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RETAIL HOLDING AT ALL TIME HIGH, MF's HOLDING DECLINES FOR 5TH QUARTER IN A ROW IN JUNE 2021 QUARTER: primeinfobase.com

Holding of retail investors (individuals with up to INR 2 lakh shareholding) in companies listed on NSE reached an all time high of 7.18 per cent as on June 30, 2021, from 6.96 as on March 31, 2021, as per primeinfobase.com, an initiative of PRIME Database Group. In INR value terms too, retail holding in companies listed on NSE reached an all-time high of INR 16.18 lakh crore from INR 13.94 lakh crore on March 31, 2021, an increase of 16 per cent (Sensex and Nifty rose by 6.01 and 7.02 per cent respectively during this period). According to Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group, a buoyant secondary market and a flurry of new listings have helped in channelising retail savings into the capital market.

Holding of High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs) (individuals with more than INR 2 lakh shareholding), in companies listed on NSE also increased to 2.10 per cent as on June 30, 2021 from 1.98 percent on March 31, 2021, taking the combined retail and HNI holding to an all time high of 9.28 per cent.

Holding of domestic Mutual Funds in companies listed on NSE, however, reduced marginally to 7.25 per cent as on June 30, 2021 from 7.26 per cent as on March 31, 2021. According to Haldea, holding of Mutual Funds has now declined for five consecutive quarters, after 24 quarters of continuous rise (from 2.80 per cent as on March 31, 2014 to 7.96 per cent as on March 31, 2020). The holding has fallen despite net inflows by domestic Mutual Funds of INR 12,069 crore during the quarter. In INR value terms though, the holding of domestic Mutual Funds went up by 12.30 per cent to an all time high of INR 16.33 lakh crores as on June 30, 2021 from INR 14.54 lakh crores on March 31, 2021.

According to Haldea, these trends also show the willingness and preference of individual investors to invest directly, rather than indirectly via Mutual Funds.

LIC's holding (across 295 companies where its holding is more than 1 per cent) declined to 3.74 per cent as on June 30, 2021, down from 3.83 per cent as on March 31, 2021 and from all-time high of 5 per cent as on June 30, 2012. In INR value terms though, it reached an all-time high of INR 8.43 lakh crore in quarter ending June 30, 2021, an increase of 9.88 per cent over previous quarter. LIC also continues to command a lion's share of investments in equities by insurance companies (76 per cent share).

Holding of Insurance companies as a whole also declined to a 5 year low of 4.89 per cent as on June 30, 2021 down from 5.06 per cent as on March 31, 2021. In INR value terms, it went up by 8.77 per cent from the previous quarter to an all time high of INR 11.03 lakh crores as on June 30, 2021.

On the back of decrease in holdings of Mutual Funds and Insurance companies, holding of Domestic Institutional Investors (DII), which includes domestic Mutual Funds, Insurance



Companies, Banks, Financial Institutions, Pension Funds etc., as a whole, also decreased to an 11 quarter low of 13.19 per cent as on June 30, 2021 from 13.42 per cent as on March 31, 2021, despite net inflows from DIIs of INR 20,199 crore during the quarter. In INR value terms, DII holding went up to an all time high of INR 29.72 lakh crore as on June 30, 2021, an increase of 10.53 per cent over the last quarter.

Holding of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) also declined to 21.66 per cent as on June 30, 2021, from 22.46 per cent as on March 31, 2021. Net inflows from FPIs stood at INR 4601.53 crore during the quarter. In INR value terms, FPI ownership also reached an all-time high of INR 48.82 lakh crore as on June 30, 2021, up 8.46 per cent from INR 45.01 lakh crore as on March 31, 2021.

Following from above, total institutional ownership viz. FPI and DII also declined to 34.85 per cent in quarter ending June 30, 2021, down from 35.88 in quarter ending March 31, 2021.

The gap between FPI and DII holding decreased in this quarter, DII holding now being 39.11 per cent lower than FPI holding (On March 31, 2021, DII holding was 40.25 per cent lower than FPI holding). The widest gap between FPI and DII holding was in quarter ending March 31, 2015, when DII holding was 55.44 per cent lower than FPI holding. Over a 12-year period (since June 2009), FPI ownership has increased from 16.02 per cent to 21.66 per cent while DII ownership has increased from 11.39 per cent to 13.19 per cent.

The top 10 per cent companies by market capitalisation accounted for 90.76 per cent of overall FPI holding as on June 30, 2021 (down from 91.42 per cent on March 31, 2021), 84.38 per cent of overall DII holding (down from 85.55 per cent on March 31, 2021) and 81.35 per cent of overall MF holding (down from 82.50 per cent on March 31, 2021), showing high levels of concentration in holdings of institutional investors.

Disclosure of holdings of FPIs by name is only available for holdings in a company greater than 1 per cent. What is significant to note is that such cases represent only 16.46 per cent of the overall FPI holding (INR 8.03 lakh crore of the INR 48.82 lakh crore). According to Haldea, FPIs are the largest non-promoter shareholders in the Indian market and their investment decisions have a huge bearing on the stock prices and overall direction of market. It is thus time that complete details of all their holdings are made mandatory to be disclosed in India.

The percentage holding of the Government (as promoter) in companies listed on NSE increased to a one year high of 6.05 per cent as on June 30, 2021, from 5.70 per cent as on March 31, 2021, primarily due to a huge run up in PSU stock prices. Over a 12-year period (since June 2009) though, the holding has been steadily declining, from 22.46 per cent as on June 30, 2009, due to the Government's divestment programme, not enough new listings as also lackluster performance of many CPSEs relative to their private peers.

The percentage holding of private promoters in companies listed on NSE increased to 44.42 per cent as on June 30, 2021 from 44.09 per cent on March 31, 2021. Over a 12-year period (since June 2009), private promoter ownership has been steadily increasing, having increased from 33.60 per cent on June 30, 2009. In INR value terms, private promoter holding in companies



listed on NSE has gone up over 7 times to INR 100.12 lakh crore from just INR 14.51 lakh crore on June 30, 2009, of course, aided by new listings too. While 'Indian' private promoters holding has gone up from 26.44 per cent to 35.89 per cent over the last 12 years, 'foreign' promoters' holding has gone up from 7.17 per cent to 8.52 per cent.

There were 11 companies in which the trinity of promoters, FPIs and DIIs all increased their stake during the quarter these being SBI Cards & Payment Services, Tanla Platforms, Lux Industries, Jindal Stainless (Hisar), Bharat Rasayan, Suprajit Engineering, NIIT, Globus Spirits, Panama Petrochem, Thangamayil Jewellery and Vikas Lifecare.

Note: This analysis is based on Shareholding Patterns filed by 1666 of the total 1699 companies listed on NSE (main board) for the quarter ending June 30, 2021. As on July 31, 2021, 33 companies were still to file their shareholding patterns.

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