



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP







MR. VISHAL KAMPANI ___

Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd.

In a video podcast with **The Core**, he discussed the evolving landscape of India's financial sector. The discussion covered key shifts in investor preferences, from private equity to capital markets, along with the opportunities and challenges shaping the industry. He emphasized the growing need for financial innovation, the rising influence of family offices, and the future trajectory of the sector.



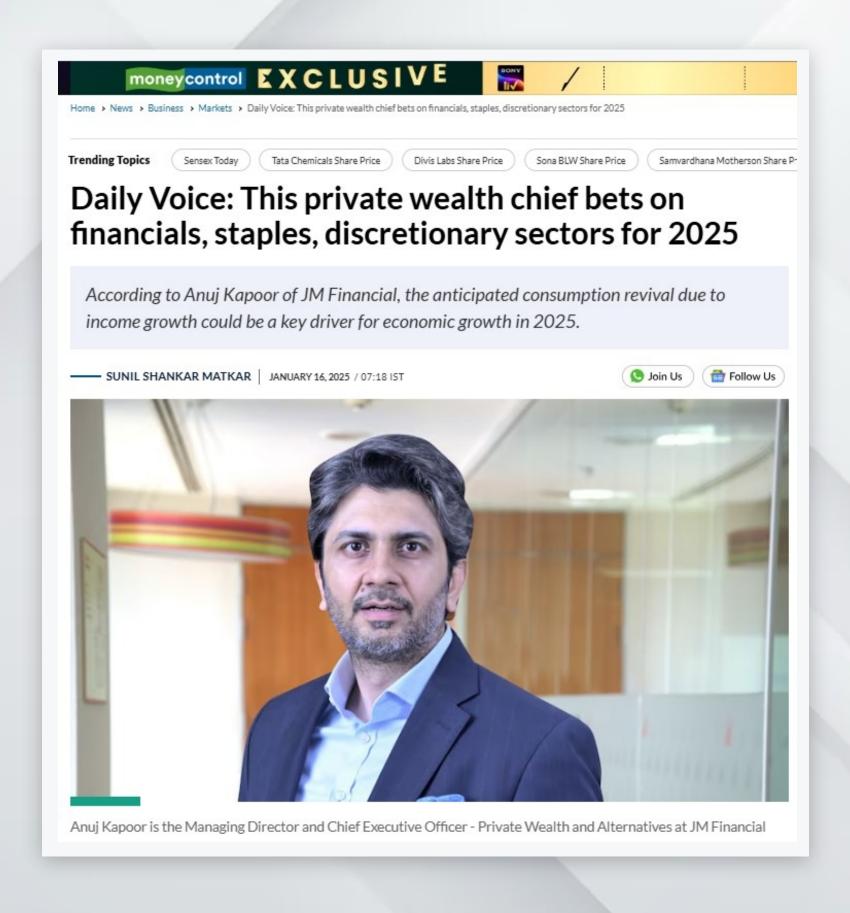


MR. MANISH SHETH ___

Managing Director & CEO, JM Financial Home Loans Ltd.

Authored article was published in **ET BFSI**, where he talked about structural reforms, infrastructure development and economic development initiatives by the government and the urbanization trend in India. A significant portion of the growth is expected to be driven by the bottom of the pyramid i.e. EWS, LIG & MIG segments.





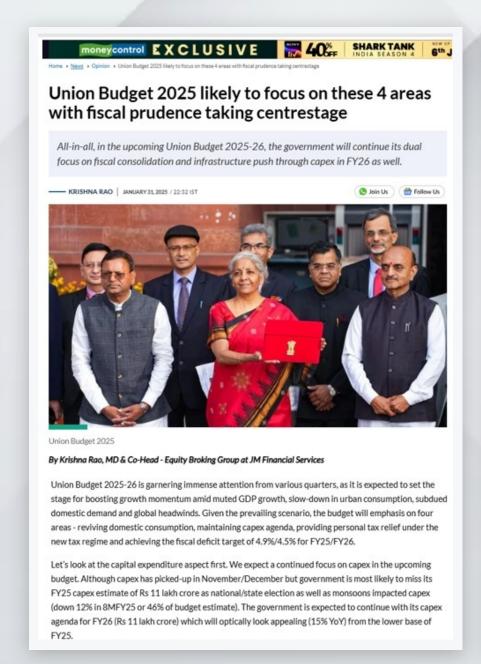
MR. ANUJ KAPOOR ___

Managing Director & CEO, Private Wealth and Alternatives, JM Financial Ltd.

