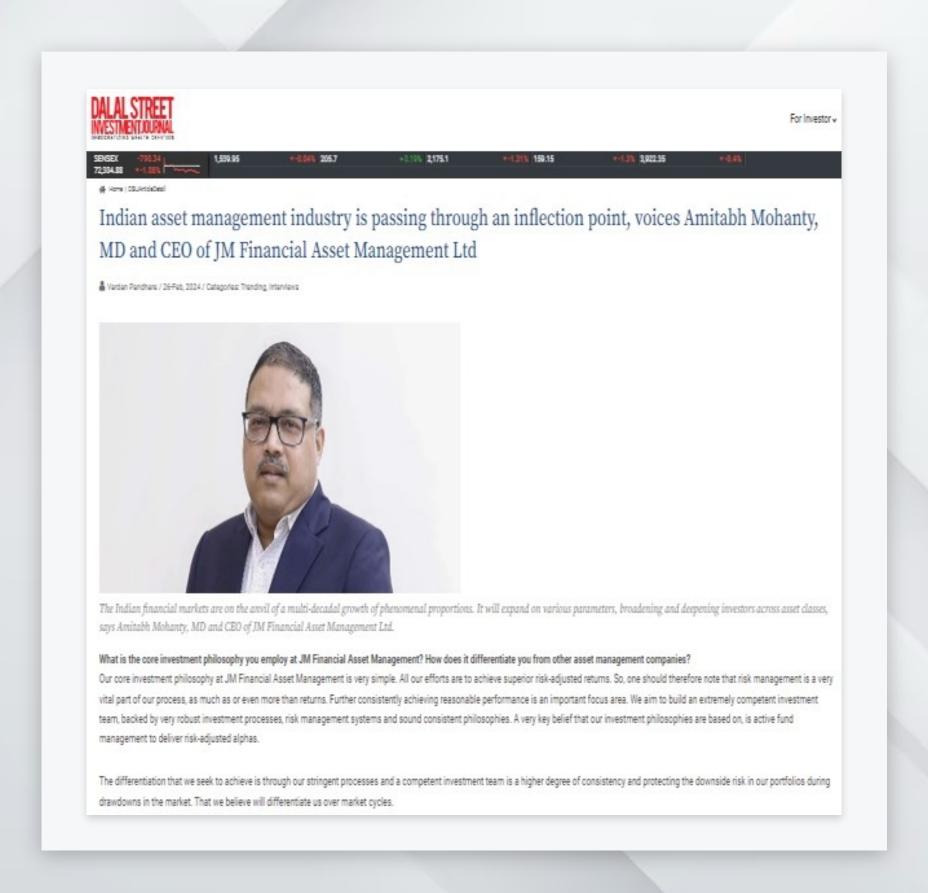
"Post listing, some companies raised additional capital through the qualified institutional placement route to strengthen their balance sheets. That occurred as most funds were waiting to exit and timed themselves well to gain from attractive markets and rich valuations, which may not last for long," he added.

#### MS. SONIA DASGUPTA \_\_\_

#### MD & CEO, Investment Banking, JM Financial Ltd

featured in an industry story by **Financial Express** which talked about how despite the slowdown in overall PE-VC investments, secondary sales by private equity (PE) firms more than doubled to ₹87,348 crore in 2023, aided by the macro environment and maturing secondary markets.





