

**MF HOLDING HITS ANOTHER ALL TIME HIGH, FII HOLDING AT 11-YEAR LOW, DIIs CLOSE IN FURTHER ON FIIs, GOVT. AT 7-YEAR HIGH IN MAR'24 QUARTER: [primeinfobase.com](http://primeinfobase.com)**

The share of domestic Mutual Funds (MFs) in companies listed on NSE rose to yet another all-time high of 8.92 per cent as on March 31, 2024, from 8.81 per cent as on December 31, 2023, powered by strong net inflows of INR 81,539 crore during the quarter, as per [primeinfobase.com](http://primeinfobase.com), an initiative of PRIME Database Group.

Life Insurance Corp. of India (LIC), India's largest institutional investor, too saw its share (across 280 companies where its holding is more than 1 per cent) increasing to 3.75 per cent as on March 31, 2024 from 3.64 per cent as on December 31, 2023. Given that LIC commands a lion's share of investments in equities by insurance companies (at least 70 per cent share or INR 14.29 lakh crore), the overall share of Insurance companies went up from 5.37 per cent to 5.40 per cent during the quarter.

Following from the above, the share of Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs)<sup>#</sup> as a whole, with net inflows of INR 1,08,434 crore, increased to 16.05 per cent from 15.96 per cent during the quarter.

On the other hand, the share of Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs)<sup>^</sup> declined to an 11 year low of 17.68<sup>@</sup> per cent as on March 31, 2024, down by 51 bps from 18.19 per cent as on December 31, 2023, resulting in the gap between FII and DII holding narrowing further to an all-time low in this quarter with DII holding now being just 9.23 per cent lower than FII holding. The widest gap between FII and DII holding was in quarter ending March 31, 2015, when DII holding was a staggering 49.82 per cent lower than FII holding. The FII to DII ownership ratio also decreased to an all-time low of 1.10 as on March 31, 2024 from an all-time high of 1.99 in quarter ending March 31, 2015.

According to Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group, Indian markets are moving towards *atmanirbharta* (self reliance) with the share of DIIs set to overtake that of FIIs in the next few quarters. For years, FIIs have been the largest non promoter shareholder category in the Indian market with their investment decisions having a huge bearing on the overall direction of the market. Markets would tank when FIIs would pull out. This is no longer the case. DIIs along with retail investors have now been playing a strong counter balancing role.

DIIs increased their allocation most to Energy (from 6.70 per cent of their total holding as on December 31, 2023 to 7.77 per cent of their total holding as on March 31, 2024) while they decreased their allocation most to Information Technology (9.25 to 8.41). FIIs

increased their allocation most to Consumer Discretionary (15.03 to 16.27) while they decreased their allocation most to Financial Services (30.90 to 28.39).

Meanwhile, the share of the Government (as promoter) increased to a 7-year high of 10.38 per cent as on March 31, 2024 on the back of strong performance of several PSUs. On the other hand, the share of private promoters declined to a 5-year low of 41 per cent as on March 31, 2024. Over the last 18 months alone, it has fallen by 361 basis points from 44.61 per cent on September 30, 2022. According to Haldea, stake sales by promoters to take advantage of bullish markets, relatively lower promoter holding in some of the IPO companies and also overall institutionalization of market has resulted in this.

The share of retail investors (individuals with up to INR 2 lakh shareholding in a company) decreased marginally to 7.50 per cent as on March 31, 2024 from 7.58 percent on December 31, 2023. The share of High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs) (individuals with more than INR 2 lakh shareholding in a company) too decreased slightly to 2 per cent as on March 31, 2024 from 2.06 percent on December 31, 2023. As such, the combined retail and HNI share declined to 9.50 per cent as on March 31, 2024 from 9.64 per cent as on December 31, 2023.

There were 16 companies in which the trinity of promoters, FIIs and DIIs all increased their stake during the quarter these being (in descending order by market capitalisation) Jai Balaji Industries, Welspun Corp., Ramkrishna Forgings, Star Cement, Man Infraconstruction, Share India Securities, Time Technoplast, Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services, Thangamayil Jewellery, Ajmera Realty & Infra India, Panama Petrochem, Bigbloc Construction, AGS Transact Technologies, Trucap Finance, Khadim India and Mold-Tek Technologies.

*# includes domestic MFs, Insurance Companies, Banks, Financial Institutions, Pension Funds, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Domestic Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs), Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) etc.*

*^ includes Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Foreign SWFs and ownership through Depository Receipts (DRs) held by custodians*

*@The 'Non-Promoter Non-Public shares held by Custodians/DR Holders' had been included by us in the FII holding till our March 2023 report. From June 2023 onwards, as also on a retrospective basis, this has now been excluded from FII holding. All shares underlying DRs, irrespective of the investor category they were being categorised under, were also being included by us in the FII holding. From June 2023 onwards, as also on a retrospective basis, this has been clubbed with the respective holdings for all categories (FIIs, Foreign Companies, Bodies Corporate etc.).*

## Who is the wisest of them all?

	December 2023 to March 2024 quarter			
	No. of companies where holding increased	Average stock price change during the quarter (%)	No. of companies where holding decreased	Average stock price change during the quarter (%)
<b>FII</b> s	874	2.84	665	-0.14
<b>DII</b> s	609	2.47	577	2.35
<b>MF</b> s	511	2.98	412	2.61
<b>Insurance Companies</b>	331	2.53	322	5.37
<b>LIC</b>	71	2.05	79	15.17
<b>Private Promoters</b>	157	1.12	388	-0.35
<b>GOI (as Promoter)</b>	0	N.A.	5	17.88
<b>Retail</b>	1041	-2.31	860	12.57
<b>HNI</b>	729	9.30	994	1.42

Source: primeinfobase.com

*Note: This analysis is based on Shareholding Patterns filed by 1956 of the total 1989 companies listed on NSE (main board) for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. As on April 22, 2024, 33 companies were still to file their shareholding patterns. The data coverage is from June 2009 onwards.*

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