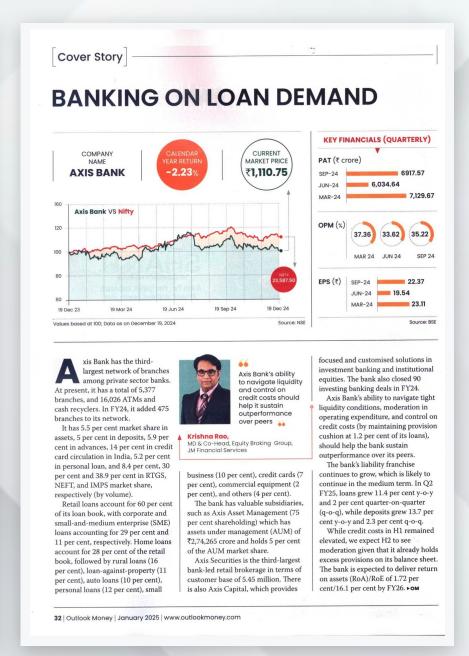
In an interview with Moneycontrol, he anticipated that rising incomes would drive a consumption revival, playing a crucial role in economic growth in 2025.

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MR. KRISHNA RAO ___

Managing Director & Co-Head - Equity Broking Group, JM Financial Services Ltd.

Authored article was published in Moneycontrol, where he discussed the upcoming Union Budget 2025-26 and suggests that the government is likely to continue its dual focus on fiscal consolidation and an infrastructure push through capex in FY26 as well.

Contributed to a feature by **Outlook Money** on 'Stocks to Consider in 2025', where he shared insights on key stock picks for the year ahead. In his analysis, he highlighted few stocks that present strong growth potential and explained the rationale behind their inclusion in an investment portfolio for 2025.



JM FINANCIAL IN THE NEWS





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2025 MF OUTLOOK

TIME TO BE SMART

This year could be a good time to take home some profits, reduce risk, and shift to large-cap investments

BY NAVNEET DUBEY

F THE YEAR 2025 has begun in the backdrop of several global economic headwinds. Geopolitical tensions and potential recessions have cast a shadow over markets. The instability has prompted foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have been selling in India through January.

This presents both opportunities and challenges for mutual fund investors. In such uncertain times, funds with pre-defined asset allocation frameworks lower tax burden and transaction costs, enabling in-

vestors to adopt a long-term investment horizon. Despite the volatility that equity markets might experience, sectors like pharmaceuticals, technology, and infrastructure are likely to offer growth potential. Debt funds could also provide stability in a volatile market, but investors need

to carefully evaluate credit risks. According to experts, while 2025 could be a good time to take home some profits, reduce risk, shift to large-cap investments, one should also adapt to changing dynamics.

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MARKET OUTLOOK

Despite the uncertainties, mid- and small-cup stocks defled the odds and surged ahead, driven by solid performance from sectors such as pharmaceuticals, information technology, and infrastructure.

But 2025 brings with it larger geopolitical risks, trade wars, and changing government policies that could pose significant challenges to both economic growth and corporate profits. "The market outlook for 2025 will depend on a combination

the report says. STRATEGIC ASSET

> Asset allocation is the cornerstone of managing systemic risk. Higher capital gains taxes and increased transaction costs have made frequent portfolio reshuffling counterproductive. Taxes and transaction costs, such as securities transaction

tax (STT) and stamp charges, ap-

ply only at the time of redemption.

ALLOCATION

of factors such as domestic econom-

ic performance, global monetary policies, tariff decisions, and their

effects on earnings revisions. Do-

mestic institutional investors (DIIs)

are expected to continue supporting

the market, with the potential for

increased foreign institutional in-

vestor (FII) ownership, currently at

a low of 16.5%," says Gaurav Misra,

Head of Equity at investment management firm Mirae Asset Invest-

ment Managers (India). According

to the Mirae Asset Debt Outlook

2025 report, the year is expected to

provide a mixed yield curve.

Short-term corporate bonds

are expected to pay higher re-

turns than long-term ones.

which often reflects uncer-

tainty in the corporate market.

consider ultra-short and mon-

ey market funds, benefitting

from the steep money market curve and sobps spreads over

liquid funds, says the report.