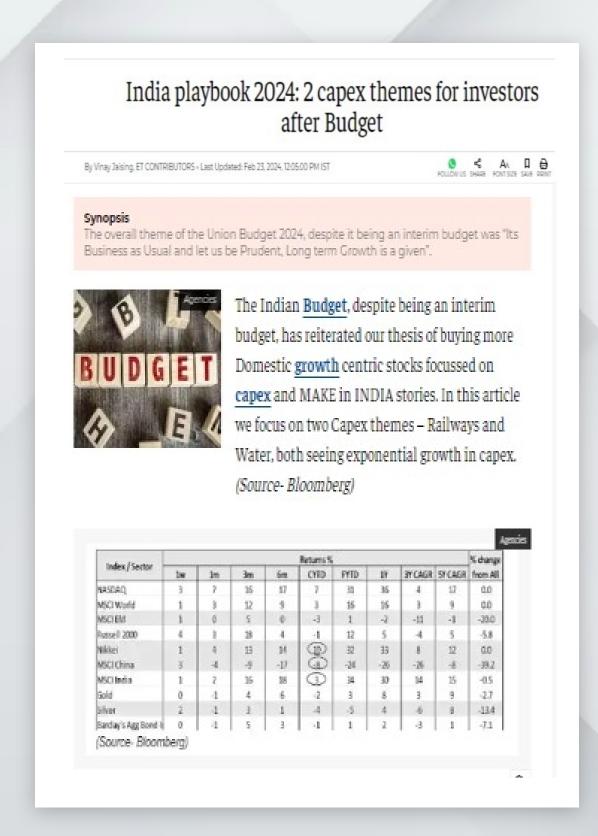
#### MR. AMITABH MOHANTY \_\_\_

#### MD & CEO, JM Financial Asset Management Ltd

interview featured in **Dalal Street Investment Journal** wherein he talked about how Indian financial markets are on the anvil of a multi-decadal growth of phenomenal proportions.

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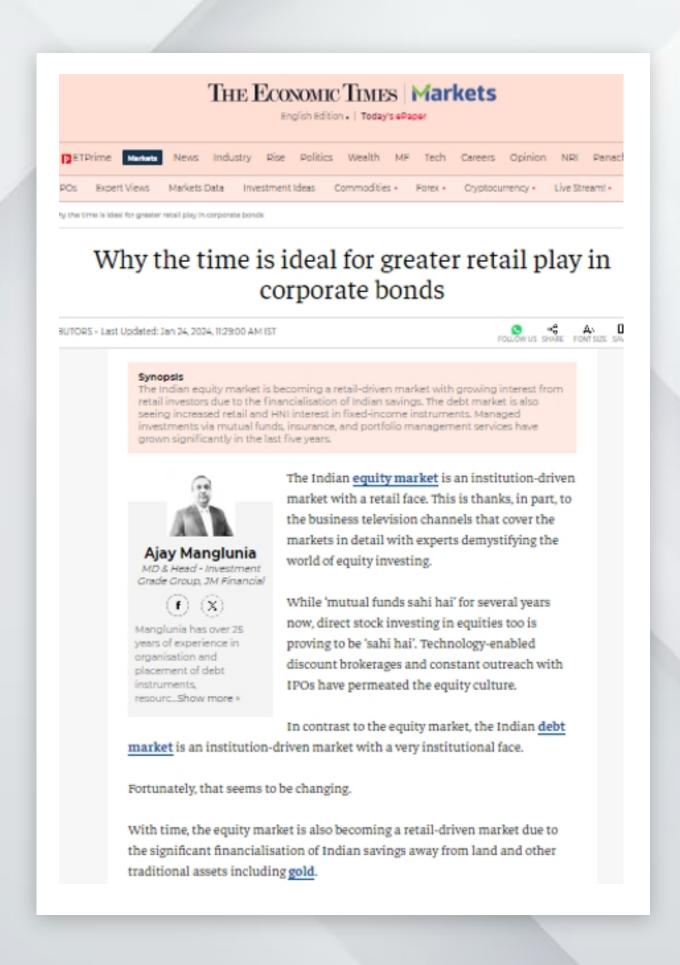
#### MR. VINAY JAISING \_\_

#### MD & Co-Head, Portfolio Management Services, JM Financial Ltd

authored article was published in **ET Markets** wherein he shared his thoughts on India Playbook 2024: 2 capex themes for investors after budget.

His interview appeared on NDTV Profit and CNBC TV18 which covered his views on India's GDP growth trends and D-street rally.





