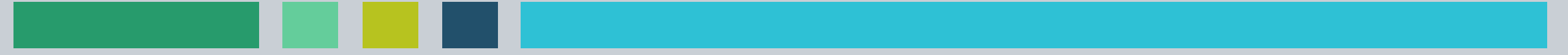




# MONTHLY PULSE - DECEMBER 2023

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## GLOBAL MACROS



- ✓ Global growth is slowing at a divergent pace, and emerging markets are facing volatile capital flows
- ✓ Global supply chains are restoring; however, global headwinds could pose threats to the inflation outlook

## POLICY RATES



- ✓ US Fed, ECB, and Bank of England kept their policy rates unchanged in December
- ✓ Turkey hiked its policy rate by 5.0%, Russia by 1.0%, Brazil by 0.5%. China injected net liquidity of 600 billion yuan

## EQUITY MARKETS



- ✓ Global equity markets witnessed gains in November 2023, as US Treasury yields fell from October highs
- ✓ Fed's signal about ending its hiking cycle and the possibility of rate cuts in 2024, are encouraging signs

## FIXED INCOME



- ✓ Sovereign bond yields are declining as debt markets do not expect further rate hikes
- ✓ 2024 perception of Fed rate cuts led to a rise in bond prices. It can be reflected in Dollar Index's 1.7% depreciation in November (MOM)

## GEOPOLITICS



- ✓ BlackRock's Geopolitical Risk Indicator stands at a fifteen-month high at 0.41 in November 2023
- ✓ Escalation of attacks on ships in the Red Sea by the Houthi rebels of Yemen is disrupting global trade



## ECONOMIC SCENARIO

- ✓ Domestic economic activity remained buoyant on account of strong domestic demand and high government expenditure
- ✓ A broad-based easing in core inflation has been observed, masked by risks to food inflation



## FINANCIAL MARKETS

- ✓ Equity markets were strong, amidst oversubscription of IPOs and bullish sentiments of investors
- ✓ 10 year 7.18% G-Sec 2033 closed at INR 99.78 (at 7.21%) on December 29, compared to INR 99.50 (at 7.25%) on November 30



## GROWTH ESTIMATES

- ✓ RBI has projected the GDP growth for FY24 at 7.1%, followed by relatively slower and uneven growth for FY25 at 6.0%
- ✓ Real GDP growth has been projected at 7.0% for FY24, with 6.5% in Q3 and 6.0% in Q4 of the fiscal year



## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- ✓ French President Emmanuel Macron will be the chief guest for India's Republic Day celebrations, on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024
- ✓ The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue Summit, slated to be hosted by India in January, is proposed to be held later



## FUTURE OUTLOOK

- ✓ RBI's industrial outlook survey portrays an improved business outlook, backed by optimism about demand in Q3 FY24
- ✓ Positive outlook amidst perceptions of rising current income and growing consumer confidence

# Deal Activity in the Indian Economy

## METALS / MINING

- ✓ Vedanta Resources outlined bond restructuring plan, after its recent announcement of a \$1.25 bn financing. The bonds saw selling by private banks, wealth clients <sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Vedanta has raised INR 3400 crores from Oaktree Capital at 12% interest for a term of 18 months, through the issue of 3.4 lakh NCDs of INR 1,00,000 each <sup>(2)</sup>
- ✓ Steel-maker Jayaswal Neco Industries Ltd to raise INR 3200 crores debt jointly from three private credit funds. Proceeds to be used to repay high-cost debt <sup>(3)</sup>

## ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Adani Green Energy will raise \$1.12 billion to expand its renewable power capacity, by issuing 63.1 mn warrants on a preferential basis, at an issue price of INR 1481 per warrant <sup>(4)</sup>
- ✓ Blue Planet Environmental Solutions secures a \$35 mn investment from impact investor IFU (The Investment Fund for Developing Countries) <sup>(5)</sup>
- ✓ Adani Ports will sell a 49% stake in its Ennore Container Terminal located in Chennai, to MSC Terminal Investment Ltd for \$29.65 million <sup>(6)</sup>

## BFSI

- ✓ Fintech startup Pontera raises \$60 mn in a fresh funding round led by ICONIQ Growth. This startup's platform is leveraged to manage retirement accounts <sup>(7)</sup>
- ✓ Digital e-mobility lender RevFin Services Pvt Ltd raised \$14 mn in a Series B funding round led by Omidyar Network, which invested \$5 mn in the startup <sup>(8)</sup>
- ✓ India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd underwent an IPO of INR 1200 crores (\$145 mn) - a fresh issue of INR 800 crores, and an OFS of 400 crores. It debuted on the bourses at a ~24% premium <sup>(9)</sup>