For 6-12 months, low-duration

funds offer exposure to both

the money market curve and

one-to-three-year corporate bonds,

anticipating spread normalisation.

For a horizon exceeding one year,

short-duration funds have a mix of

government securities and three-to-

five-year corporate bonds, aiming to

lock in yields and capitalise on poten-

tial capital gains as interest rates ad-

just. Finally, for long-term investors,

the long-duration category remains

attractive, capitalising on economic

resilience and structural strength,

For a three-month horizon,

To minimise these costs, focus on holding investments for longer periods and aligning their investments with their long-term asset allocation strategy, say experts.

"In the current market scenario. hybrid funds such as equity savings, balanced advantage, and multi-asset funds stand out as strong options. These funds manage pre-defined asset allocation at the fund level, reducing transaction costs and tax impact. Additionally, their ability to adjust risk dynamically-reducing exposure during unfavourable

UNCERTAINTIES AND CHANGING GOVERNMENT **POLICIES COULD** POSE CHALLENGES TO **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CORPORATE PROFITS** THIS YEAR

market conditions and increasing it when markets are low-enhances long-term, risk-adjusted returns," says Sachin Jain, Managing Partner at investing platform Scripbox.

According to Misra, a diversified investment strategy could be adopted, depending on individual investor's risk tolerance and investment goals. "Multi-asset allocation funds are often recommended in a volatile market. Hybrid funds, due to their flexible asset allocation, can also be included in the core portfolio... maintaining proper asset allocation

THE SIP APPROACH

Deploying money systematically through systematic investment plans (SIPs) also helps in mitigating volatility and generating wealth in the long term. Maintaining discipline, setting rational expectations, and focussing on strategies that

prioritise risk-adjusted returns are key to achieving financial success. "SIPs take the emotional quotient out of investing and bring in an element of discipline that could lead to strong compounding returns in the long run," says Satish Ramanathan. CIO of Equity at asset management

company JM Financial AMC.

THE BUZZ

According to Ramanathan, in the last two years, investing in SIPs was not as successful as one-time investing due to a sharp upward trend in the markets. "We do think that SIPs are one of the best modes of invest-

> ing... Systematic investing through uncertainties rather than making efforts to time the market could lead to superior outcomes for investors in the long run," he said.

> Investors might consider

PORTFOLIO FOR 2025

taking exposure to funds | 27 that provide superior riskadjusted returns. Consistency with superior risk management capabilities could be the key to mitigate risks. "While 2025 is like any other year, we should expect slightly higher levels of volatility till the markets adjust themselves to new macro realities but that large economies like the US are doing very well, corporate performance is fairly strong and broader economic performance is fairly robust. Several large countries including perhaps even

in the economy," says Ramanathan. Jain says a balanced allocation for 2025 should include large-cap equity funds, hybrids, short-term debt funds, and gold. "Staying disciplined, focussing on long-term objectives, and avoiding excessive tactical shifts are key to a prosperous investment journey," he says. 81

India will see rate cuts which augurs

strong support for corporate profit-

ability and a stable demand scenario

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MR. SATISH RAMANATHAN ___

CIO-Equity, JM Financial Asset Management Ltd.

Contributed to a Business Today story, where he emphasized the need for a quality-driven, balanced portfolio in 2025. He highlighted the significance of long-term asset allocation, diversification, and SIPs as key strategies to manage market volatility and drive sustainable wealth creation.