#### MR. AJAY MANGLUNIA \_\_\_

#### MD & Head - Investment Grade Group, JM Financial Products Ltd

authored article was published in **ET Markets** which covered his views on how Election years have typically been volatile for equity investors.



#### JM FINANCIAL IN THE NEWS





#### JM Financial Q3 Net Profit Rises 46%

mumbal: JM Financial reported 46% growth in net profit to ₹246 crore during the third quarter ended December 31, 2023 as a result of several equity and fixed income transactions. During the same quarter in the previous year, the company had reported net profit of ₹190 crore. Its total income rose 33% to ₹1,261 crore from ₹946 crore. It executed several equity and fixed income transactions including 46 marque equity capital market transactions during calendar year 2023 with the total deal value of ₹92,917 crore. – Our Bureau

#### JM Financial's Q3 net profit up 46% y-o-y to ₹278 crore

#### Our Bureau

Mumbai

JM Financial Ltd. (JMFL) reported a 46 per cent y-o-y increase in third quarter consolidated net profit at ₹278 crore on the back of strong performance by segments such as investment banks, mortgage lending, and Platform AWS.

However, the loan book was almost flat at ₹15,111 crore as of December 2023, against ₹15,234 crore as of December 2022.

JMFL reported a consolidated net profit of ₹190 crore in the year-ago quarter.

#### JM FINANCIAL Q3 PROFIT SOARS 46% TO ₹278 CRORE

JM FINANCIAL ON Monday reported revenues of ₹1,261 crore and a net profit ₹278 crore, a year-on-year increase of 33% and 46%, respectively, for the December 2023 quarter. This was the highest ever quarterly revenue, said the company.

## JM Financial PAT jumps 46% to ₹278 crore in Q3

JM Financial on Monday posted a 46 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 278 crore in the December quarter on the back of robust revenue growth. In a statement, the company said both its topline at Rs 1,261 crore, which is more than 33 per cent over the same period last fiscal, and the bottomline at Rs 278 crore are the highest quarterly numbers.

## PRESS RELEASE - JM FINANCIAL'S Q3FY24 RESULTS \_\_\_

JM Financial reported its highest ever quarterly revenue and operating profit. Revenue and PAT stood at ₹ 1,261 crore and ₹ 278 crore, YoY increase of 33% and 46% respectively for Q3FY24. The news was carried by The Economic Times, The Hindu Business Line, Financial Express, Free Press Journal, etc.





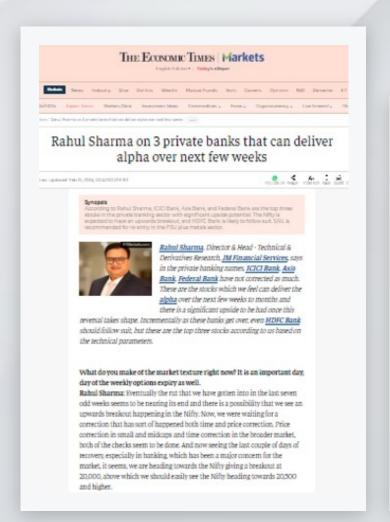
#### MR. SATISH RAMANATHAN \_\_\_

Chief Investment Officer – Equity, JM Financial Asset Management Ltd

interview appeared on ET Now which covered his views on the markets.

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#### MR. RAHUL SHARMA —

Director, Head-Technical & Derivative Research, JM Financial Ltd.

technical views on where the Nifty is headed were published in **The Economic Times** along with an interview where he discussed about private banks that can deliver alpha over next few weeks.





#### MR. SAMEER BHISE \_\_\_

Lead Financials Analyst, JM Financial Institutional Securities Ltd.

interview appeared on CNBC TV18 (YouTube) which covered his views on the on the banking & finance sector.

