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Nifty 50 Movers					212.55 pts.
	Close%	P%	W%	W%	
State Bank	699.55	21.32	9.44	2.83	
Reliance Ind	2900.25	12.34	24.81	10.33	
TCS	4134.10	11.74	33.21	4.41	
PowerGrid Corp	276.20	8.60	16.74	1.33	
Bharti Airtel	1142.15	4.54	59.92	3.04	
HCL Tech	1633.80	4.46	28.25	1.62	
BPLC	620.50	4.03	4.65	0.62	
Coal India	459.20	3.42	10.11	1.10	
Hindalco	601.30	3.02	16.04	0.92	
Bajaj Auto	7757.25	1.43	29.66	0.92	
Apollo Hosp	6231.00	1.22	122.70	0.66	
ONGC	274.15	1.11	6.70	1.12	
Sun Pharma	1499.60	0.84	40.27	1.70	
Hero MotoCorp	4807.90	0.43	29.67	0.66	
NTPC	330.90	0.22	16.28	1.66	
Dr Reddys Lab	6160.05	-0.55	19.65	0.79	
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5420.80	-0.57	34.89	0.52	
SBI Life	1459.05	-1.07	78.55	0.69	
Tech Mahindra	1309.25	-1.25	44.72	0.86	
Infosys	1692.10	-1.35	79.77	0.75	
Divis Lab	3684.40	-1.38	73.44	0.49	
Tata Steel	143.65	-1.41	0.00	1.25	
UPL	464.85	-1.49	0.00	0.25	
Hind Unilever	2417.05	-1.71	55.01	2.27	
Adani Ports	1245.20	-1.75	37.20	0.96	
Wipro	488.85	-2.05	22.51	0.73	
Cipla	1420.20	-2.23	30.63	0.78	
Titan	3490.10	-2.61	17.24	1.66	
JSW Steel	822.10	-3.16	17.65	0.83	
Bajaj Finserv	1570.55	-3.18	16.88	0.90	
HDFC Life	591.70	-3.24	83.48	0.66	
Adani Enter	3168.60	-3.67	95.97	0.87	
Eicher Motors	3807.30	-3.77	29.11	0.55	
Tata Motors	924.30	-3.83	17.91	1.71	
Tata Consumer/Product	1137.90	-4.07	79.38	0.75	
Grasim Ind	2057.30	-4.57	13.87	0.80	
Asian Paints	2929.60	-5.31	50.72	1.39	
Britannia Ind	4875.55	-5.47	54.49	0.61	
Industrial Bank	1477.30	-5.75	13.25	1.03	
Mauriti Suzuki	10743.90	-5.79	27.76	1.49	
UltraTech Cement	9997.65	-6.04	44.99	1.22	
NestleIndia	2423.05	-6.24	78.63	0.91	
MM	1685.90	-7.19	17.24	1.59	
Bajaj Finance	6579.65	-8.49	29.48	1.93	
L&T	3335.50	-16.00	30.58	4.15	
Axis Bank	1035.90	-21.07	23.61	3.03	
Kotak Bank	1729.70	-21.15	19.71	2.68	
ITC	414.55	-34.94	24.86	3.87	
HDFC Bank	1403.05	-46.22	17.73	11.10	
ICICI Bank	989.30	-52.69	15.73	7.31	

Pts: Impact on index movement

RBI's status-quo hurts indices

SLIDE SHOW. Private banks tumble; FPIs add significant short positions on index futures

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Indian indices fell a per cent on Thursday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept key policy rates steady with no guidance on a rate cut.

The Sensex slid 724 points, or 1 per cent, to end at 71,428, while the Nifty50 settled at 21,718, down 0.97 per cent. The broader markets performed better, with the NSE Midcap 100 and Nifty Smallcap 100 slipping marginally. Cash market volumes on the NSE rose to ₹1.47 lakh crore.

Top Nifty losers include ITC and Britannia (down 4 per cent each). Lenders Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and ICICI Bank were down over 3 per cent each.

Among sectors, the Nifty PSU Bank and Nifty Media indices rose 2 per cent higher, while the Nifty Private Bank index slid 2.5 per cent. FMCG shares got impacted by weak



DOWNWARD PRESSURE. Sensex and Nifty fell 1 per cent each on Thursday on 'expected' RBI stance

Q3 result and downgrade in volume growth in the near-term due to weak rural demand.