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# Deal Activity in the Indian Economy

## AUTOMOBILE

- ✓ Mahindra & Mahindra, along with existing shareholders, will invest \$105 mn in their two-wheeler unit Classic Legends - it will invest ~\$63 mn of the \$105 mn <sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Japan's Mitsui and Dutch electric bus maker VDL Groep have partnered with India's Pinnacle Mobility Solutions Pvt Ltd. The long term partnership will involve joint investments of ~\$100 mn <sup>(2)</sup>
- ✓ Hero MotoCorp Corp Ltd (HMCL) increases its stake in electric scooter maker Ather Energy from 36.7% to 39.7%, through an investment of \$16.9 mn <sup>(3)</sup>

## CONSUMER

- ✓ SoftBank, TPG, and other investment firms will offload a part of their stakes in BrainBees Solution's IPO. The Japanese VC, SoftBank plans to sell 20.23 mn of its 124.1 mn shares via the IPO <sup>(4)</sup>
- ✓ Varun Beverages to acquire 100% stake in Beverage Company, which manufactures and distributes Pepsi's beverages in South Africa, for \$158.7 mn (INR 13.2 bn) <sup>(5)</sup>
- ✓ Devyani International to acquire KFC Thailand's franchisee, Restaurant Development Co, in a ~\$129 mn deal, and commence operating in Thailand <sup>(6)</sup>

## TMT

- ✓ GreyOrange, a warehousing automation firm backed by Tiger Global, raised \$135 mn in its Series D funding round led by Anthelion Capital <sup>(7)</sup>
- ✓ Hong Kong-based PE fund BPEA EQT will acquire a majority stake in Chennai-based digital engineering firm Indium Software for an undisclosed sum <sup>(8)</sup>
- ✓ Qnu Labs; that offers cybersecurity solutions on the internet, cloud, and edge; secured a \$6.5 mn pre-Series A1 funding from Ashish Kacholia, VC firm Speciale Invest, and an undisclosed family fund <sup>(9)</sup>

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## METALS / MINING



Aiming to improve pricing transparency, the Centre plans to link domestically produced ore to the prices of global indices <sup>(1)</sup>

The Ministry of Mines has allowed Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) to bid for the mineral blocks explored by them <sup>(2)</sup>

India's coal production rose by ~12.3% to 664.37 million tonnes (MT) as of April to 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 from 591.64 MT in the same period of the previous fiscal <sup>(3)</sup>

Adani subsidiary Kutch Copper's copper refinery facility in Gujarat is likely to commence operations in March 2024 <sup>(4)</sup>

## E&I



MoRTH has prepared a draft policy for the use of inert soil in the construction of embankments for national highways and state roads <sup>(5)</sup>

Five hydropower projects, with a cumulative installed capacity of 2626 MW, are to be implemented in Arunachal Pradesh's Shi-Yomi district <sup>(6)</sup>

IRB Infra has received an ~INR 1683 crores contract from NHA for the tolling, operation, and maintenance of the Gwalior-Jhansi and Kota bypass <sup>(7)</sup>

Tata Power Solar Systems signed an agreement to supply 152 MWp solar PV modules for an NTPC project in Pokhran <sup>(8)</sup>

\*E&I implies the Energy and Infrastructure industry of India

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Value of aggregate FPI govt bond holdings, under 'Fully Accessible Route', more than doubled to ~INR 1.28 lakh crores as on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023 <sup>(1)</sup>

A cloud facility to be set up for the financial sector in India for enhancing data security and privacy <sup>(2)</sup>

RBI has approved the appointment of Mr. C S Rajan as Kotak Mahindra Bank's part-time Chairman for two years from January 2024 <sup>(3)</sup>

IIFL's book for personal loans is ~4% of the total loan book value, making the impact of RBI's revised consumer lending norms on its books, minimal <sup>(4)</sup>



Industry experts mention about the need for continued government support for the electric vehicle sector to get established <sup>(5)</sup>

India contributing to 10% of Kia's global sales. Kia is looking to radically shift its lineup with an increased focus towards the Indian market <sup>(6)</sup>

Tata Green Batteries partners with TVS Motor Company for a smooth battery buying experience for Indian customers <sup>(7)</sup>