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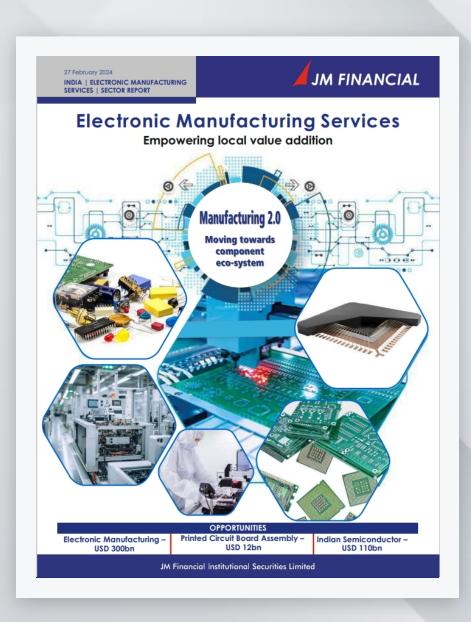


## Key Research Reports of the month





**Internet** 



Interim Budget FY25

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The main focus area of the interim budget Pr25 was on fiscal consolidation while continuing the Capex push. While government's lower than espected fiscal deflicit target was unexpected and well appreciated, the resultant curtailment in capex was taken negatively. We highlight that capex growth from the revised estimates of Pr24 has been robust at 16.9% and doser to market expectations. While announcements to review consumption demand was missing, other announcements in areas of green energy, rural housing, upgradation of trains, extension of interest free loans to states and setting up rooftop solar resolutions are in the right-filmetion with lone term benefits.

Balancing Consolidation with Capex: Government continued to walk on the predefined th of fiscal consolidation, with main focus on meeting the fiscal deficit target while fiscal consolidation came at the cost of marginal uptick of 11.1% YoY in capex outlay of INR 11.1Tn vs market expectation of 15-20% YoY. Considering the constraints of interim budget, budget announcements revolved around long term measures like focus on achieving net zero by 2070, extension of 50 year interest free loans to states, allotment of 20mn houses through extension of PM Awas Yojana, INR 100bn allocation towards setting up rooftop solar panels and transforming normal boggies to the level of Vande Bharat etc. With this the budget set a road map for achieving the targeted activities for alising the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

