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Are PSU Banks a good BUY over Pvt. Banks?

PSU Banks to get more 42000 Crs!

Public sector banks are set to receive additional Rs.42,000 crores in capital infusion over the next four months apart from the earlier 2 lakh Crs announced by the Union government last year. The next tranche is said to be infused into the system as early as in December 2018. The development comes at a time when the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has partially relaxed rules relating to implementation of Basel III norms. The state owned banks will receive an additional one year to meet the capital conservation buffer requirements, according to a decision taken at the central bank's board meeting last week. Banks will have to meet the capital conservation buffer norms under Basel III by 31 March 2020.

Should we start buying PSU Bank?

In the recent times we have seen regional private sector banks and NBFC gain market share over PSUs as the PSUs continue to struggle with their elevated NPAs and weak capital position. The asset quality of the PSUs is also showing signs of improvements but we feel it will still take a lot of time to clear. Until the clearing of PSUs asset quality, we feel good quality private sector banks and NBFCs will continue to gain market share on account of its corporate governance and their aggressive working style. With the recent fiasco between the Government and the RBI, we feel it is better to stay away from the PSUs and continue to BUY private sector banks.

Bond Yields declining

India's Bond yields fell to its lowest levels after US Fed Chair announced of its neutral stance on hiking interest rates. Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the Fed's policy rate is now "just below" a level that neither brakes nor boosts a healthy economy. This stance has led to the decline of India's bond yield as more money will now flow into the emerging markets which will directly positively impact the Banking and the NBFC sector. Back in the home country also there are many positive news like the crude falling and rupee appreciating, as a result we do not foresee any rate hikes by the RBI. As a result bond yields will remain to trade at a lower end. This will lead to improve NIMs for the NBFCs and banks as a result good quality private banks will grow faster than the weaker pie of the banking space — PSUs.

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In the PSU space, we have BUY rating on SBI, Canara Bank and Karnataka Bank.

Stocks to Buy

We remain constructive on private sector banking space like HDFC Bank, regional lending space like Federal Bank and City Union Bank and select niche NBFC players like L&T Fin, Bajaj Finance given their ability to gain market share over PSU lenders. In the PSU space, we have a BUY rating on State Bank of India, Canara Bank and Karnataka Bank.

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