Toyota to integrate India with the Middle East, East Asia & Oceania Region, and India will act as the hub of the region from January 2024 <sup>(8)</sup>

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(6) [India becomes Kia's fourth largest market](#)

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(8) [India's significance in Toyota's global strategy rises as it becomes a new regional hub](#)





French luxury brand Cartier's India MD exclaims about India's importance in the company's global footprint <sup>(1)</sup>

Consumer durable companies expect revenue growth to continue in 2024 with premium, value-added products to be the key growth drivers <sup>(2)</sup>

Tata Coffee merged with Tata Consumer Products and TCPL Beverages & Foods, to stand dissolved without winding up <sup>(3)</sup>

Hindustan Unilever Ltd to split its BPC division into two units from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - one unit for beauty, and the other for personal care <sup>(4)</sup>



As of October 2023, investments worth INR 2725 crores were received, out of INR 4014 crores committed for telecom gear manufacturing under the PLI scheme <sup>(5)</sup>

The Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill 2023 seeks to include OTT, digital news, and other platforms; in its purview <sup>(6)</sup>

A Qualcomm executive told that the company is open to working with OneWeb and JioSatellite Communications for satellite connectivity needs <sup>(7)</sup>

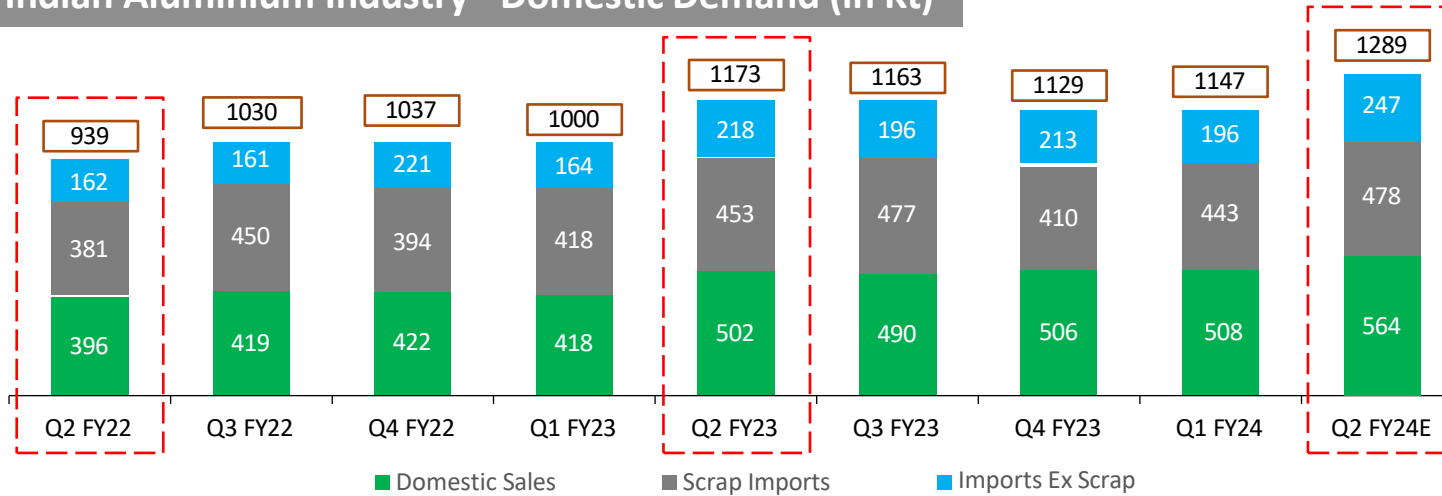
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# Trends in the Metals / Mining and Energy & Infrastructure (E&I) Industry