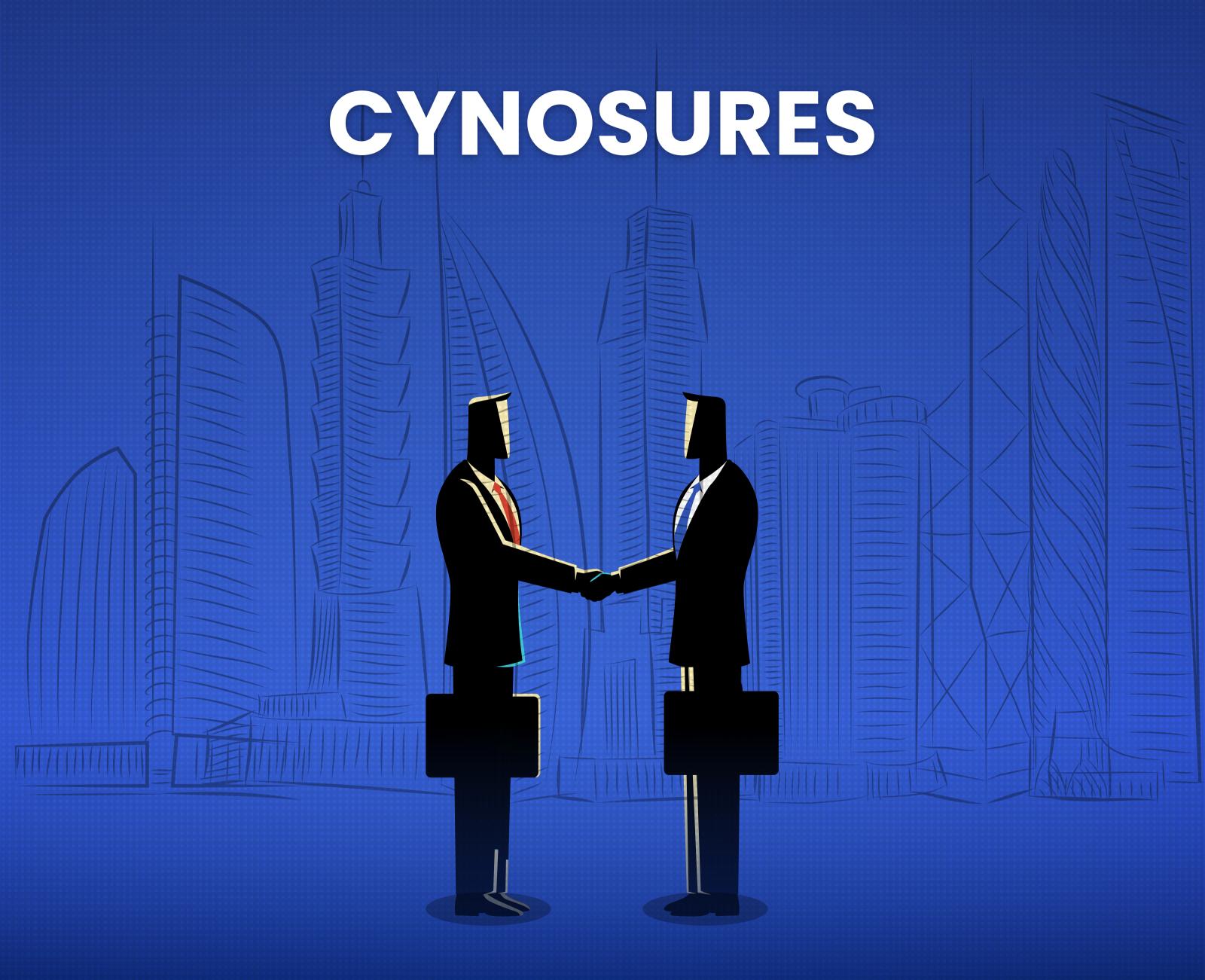
uite some time now, signs of which are evident in the muted performance in private consumption at 4.5% during Apr-Sep'23 vs 13.6% in the previous year. Moreover corporate commentaries in the consumer space have been highlighting weakness in domestic consumption – mainly in rural segments. Considering the above, market participants had anticipated policy measures in the budget announcements to aid rural recovery. But the government refrained from announcing any populist measures while complying with the protocols of the interim budget. We believe that the government is

the announcement. The cost of setting a lower fiscal deficit target reflected in the urtailment of Capex allocation, which is expected to grow at 11% YoY vs 33% YoY in curranteets or capes, anotation, with one that although the capes allocation has moderated, but in absolute terms INR 11th is a substantial amount. Moreover government revised down previous year's capes allocation to INR 9.5Tn. Growth from the revised allocation to INR 9.5Tn. Growth from the revised allocation comes to 16.9% YoY which is doser to market expectations of 15-20%.

Directionally positive budget announcements: Considering latest opinion polis hinting towards policy continuity and constraints of interim budget led to lack of populist measures, but the announcements around green energy, setting up houses under PM Awas Yojana and rooftop solar panels should benefit players in the ancillary industries like Awas Yojana and roottop solar parees stroute descriptions and roottop solar parees around because it is a solar paree and solar parees and sol

