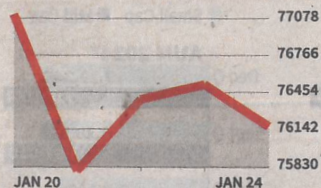


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	Week's close	Week's change
Nifty 50	23092.20	-111.00
P/E Ratio (Sensex)	21.87	-0.19
US Dollar (in ₹)	86.20	-0.41
Gold Std 10 gm (in ₹)	80026.00	+1104
Silver 1 kg (in ₹)	91211.00	+391

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Investor interest rebounds in IPOs after brief lull

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Initial public offerings are back on investors' radar after a brief lull in October and November. Twenty offerings have hit the market since December, collectively mopping up over ₹27,000 crore. Of these, seven have been subscribed over 100 times, another five over 50 times and three over 20 times. This is despite the volatility in the secondary market, which has seen the Nifty slip 4.3 per cent during this period.

Most of these IPOs have seen healthy participation from institutional and wealthy investors. Barring Carraro India, Ventive Hospitality, Concord Enviro, Sanathan Textiles, Sai Life Sciences and Vishal Mega Mart, retail participation has been robust as well.

In contrast, 10 out of 13 IPOs between October 15 and November had seen an overall subscription of less than 2.5 times. Most of these IPOs had also received a dismal response from retail and wealthy investors.

"The IPO market has been quite buoyant and investors remain optimistic as new IPOs continue to open for subscription. The market's resilience, even after previ-

Flying high: IPOs in January



Source: Exchange/reports

ous corrections, highlights opportunities for investors," said a note by Pantomath Capital Advisors.

INVESTMENTS FROM FPIs
According to Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database, foreign portfolio investors have continued to invest in IPOs despite turning net sellers in the secondary market.

"Domestic money has continued to pour in. What's more, in the recent past, mutual funds are leading the price discovery and, given their heft, are also driving a hard bargain to ensure reasonable valuations. This has meant more money on the table, which has made the offerings attractive," he said.

FPIs have invested ₹6,638 crore in the 20 offerings since December, compared to ₹9,682 crore invested by domestic institutional investors, data from primedatabase.com showed. To be clear, many of the re-

cent offerings have been small — 12 of the last 20 IPOs had an offer size of less than ₹800 crore. IPO momentum has also slowed somewhat — January will see six offerings, compared with 15 in December.

Thirty-five companies have regulatory approval for an IPO, while another 71 are awaiting a nod. Together, these could raise about ₹1.78 lakh crore from the market.

"We are confident about the sustained momentum and positive returns, supported by strong subscription trends. The market is well-positioned for continued growth, presenting ample opportunities for both investors and issuers in the months ahead," said the note by Pantomath Capital Advisors.

Calendar 2024 was a landmark year for IPOs, with over 90 companies collectively raising ₹1.62 lakh crore — more than double the ₹49,436 crore raised in 2023.