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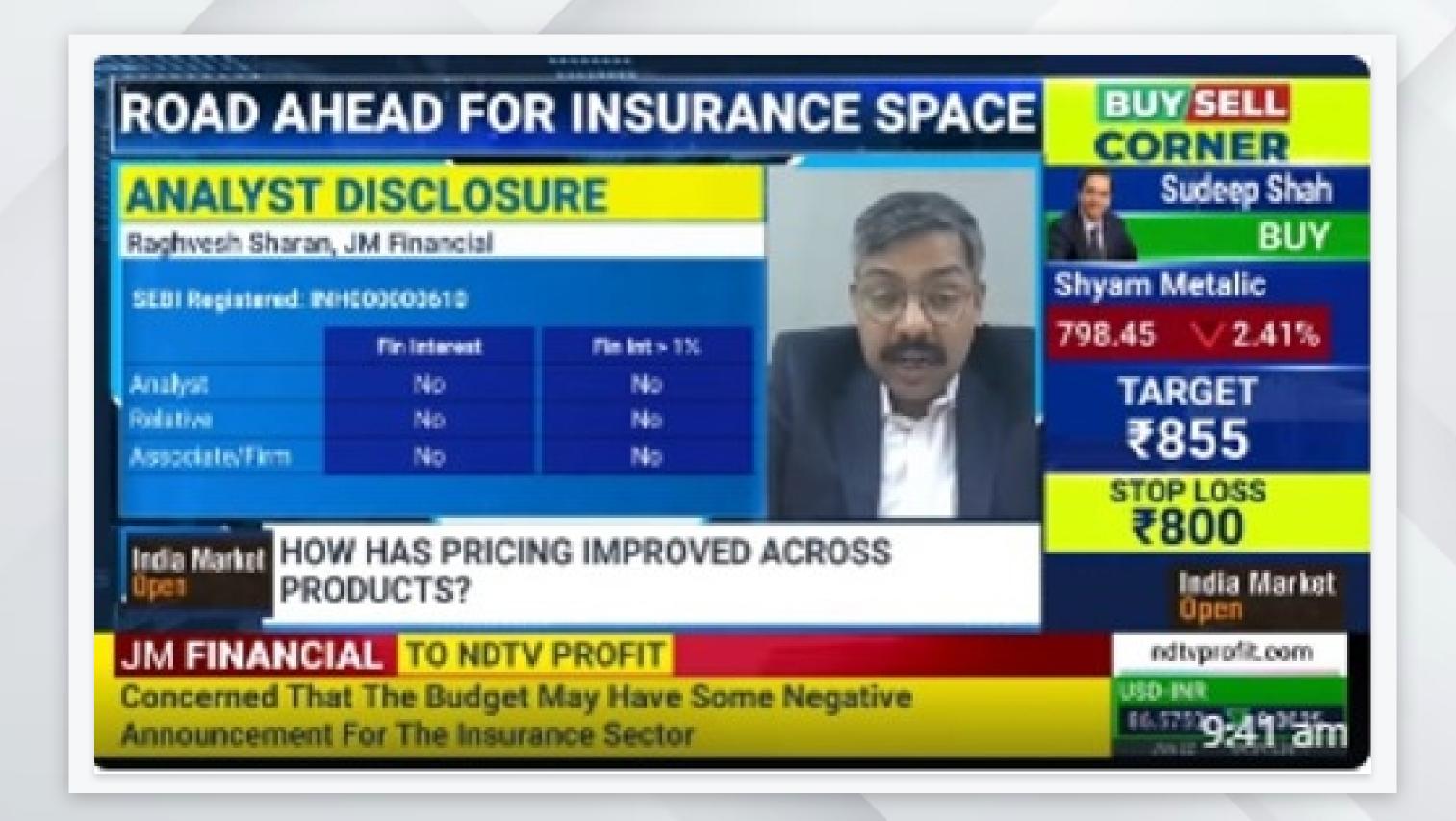


MR. KRISHANCHANDRA PARWANI ___

Chemicals Research Analyst, JM Financial Institutional Securities Ltd.

Appeared on ET Now and NDTV Profit, where he shared views on chemical sector.





MR. RAGHVESH ___

Insurance and Capital Markets Research Analyst, JM Financial Institutional Securities Ltd.

Appeared on NDTV Profit, where he shared views on the insurance sector and expectations from the Union Budget.







MR. PRANAV MER ___

Vice President, Commodity and Currency Research, JM Financial Services Ltd.

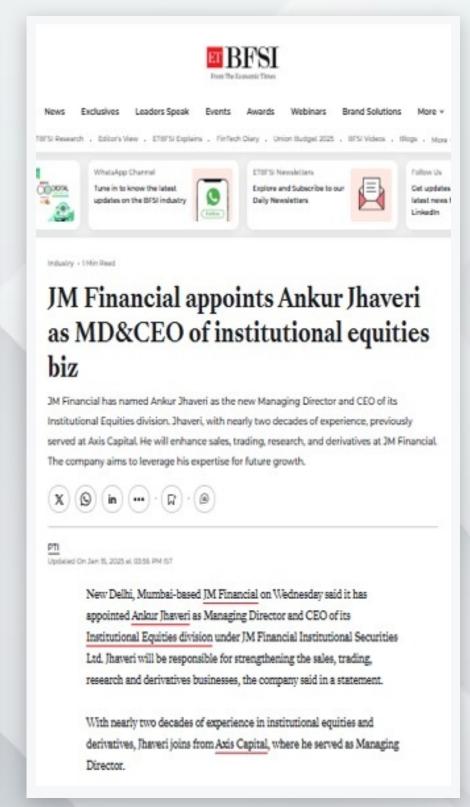
Appeared on CNBC Awaaz, where he shared views on the commodity sector.