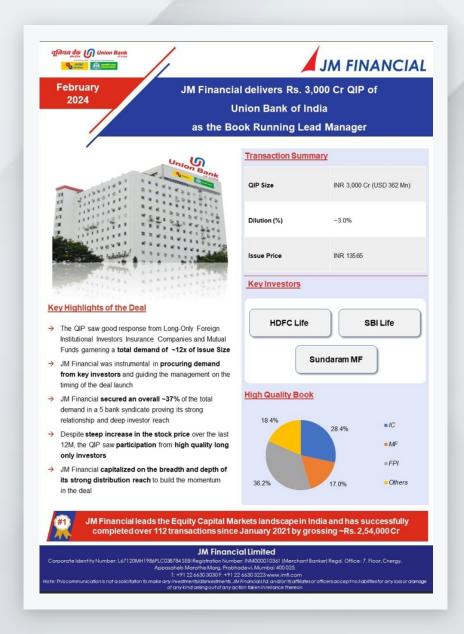
**Interim Budget FY25** 

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#### Deals of the month





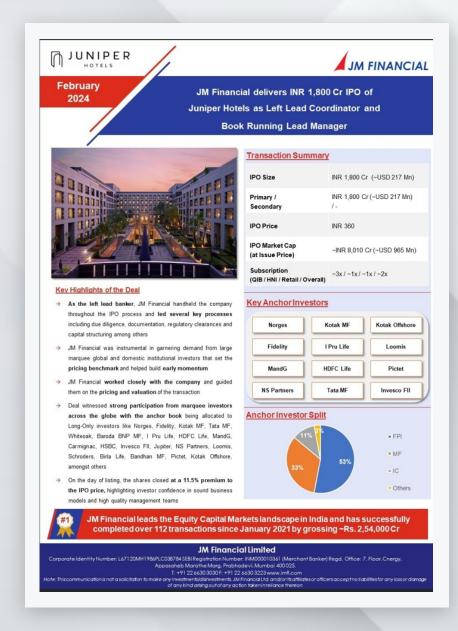
#### **Union Bank of India**

JM Financial delivers

₹ 3,000 Cr QIP of Union

Bank of India as the Book

Running Lead Manager.



#### **Juniper Hotels**

JM Financial delivers

7 1,800 Cr IPO of
Juniper Hotels as Left
Lead Coordinator and
Book Running Lead
Manager.



#### Rashi Peripherals Ltd

JM Financial delivers

₹ 750 Cr IPO + Pre IPO

of Rashi Peripherals

Limited as Left Lead

Coordinator and Book

Running Lead Manager.

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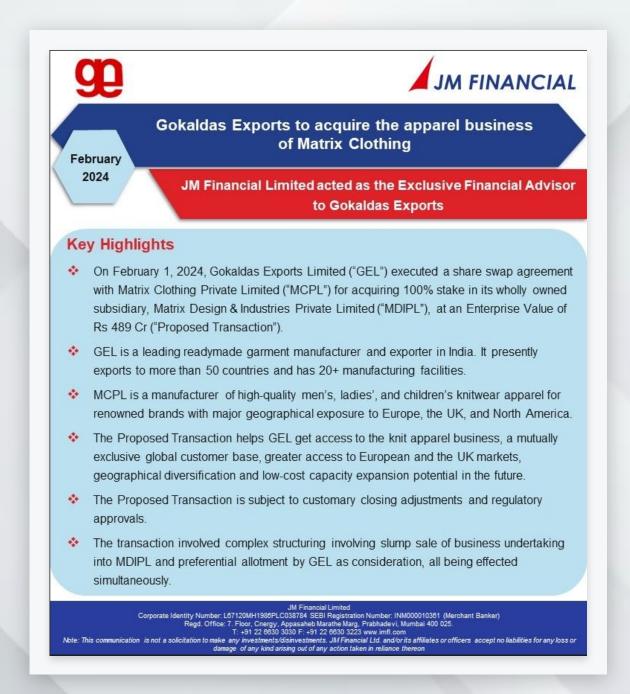




#### **Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels**

JM Financial delivers

7 920 Cr IPO of Apeejay
Surrendra Park Hotels as
Left Lead Coordinator and
Book Running
Lead Manager.



#### **Gokaldas Exports**

JM Financial Limited acted as the Exclusive Financial Advisor to Gokaldas Exports Limited to acquire the apparel business of Matrix Clothing.