FPIS OFFLOAD

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) offloaded shares worth ₹4,933 crore, while the domestic institutions bought shares worth ₹5,512 crore on Thursday. The long-short ratio fell sharply to 34.3 per cent on February 7 from 37.3 per cent the previous day as FPIs built significant short positions in index futures for the

first time since the start of February series.

Inflows into equity funds in India surged to a 22-month high in January, driven by investments into multi- and small-cap schemes as the markets scaled record highs.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Though FY25 GDP growth forecast has improved, the RBI remains vigilant on inflation and banking liquidity. The incomplete transmission of the cumulative 250 bps and the inflation

ruling above the target level add uncertainty about the timing of the interest rate reduction." Global equities were mixed following the positive close on Wall Street on Wednesday. Among Asian peers, Hang Seng slid the most at 1.3 per cent, while Shanghai Composite gained 1.3 per cent. European indices were trading in the green.

A long negative candle was formed on the daily chart, which indicates an emergence of selling pressure from near the crucial overhead resistance of around 22,000-22,100 levels, according to analysts. "The short-term trend of Nifty seems to have turned down and one may expect some more weakness in the short term. The near-term uptrend of the market remains intact and further weakness down to the immediate support of 21,550-21,500 levels could be a buying opportunity," said Nagaraj Shetti, Senior Technical Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

MF equity fund inflows hit 21-month high on flurry of NFOs

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Inflows into equity mutual fund schemes has hit a 21-month high after an increase of 28 per cent last month to ₹21,781 crore against ₹16,997 crore logged in December, largely due to flurry of new fund offers amid a volatile market.

Three NFOs each of equity and hybrid schemes have collected ₹5,214 crore while 11 passive and three debt funds mopped-up ₹1,219 crore and ₹384 crore last month, said the Association of Mutual Funds in India data released on Thursday. Except for an outflow of ₹202 crore (outflow of ₹491 crore) from focused funds, all the equity schemes have registered an inflow with thematic and small-cap funds receiving ₹4,804 crore (₹6,005 crore) and ₹3,257 crore (₹3,857

Fund flow (in ₹ crore)

	Inflow Jan
Debt	76,469
Equity	21,781
Hybrid	20,637
Solutions	246
Other	3,983
Close-ended	(32)
Interval schemes	106
Overall (₹ lakh cr)	1.23

Source: Amfi

crore). Multi-cap funds registered an inflow of ₹3,039 crore, while investment in large-caps touched a 19-month high at ₹1,2897 crore (outflow of ₹281 crore).

VIA SIP ROUTE

Melvyn Santarita, Analyst, Morningstar Investment Research said while mid- and small-cap funds have the potential to deliver good returns, they are inherently volatile with sharp drawdown risks. Opting to invest in this through the SIP route will help ride the

volatility. SIP contribution hit an all-time high of ₹18,838 crore against ₹17,610 crore in December with SIP assets touching ₹10.27 lakh crore (₹9.95 lakh crore).

Venkat Chalasani, Chief Executive, AMFI said the surge in SIP accounts to an unprecedented 792 crore last month coupled with 51.84 lakh new SIP registrations, underscores the unwavering commitment of investors towards disciplined wealth creation. As the industry navigates through regulatory reforms and embraces the shift towards SIPs, it is evident that mutual fund industry is charting a trajectory of sustained growth, he said. Hybrid funds registered an inflow of ₹20,637 crore (₹15,009 crore), aided by net investment of ₹10,608 crore (₹10,645 crore) in arbitrage funds and ₹7,080 crore in multi-allocation funds.

Jana SFB, Capital SFB make for interesting options despite the contrast

Hamsini Karthik

February 9 is the last day of subscription for the initial public offerings of Jana Small Finance Bank and Capital SFB.

Jana SFB with assets of ₹21,000 crore is the fourth largest bank in the SFB category, while Capital with ₹5,500 crore would be the smallest SFB once listed.

IPO ANALYSIS.

Investors can consider subscribing to the IPOs.

What binds them is the attractive valuations which the two banks are seeking in the IPO. At less than 1.2x one-year forward price to book, Jana has literally held out a carrot to attract investors. At 1.5x one-year forward valuations, Capital also offers a proposition worth considering. Though in comparison, the latter's asking price for

its size of business seems to be a tad higher, it's well within the acceptable valuations for banks at 1-2x price to book.

But beyond valuations, there is nothing similar between them. Whether in terms of loan book composition, yield and margin profile or the business focus, Jana and Capital are very different. What explains Capital's marginally higher asking rates over Jana is its fully secured book over the latter's 43 per cent share of unsecured loans. However, considering that Jana is a much bigger entity this shouldn't be viewed negatively.