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS









JM FINANCIAL APPOINTS ANKUR JHAVERI AS MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO, INSTITUTIONAL EQUITIES ___

JM Financial group, has strengthened its leadership team with the appointment of Ankur Jhaveri as MD & CEO, Institutional Equities, JM Financial Institutional Securities Limited. In this role, Ankur will drive the growth and expansion of Sales, Trading, Research, and Derivatives businesses, reinforcing JM Financial's market leadership.



Key Research Reports of the month





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JM FINANCIAL Strategy Trump takes charge: A sneak peek into his agenda Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th president of the United States (US) yesterday. In his inaugural address, he made pledges like free speech, ownership of the Panama Canal, and a national emergency at the southern border. From an economic perspective he plans to: (1) direct the members of his Cabinet to tackle inflation and bring down costs; (2) drill for more oil & gas and (3) impose tariffs on foreign nations.

What was Trump's world view in the run-up to elections? Trump's world view in the runup to elections was focused on promoting indigenous manufacturing, growth of
American companies, opportunities for American citizens, and the consequent
strengthening of the American economy. He had indicated his preferences for: (1)
lowering tax rates for corporates (especially those manufacturing in the US from 21% to
15%) (2) ~60% or higher tariffs on imports from China and 10-20% on the rest of
world, (3) mass deporation of illegal immigrants, which could impact labour supply, (4)
Cutting aid to Ukraine and curbing participation in NATO, while continuing to support
srael and the protection of Taiwan, and (5) increased influence over the Fed. We believe
his policies could lead to higher interest rates, a strong US dollar and a slowdown in
global growth.

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Immigration - In line with his stated agenda during rallies, Trump, on Day 1, signed orders: (1) declaring illegal immigration at the US-Mexico border a national emergency, which will allow him to seek federal funding for the border wall construction, (2) designating criminal cartels as terrorist organisations, and (3) ending automatic citizenship for US-born children of illegal immigrants. ■ Tariffs - Trump also directed federal agencies to: (1) begin an investigation into trade

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Healthcare - Another order signed by Trump marked the United States' withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO), stating that the agency had mishandled the Covid-19 pandemic and other international health crises.

Climate Change - Trump signed an order directing the US to withdraw from the Paris Climate Treaty, including a letter to the United Nations justifying the withdrawal. Trump also repealed a 2023 memor from Biden through which he had barred oil drilling in -16 mn acres in the Arctic, stating that the government should encourage energy exploration

Energy - Trump promised to fill up: (1) strategic oil reserves, (2) strip away excess regulations, and (3) export US energy all over the world. He also signed orders aimed at promoting oil and gas development in Alaska, reversing Biden's efforts to protect vast Arctic lands and waters from drilling.

STRATEGY

Union Budget Preview

Walking the fiscal tightrope

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Notwithstanding the tight fiscal situation, we believe that the fiscal deficit targets for FY25 and FY26 are achievable. The possibility of overachieving the FY25 target will depend on a wider miss in capex spending. At the current run rate, the capex should fall short of the budgeted estimates for FY25 by 31%, but, realistically, we are building in a shortfall of 15%. For FY26, growth in capex will be optically appealing at 15% YoY, at INR 11trin. We will look out for any mention of a shift in the parameter for monitoring the debt position, going forward, from fiscal deficit currently to overall debt as a percentage of GDP. Considering RBI's dollar sales, we expect a healthy surplus transfer of INR 1.6trin -1.8trin in the current fiscal. Welfare rural spending has been stable over the years and is unlikely to see major announcements. We see limited chances of any major tax incentives that could meanigfully revive consumption demand; the major focus, we believe, will be on making the new tax regime more attractive. RBI's recent intervention in the bond markets should aid yields; we expect benchmark yields to trade at 6.5–6.7%. Dual focus on consolidation and capex: Amidst the tight fiscal situation, we believe that the fiscal deficit targets for FY25 (4.9%) and FY26 (4.5%) are achievable. The possibility of overachieving the fiscal deficit target for FY25 will depend on missing the budgeted capex target by a wider margin (5.15%). Overall, the government will continue its dual focus on fiscal consolidation and infrastructure push through capex in FY26 as well.