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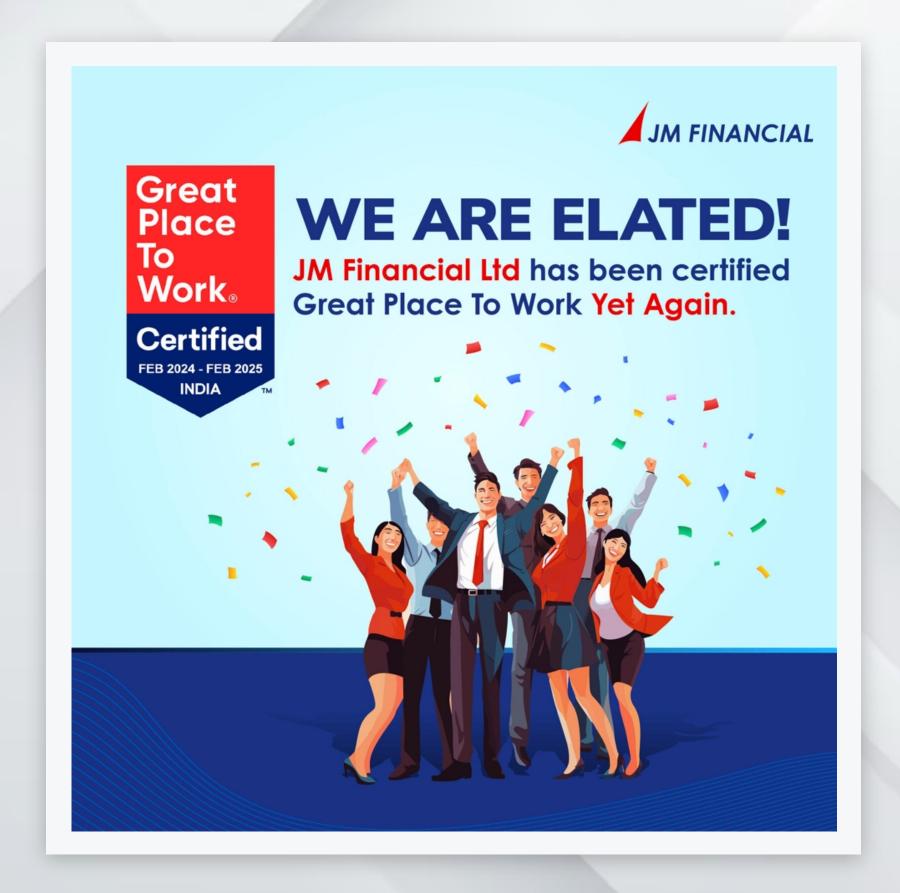


## Unlocking synergy and embracing growth! \_\_\_

Our Private Wealth team got together for an offsite in 'Sri Lanka'.

The theme for the event was 'Synergy' and it featured a range of team-building activities, interactive leadership sessions, and strategic discussions. It served as a vivid reminder of our dedication to continual learning, innovation, and teamwork, as we strive to deliver unmatched value for our clients. It was a great occasion that united the entire team, cheering each other on.





## JM Financial certified as a Great Place To Work yet again \_\_

Being recognized as a Great Place to Work is a testament to our collective efforts in fostering a supportive, inclusive, and engaging work environment. The commitment to excellence and collaboration has undoubtedly contributed to making our workplace a fulfilling and enjoyable place to be.





## Webinar on 'Key Takeaways from Budget 2024' \_\_\_

Mr Vinay Jaising and Mr Rakesh Parekh from Portfolio Management Services at JM Financial Ltd conducted an insightful session and shared valuable information on Budget 2024.













# Nurturing Children's through Project Bachpan by JM Financial Foundation \_\_\_

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, JM Financial Foundation's Bachpan Gyan Kendra empowered children to develop their cognitive, language, emotional, physical, and social abilities. The children were taught the meaning of each alphabet by teachers and sahayikas at Jamui, Bihar, through songs, stories, and poems that enliven their language and enable them to express themselves more clearly.



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