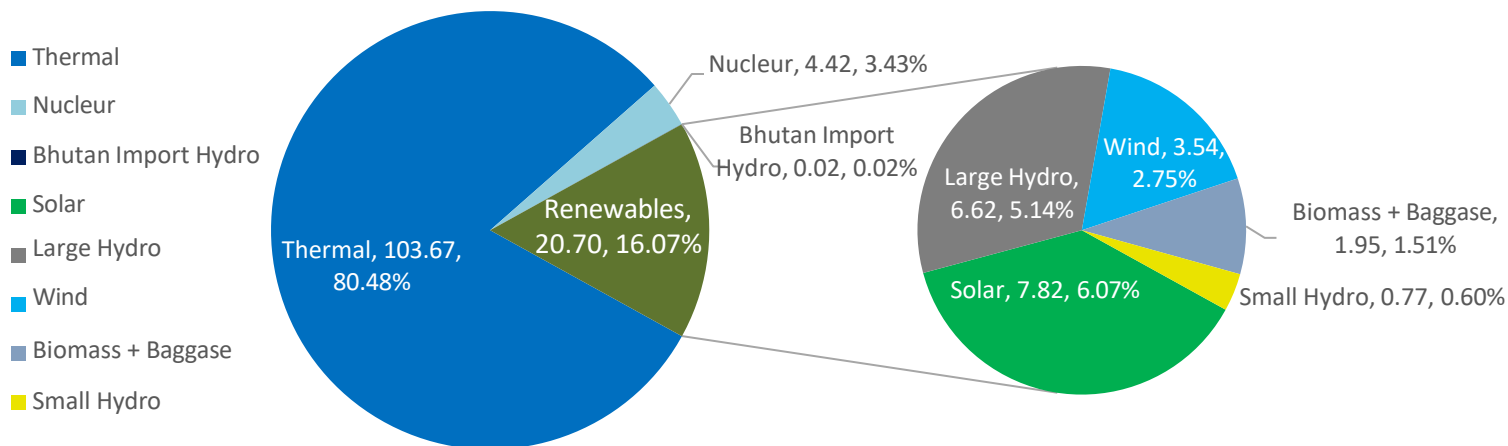
## Indian Aluminium Industry - Domestic Demand (in Kt)



\*Hindalco Industries Limited estimates (Rounded to the nearest whole number)  
 1 Kiloton (Kt) = 10,00,000 Kg  
 Domestic Demand for Q2 FY24 is outlined as projected by Hindalco Industries Limited

- ✓ Domestic Demand for Aluminium is projected to be ~1289 Kt in Q2 FY24 - a ~10% y-o-y growth from 1173 Kt in Q2 FY23 - as of November 2023 estimates
- ✓ This sequential growth is backed by robust demand in the electrical, building and construction, and the automobile industries; intern, supported by rural electrification, rapid urbanization, Smart City projects, etc.
- ✓ It rose by ~25% y-o-y in the preceding time period - from ~939 Kt in Q2 FY22 to ~1173 Kt in Q2 FY23

## India's Energy Generation in November 2023 (128.82 BU)

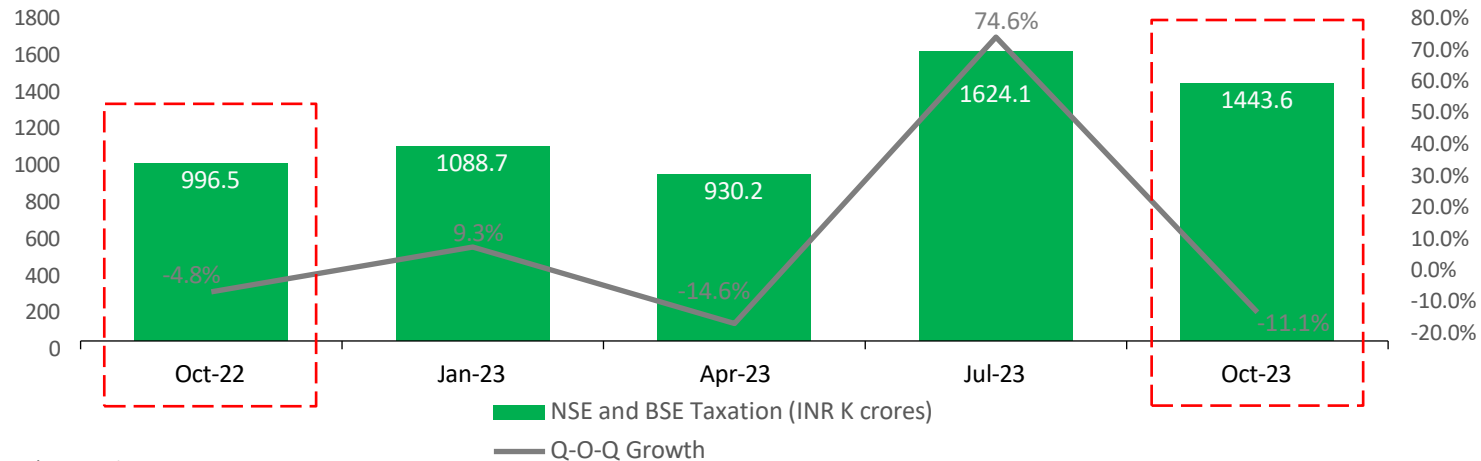


\*Monthly Renewable Energy Generation Report by the Ministry of Power  
 Data Labels outlined as [(Energy Source), (Energy Generation in BU), (Percentage contribution to total energy generated)]  
 Value of Energy Generation outlined in Billion Units