Capex expected to fall short by 15% of

 Capex growth of 15% from lower base of FY25: Market expectations of a pickup in Capex growth of 15% from lower base of PY25: Market expectations of a pickup in government spending post the election season did not materialise, which is evident from weak capex intensity of 46% of FY25E vs. -59% in FY24EE during Apr-Nov24. We assess that capex will fall short by 31% of the budgeted estimates for FY25 if the current run rate is maintained, however, on a realistic basis, we are building in a shortfall of -15% at 1NB 9.55trin for FY25. The pace of capex has weakened across ministries; however, it has been notable in Agri, Renewable energy, Jal Shakti, and Natural gas (Ex 10). Despite this, the quality of spending has been consistently improving, as capex as a proportion of GDP is expected to double in FY25E (3.1% of GDP) vs. pre-pandemic levels. Revex continues to form a major part of government spending, but despite the government's tendency to spend on welfare and cash transfer schemes, revex is expected to improve to pre-pandemic levels of 1.1% of GDP (Ex 9). We are building in a meaningful allocation towards capex (INR 11trin), which will optically look appealing (15% YoY) from the lower base of FY25.

Fiscal deficit target at 4.5% of GDP: In absolute terms, we are building in fiscal deficit of INR 16.3trln for FV26 while expecting it to be stable at INR 15.95trln in FV25. Any improvement in fiscal deficit in FV25 below 4.9% of GDP will be at the cost of lower capex. The Reserve Bank of India's (RB) dividend of INR 2.1trln acted as a cushion to the tight fiscal situation for the current fiscal. Considering the quantum of dollar sales by the RBI during Apr-Nov'24, we believe that the surplus transfer by it in FV26 will remain healthy in the range of INR 1.6th to INR 1.8th. For the upcoming fiscal, we expect a meaningful moderation in gross borrowings to 4% of GDP vs. 4.4% in FYZ5, while on absolute level it will inch up to INR 14.5th. For a 4.5% fiscal deficit target, we expect nominal GDP growth of 10.5% in FYZ6.

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Need for demand-rewlal measures: We believe that the government has consciously chosen a path of transitioning towards a no-frills Income Tax Act that focusses on simplification with minimal deduction. Moreover, minor tinkering with slab rates, if any, will be sentimentally positive but inadequate to meaningfully revive demand. However, we think the major emphasis will be on encouraging people to opt for the new tax regime (~73% currently) by making it more attractive. Allocation towards rural-focussed schemes has averaged ~1.2% of GDP over the years, and we can expect a marginal uptick here.

M Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMR <GO>, Bloomberg - JMR <GO>, SRP Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha regime (~73% currently) by making it more attractive. Allocation towards rural-focussed proportion of the end of this schemes has averaged ~1.2% of GDP over the years, and we can expect a marginal uptick here.

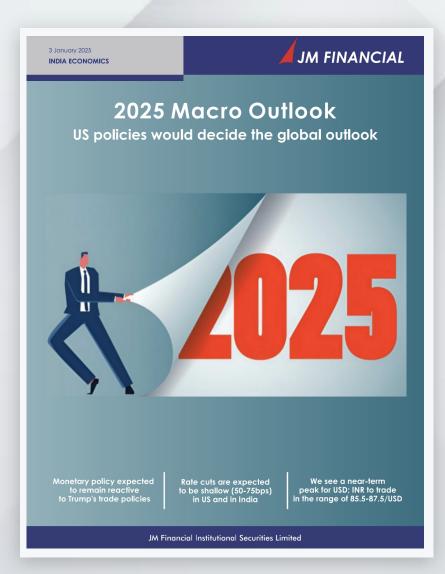
budgeted estimates for FY25; allocation for FY26 to rise by 15% over lower base

