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***ATMANIRBHARTA* UNLOCKED: DIIs SURPASS FIIs IN MARCH QUARTER: primeinfobase.com**

The share of Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs)# in the Indian capital market reached an all-time high of 17.62 per cent as on March 31, 2025, up from 16.89 per cent as on December 31, 2024, following a net investment of a staggering INR 1.89 lakh crore during the quarter ending March 2025, and surpassed Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs)^ share of 17.22@ per cent as per primeinfobase.com, an initiative of PRIME Database Group.

According to Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group, this is a landmark moment for the Indian capital market. The domestic Mutual Funds (MFs), flush with retail money coming through SIPs, have continued to play a huge role in this with a net investment of INR 1.16 lakh crore during the quarter, taking their share in companies listed on NSE to yet another all-time high, and the first time in double digits, of 10.35 per cent as on March 31, 2025 (up from 9.93 per cent). The domestic insurance companies too joined the party with a net buy of INR 47,538 crore during the quarter. AIFs and PMS also net bought INR 3,885 crore and INR 1,137 crore during the quarter while Banks net sold INR 1,345 crore.

Meanwhile, with a net outflow of INR 1,16,574 crore (outflow of INR 1,29,680 in secondary market and inflow of INR 13,107 crore in primary market) due to rising yields and stronger dollar in US, the share of FIIs slumped further to a 12 year low of 17.22 per cent from 17.24 per cent during the quarter.

In INR value terms too, DII holding of INR 71.76 lakh crore is now 2 per cent higher than FII holding. Following from this, the FII to DII ownership ratio has come down below 1 to 0.98 as on March 31, 2025. The widest gap between FII and DII holding was in quarter ending March 31, 2015, when DII share was a huge 10.32 per cent lower than FII share. In INR value terms, DII holding was 49.82 per cent lower than FII holding on March 31, 2015 while the FII to DII ownership ratio was 1.99.

According to Haldea, Indian markets shall continue their steadfastly march towards even more *atmanirbharta* (self reliance) in the quarters and years to follow, with the day not too far when the share of MFs alone shall overtake that of FIIs. 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. This is no longer the case. DIIs along with retail (individuals with up to INR 2 lakh shareholding in a company) & High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs) **(more than INR 2 lakh) investors have now been playing a strong countervailing role with their share reaching an all-time high of 27.10 per cent as on March 31, 2025. While FIIs continue to remain an important constituent, their stranglehold on the Indian capital market has come down.**

According to Haldea, this completes a structural shift which has taken place in the Indian market over the last 10 years. To put this in perspective, as on March 31, 2015, while the FII share was 20.71 per cent, the combined share of DII, retail and HNI was just 18.47 per cent.

DIIs increased their allocation most to Financial Services (from 25.86 per cent of their total holding as on December 31, 2024 to 27.50 per cent of their total holding as on March 31, 2025) while they **decreased their allocation most to Information Technology** (10.32 to 9.11). **FIIs too increased their**

allocation most to Financial Services (28.53 to 30.87) while they **decreased their allocation most to Consumer Discretionary** (17.51 to 15.80).

Life Insurance Corp.of India (LIC), India's largest institutional investor, saw its share (across 282 companies where its holding is more than 1 per cent) increasing to 3.72 per cent as on March 31, 2025 from 3.51 per cent as on December 31, 2024, with a net buy* of INR 34,435 crore, its highest in 5 years. Given that LIC commands a lion's share of investments in equities by insurance companies (at least 69 per cent share or INR 15.17 lakh crore), the overall share of Insurance companies also went up from 5.15 per cent to 5.39 per cent.

The share of retail & HNI investors decreased to 7.51 per cent and 1.98 per cent respectively as on March 31, 2025 from 7.70 per cent and 2.09 per cent as on December 31, 2024. As such, the combined retail and HNI share decreased to 9.49 per cent from 9.79 per cent during the quarter. While individual investors net bought shares worth INR 19,766 crore during January and February, they booked profits and net sold shares worth INR 18,925 crore in March when the markets rallied ('Others' category, which includes Public & Private Companies/Bodies Corporates, Trust/Society, Domestic Financial Institutions (excl.Banks & Insurance), Statutory Bodies, NPS, NGO, Depository Receipts, NBFC, Domestic VC Fund, FPI and PRO trades, net sold to the tune of INR 1,69, 321 crore during the quarter).

The share of the Government (as promoter) decreased marginally to 9.27 per cent from 9.29 per cent during the quarter, with a net buy value of INR 393 crore. The share of private promoters too decreased to 40.81 per cent from 41.09 per cent despite a net buy value of INR 7,337 crore.

There were 25 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) Himadri Speciality Chemical, Trident, Maharashtra Seamless, Thangamayil Jewellery, Balu Forge Industries, Rain Industries, Tarc, Ashapura Minechem, Share India Securities, Camlin Fine Sciences, Globus Spirits, Kewal Kiran Clothing, Som Distilleries & Breweries, Seshasayee Paper & Boards, B.L.Kashyap & Sons, Divgi Torqtransfer Systems, Renaissance Global, Royal Orchid Hotels, Suyog Telematics, Control Print, NCL Industries, Mallcom (India), Albert David, Keynote Financial Services and Flexituff Ventures International.

[#] 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 Depositary Receipts (DRs) held by custodians
** calculated by multiplying the difference in December and March shareholding by the volume weighted average closing price during the quarter*
[@]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 categorized 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 2024 to March 2025 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 (%)
FIIs	731	-18.06		932	-20.08
DIIs	739	-14.89		553	-20.01
MFs	580	-14.15		414	-16.09
Insurance Companies	362	-12.18		338	-15.27
LIC	81	-6.05		82	-10.67
Private Promoters	252	-21.54		317	-20.15
GOI (as Promoter)	1	-30.82		4	-18.15
Retail	972	-24.48		1059	-16.40
HNIs	910	-21.66		903	-20.06

Source: primeinfobase.com

Note: *This analysis is based on Shareholding Patterns filed by 2089 of the total 2116 companies listed on NSE (main board) for the quarter ending March 31, 2025. As on April 22, 2025, 27 companies were still to file their shareholding patterns. The data coverage is from June 2009 onwards.*

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