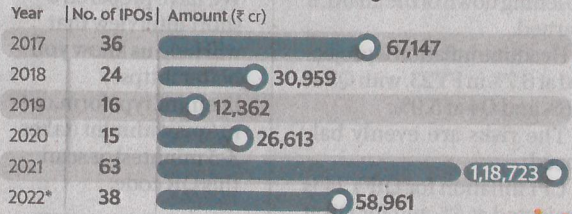


After a lull

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Slew of IPOs to hit market despite new-age cos' rout

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The primary market is poised to gather steam soon as the steep losses in issues of new-age companies become a fading memory.

Out of the offer documents filed by firms with the capital markets regulator, 55 have received approval for raising a total of ₹83,481 crore, while 32 looking to raise ₹54,415 crore are awaiting approval, according to Prime Database, a primary market tracker.

Some of the large initial public offers that have received Sebi approval are Aadhar Housing Finance, which is raising an estimated ₹7,300 crore, and TVS Supply Chain Solutions, Macleods Pharmaceuticals and Bharat FIH (₹5,000 crore each). Other than the Macleods IPO, which is a pure offer for sale (OFS), the others combine fresh issuances and OFS.

Many investors are sitting on huge losses after buying into new-age firms like Zomato, Nykaa and PolicyBazaar, which have fallen below their issue

price after more than halving from their 52-week highs. After a lull since the mega Life Insurance Corp. of India (LIC) issue, IPO activity picked up again in October. Momentum in the secondary market has fuelled appetite in the primary market. From a 52-week low of 15,183.4, the Nifty has risen 21% through 18,385.3 on 20 December, whereas the Dow Jones was 11.3% below its 52-week high on 19 December.

The Nifty outperformance was driven by domestic institutional investors (DIIs), who net-purchased shares worth ₹2.57 trillion in 2022 through November end, against foreign portfolio investors (FPI) selling ₹1.23 trillion. While markets could turn volatile given the global macro headwinds such as rising interest rates in the US and growing fears of a recession there, bankers and market experts believe the secondary market momentum could help revive FPI interest in India.

"We are expecting a lot of FII activity going forward, which

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will boost activity in the primary markets as well," a banker said, requesting anonymity. "The domestic story remains intact. Many IPOs having received Sebi approval would list in the near term. Depending on investor appetite, companies will be opportunistic on going public," the banker said.

Pranav Haldea, managing director of Prime Database, said: "Quite a few of these companies could list in the first quarter of 2023, given the momentum in the secondary market."

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