

IPOs post August see better response from investors

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SEVEN OF THE 12 initial public offerings (IPO) that hit the markets since August have seen double-digit subscription figures.

Both Harsha Engineers and Electronics Mart witnessed subscription in excess of 50 times, followed by DCX Systems (subscribed 42 times), Dreamfolks Services (30.6 times), Syrma SGS Technology (24.1 times), Archean Chemical Industries (18.3 times) and Bikaji Foods International (17.6 times).

Harsha Engineers and Electronics Mart saw their qualified institutional portions getting subscribed 190.4x and 178.1x times, respectively, the most among these issues. The QIB portion for DCX Systems and Syrma SGS Technology was subscribed in excess of 90 times. Harsha



IPOs THAT MOPPED UP MOST SUBSCRIPTION SINCE AUGUST

Companies	Issue size (₹ cr)	Total subscription (x)	Gains over offer price (%)
Harsha Engineers International	754	54.91	24.77
Electronics Mart India	500	53.08	46.53
DCX Systems	500	42.18	29.23
Dreamfolks Services	562	30.65	16.93
Syrma SGS Technology	840	24.10	33.07
Archean Chemical Industries	1,462	18.34	12.50
Bikaji Foods International	880	17.63	5.67

Source: PRIME Database

Engineers and Electronics Mart saw the most subscription from high net worth individuals, with figures of 69.4x and 66.9x, respectively.

Retail participation has been relatively subdued. DCX Systems saw its retail book getting subscribed 63 times, followed by Dreamfolks

Services (35 times).

The overall subscription figures are a vast improvement over the IPOs that hit the market between January and July. Only two of the 16 IPOs during that period saw double-digit subscriptions — Adani Wilmar (subscribed 13.4 times) and Campus Activewear (35.9 times).

The 28 companies that have listed this year have chalked up average returns of 28%. Six of these IPOs are trading in the red, with AGS Transact Technologies (-57%) and Life Insurance Corporation of India (-33%) faring the worst. The best performers include Adani Wilmar (up 176%), Venus Pipes and Tubes (115%) and Veranda Learning Solutions (99.9%).

The companies that hit the market in the second half of the year have tempered their valuation expectations amid the turmoil, according to experts.

The benchmark BSE Sensex has returned 6.2% since August and 3.3% in the year to date.

Rising dollar, rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve and the geopolitical conflict between Russia and Ukraine have been some of the headwinds that impacted markets this year.