UNION BUDGET PREVIEW

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2025 MACRO OUTLOOK

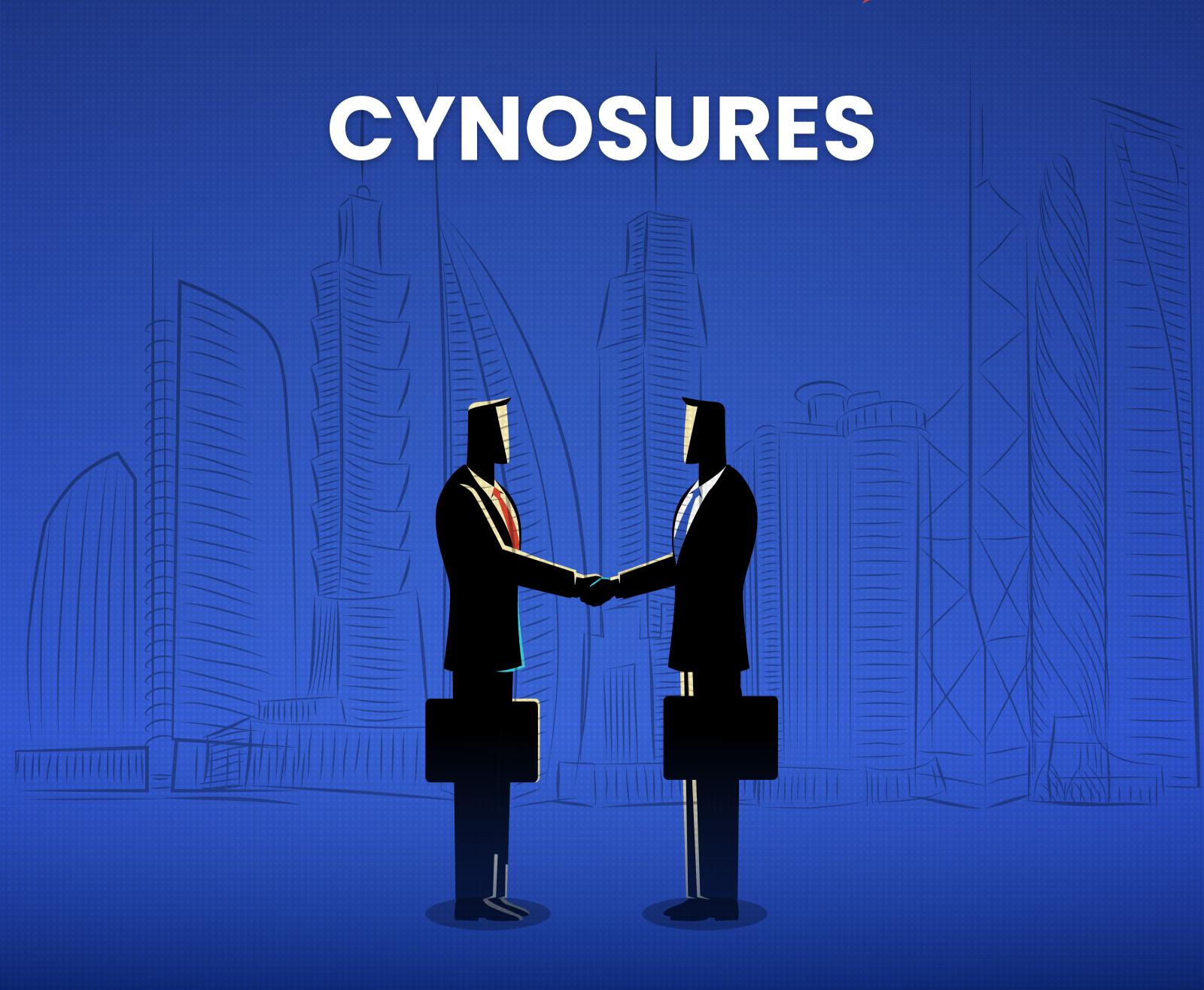




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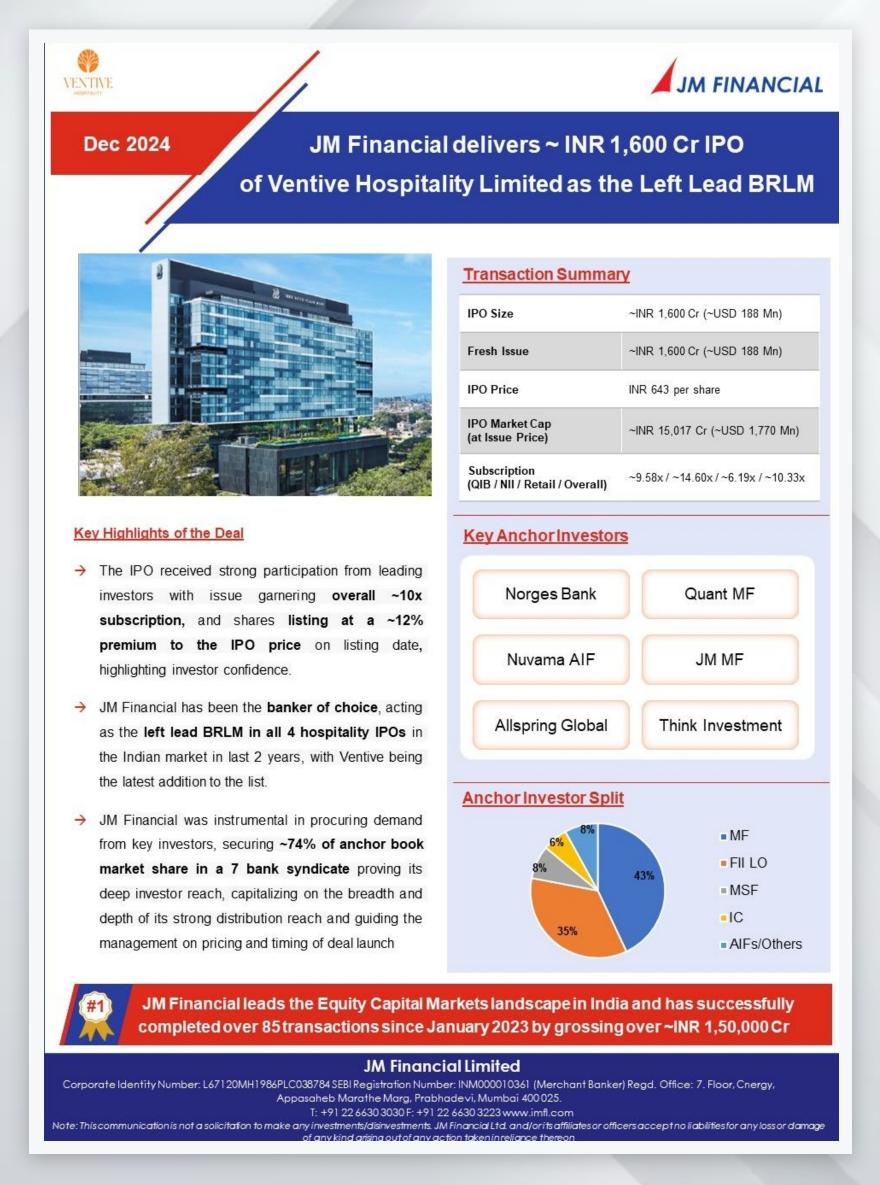
Banking on rising affluence

ASSET AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT



Deals of the month





JM Financial delivered ~ INR 1,600 Cr IPO of Ventive Hospitality Ltd as the Left Lead Book Running Lead Manager.















Gujarat Cricket Championship by JMFS __

JM Financial Services hosted the Gujarat Cricket
Championship, bringing together 16 exceptional teams in a
fiercely contested tournament across 19 thrilling matches,
featuring participants from Financial Services and Private
Wealth.







Cohesion 2025: A Power-Packed Off-site ___

JM Financial Asset Management Ltd. successfully hosted Cohesion 2025, an off-site filled with insightful sessions, engaging team-building activities, and a well-earned evening of recognition. The event was further elevated by the esteemed presence of our leaders —Mr. Vishal Kampani, Ms. Madhu Kampani, Mr. Anil Salvi, Mr. Amitabh Mohanty and Mr. Heramb Hajarnavis.













JM Financial Foundation organised workshop on the POCSO Act __

JM Financial Foundation, in association with RATI Foundation for Social Change (Mumbai), conducted a comprehensive workshop on the POCSO Act (The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012) for its field team in Jamui.

The workshop covered all key aspects of the act, including mandatory reporting, handling of disclosures, medical examination and treatment, child welfare committees, special courts, confidentiality, and all its amendments.

The trainers also delved into crucial topics with the participants, like body anatomy, public and private spaces, child abuse, and types of touch, ensuring that the team is well-equipped to support children effectively.



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