As for risks, investors buying into both or either of the stocks should note that the IPO is primarily to raise capital from the market and none of the large investors in either bank are liquidating their holdings in the bank significantly. However, post listing, given the requirement to reduce the pro-

moter holding to 40 per cent and subsequently to 26 per cent, one should brace for secondary market sale by promoters.

JANA SFB

One of the two bad spells encountered by SFBs — 2016's demonetisation and Covid which impacted the banking sector for almost two years starting March 2020, Jana was the worst affected. To that extent, past performance is barely an indicator of the bank's capabilities.

What's appreciable though is the bank's ability to stay focused on expanding its secured loans book, which accounts for 57.4 per cent total loans now, from around 40 per cent three years ago. The bank rebounded in FY23 posting impressive growth and return ratios (see table). Having gone through crises and funding constraints in the past, the bank has adop-

Comparison of key financials

As on H1 FY24	Capital SFB	Jana SFB
Advances (₹ crore)	5,493	21,009
Deposits (₹ crore)	6,900	18,937
NII (₹ crore)	171	988
Net profit (₹ crore)	54	213
NIM (%)	4.0	7.8
Cost of funds (%)	5.7	7.5
Yield on advances (%)	11.1	17.8
Gross NPA (%)	2.7	2.4
Net NPA (%)	1.4	0.8
CRAR (%)	20.7	17.5
ROA (%)	1.3	1.6
ROE (%)	16.5	19.5
Price band (₹)	445-468	393-414

Source: DRHPs

ted a model where it will originate and sell-down a small part of its MFI loans which is helping the bank in keeping a lid on its unsecured loans and maintain healthy capital pool, liquidity

and yield on assets. Immovable properties largely account for collaterals in the secured business, with micro LAP and affordable housing accounting for 32 per cent of

Both IPOs are attractively priced. While Jana is a play on scale, Capital SFB is a bet on select geographies

total loans, MSME loans account for 15 per cent, 7 per cent exposure to term loans and the rest split between loan against deposits, two-wheeler loans and gold loans. That said, in H1 FY24, unsecured advances accounted for 43 per cent of total disbursements and investors need to watch out whether this trend persists. Also, as the share of secured loans increase, NIM or net interest margin (7.8 per cent in H1 FY24) may proportionally decline. However if it is maintained in the 7-8 per cent range, investors shouldn't be concerned.

CAPITAL SFB

If Jana, like many other SFBs, is a case of microfinance lender converting to a bank, Capital SFB stands as the only local area bank to become a SFB. To that extent, Capital's business model is tried, tested and has withstood more cycles. Apart from the fact that nearly 100 per cent of its business is secured, the unique selling proposition is its primary focus on small businesses.

Capital's core model is to ensure that the entire money of a business and/or the people running it is retained by the bank, whether as deposits and/or loans secured by some collaterals. The bank offers agriculture loans, MSME and trading loans (for working capital, machinery purchases etc) and mortgages (housing loans and loans against property).

Compared to a pan-India outfit like Jana, Capital is largely concentrated in north

India and operates out of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Union Territory of Chandigarh. Being secured loans-focused, Capital's NIMs are the lowest among SFBs at 4.04 per cent in H1 FY24. While an improvement in operational efficiencies and scale could help move the needle, it's likely that Capital may always remain a laggard in the segment as all its peers are helped by an element of high-yielding unsecured loans, which could never be the case for Capital.

In terms of asset quality, Jana and Capital posted gross non-performing assets of 2.7 per cent in H1 FY24. While 1.5-2 per cent gross NPA is becoming the acceptable threshold for SFBs, with a completely secured book Capital's numbers seem to be on the higher side. This may be because of higher share of restructured loans during the Covid period.

TODAY'S PICK.

CONCOR (₹950.8) : BUY

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The stock of CONCOR (Container Corporation of India) is on a long-term uptrend. After witnessing a decline in price in early January, it resumed the rally by taking support at ₹820 towards the end of the month. Last week, it broke out of a resistance at ₹920 and over the past few sessions, it has sustained above this level, which will henceforth act as a

support. Also, despite the overall market remaining bearish yesterday, CONCOR's price appreciated. From the current level, the stock is likely to go up to ₹1,000. So, traders can buy CONCOR for short-term. That is, go long now at ₹950 and accumulate if the price dips to ₹930. Initial stop-loss can be placed at ₹910. Raise this to ₹955 when the stock hits ₹980. Exit at ₹1,000.

Note: The recommendations are based on technical analysis. There is a risk of loss in trading.

Day trading guide

21830 Nifty 50 Futures				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
21760	21620	21900	22020	Trade along the direction of the break of 21760-21900.
₹1403 HDFC Bank				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
1400	1370	1430	1450	Sell the stock if it rises to 1425; place stop-loss at 1440.
₹1693 Infosys				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
1675	1650	1700	1730	Go long if it breaks out of 1700; stop-loss at 1680.
₹414 ITC				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
410	400	420	430	Turns bearish. Sell if price rises to 425; stop-loss at 435.
₹273 ONGC				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
270	260	275	285	Buy on the breach of 275; place stop-loss at 270.
₹2902 Reliance Ind.				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
2900	2850	2935	3000	Go long now and on a dip to 2880; stop-loss at 2850.
₹699 SBI				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
680	670	715	725	Wait for a dip to 680 and then buy; stop-loss at 665.
₹4135 TCS				
S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
4080	4000	4150	4200	Buy if the stock rallies above 4150; stop-loss at 4080.

S1, S2: Support 1 & 2; R1, R2: Resistance 1 & 2.

Zee Business guest experts asked to pay ₹7.41 crore

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday asked 15 guest experts including Nirmal Kumar Soni, Partha Sarathi Dhar and Simi Bhaumik appearing on the Zee Business channel to pay ₹7.41 crore for the "unlawful gains" that they made by taking opposite positions in the market than they advised on air.

According to SEBI, they indulged in fraudulent and unfair acts and unlawfully enriched themselves by taking advantage of being in a position to influence innocent investors.

THREE CATEGORIES

To have a better understanding of the matter and the role played by suspected entities, they have been divided into three categories — profit makers, enablers and guest experts, SEBI said.

The first category — Profit Makers — comprises entities (Nirmal Kumar Soni, Partha Sarathi Dhar, SAAR Commodities Private Ltd, Manan Sharecom Private Ltd and Kanhya Trading Company) that made profits by executing trades which were allegedly done based on advance information of stock recommendations given by guest experts. The second (Nitin Chhalani, Rupesh Kumar Matoliya, Ajaykumar Ramakant Sharma SAAR Securities India Private Ltd and Ramawatar Lalchand Chotia) that allegedly aided/assisted Profit Makers in making profit based on advance information of stock recommendations of guest experts. The third comprises guest experts who appeared on different shows on the Zee Business and provided/issued stock recommendations to viewers of this channel. Kiran Jadhav, Ashish Kelkar, Himanshu Gupta, Mudit Goyal and Simi Bhaumik have been referred to as "Guest Experts".

Most analysts see little headroom for AMC stocks

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Shares of mixed asset management companies remain mixed, with NAM-India and HDFC Asset Management Company surging around 100 per cent in the one-year period, while UTI Asset Management and Aditya Birla SunLife AMC gave a return of 35 per cent and 20.6 per cent, respectively. Shriram Asset Management gave a return of 63 per cent.

These stocks witnessed a mixed trend on Thursday as well. While UTI Asset gained marginally, Shriram AMC slumped 4.25 per cent while shares of HDFC Asset, Nippon Life Asset Management (NAM India) and ABSL AMC fell between 0.03 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively. Like the stock perform-

ance, analysts are also equally divided both at the industry level and even at the individual stock level, as most see only a little headroom for these stocks despite these companies posting relatively strong numbers for the quarter ended December 2023.

NAM India has reported a strong core PBT (23 per cent y-o-y), driven by revenue growth of 20 per cent y-o-y, and expense growth of 15 per cent y-o-y. Kotak Institutional Equities noted in its report that Nippon continues to benefit from its strong fund performance. "While current valuations have limited upside potential, Nippon could continue to surprise positively in its relative performance versus the industry. Retain Add with a fair value of ₹550 (₹520 earlier)," Kotak Institutions said in its research report. Emphasising that the company's core per-

Divided house

	Call	Target (₹)		Call	Target (₹)
Nippon Life AMC			HSBC	Buy	613
Yes Securities	Add	625	InCred Cap	Add	600
Nuvama	Hold	570	Jefferies	Buy	610
BOB Capital	Hold	580	Keunote Capital	Reduce	477
PhillipCapital	Neutral	500	ABSL AMC		
Kotak Institutions	Add	550	Yes Securities	Neutral	525
Equirus Sec	Long	600			