- ✓ ~16.1% of energy generated in India in November 2023 resulted from sources of renewable energy
- ✓ Of 20.70 BU of renewable energy generated in November 2023, 7.82 BU of solar energy (most significant renewable energy generation source in November) was generated
- ✓ The 2030 target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity seems viable currently. Khadva in Rajasthan could play a significant role towards achieving the target

# Trends in the BFSI and Automobile Industry

## NSE and BSE Taxation (INR Thousand Crores)



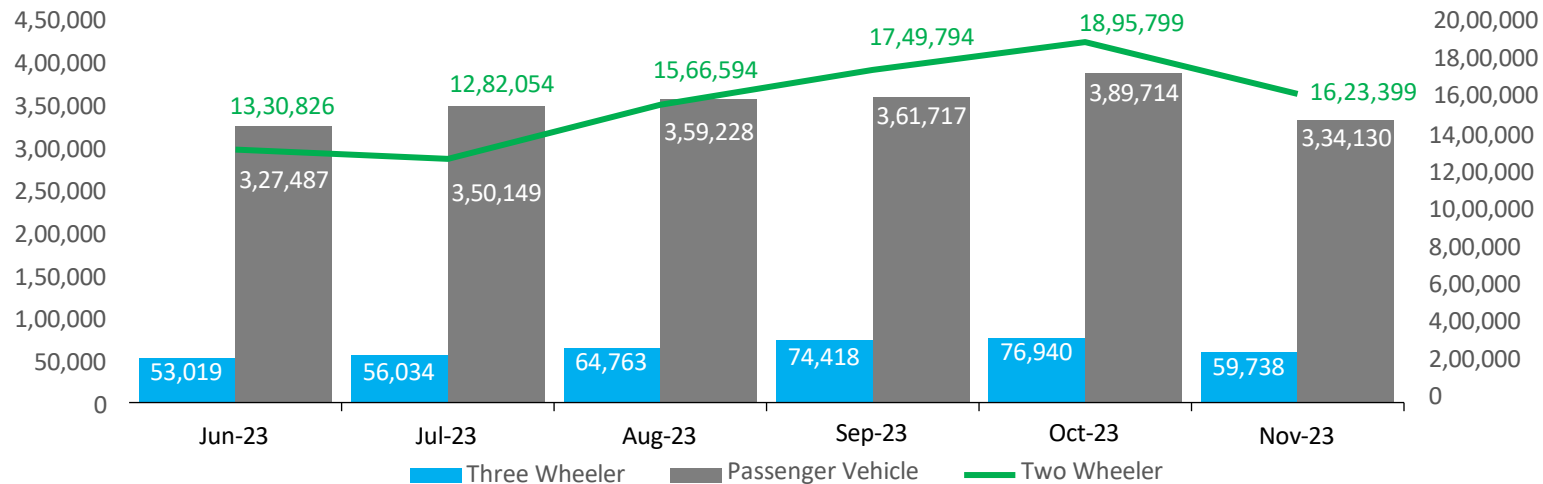
\*BCG India Economic Monitor

NSE and BSE Taxation for Jul-22 was INR 1046.3 K crores. Rounded to the nearest tenth decimal

Y-O-Y growth compared from Oct-22 to Oct-23, and Q-O-Q growth outlined as per the three-month growth of the months outlined

- ✓ NSE and BSE taxation rose ~44.9% from ~INR 996.5 thousand crores in October 2022 to ~INR 1443.6 thousand crores in October 2023
- ✓ 3 month rise was the highest as of Jul-23 – a steep ~74.6% rise from ~INR 930.2 thousand crores in Apr-23 to ~INR 1624.1 thousand crores in Jul-23
- ✓ As of Apr-23, NSE and BSE taxation has plummeted by ~14.6% from ~INR 1088.7 thousand crores in Jan-23 to ~INR 930.2 thousand crores in the month

## Domestic Sales Volumes of Auto Segments



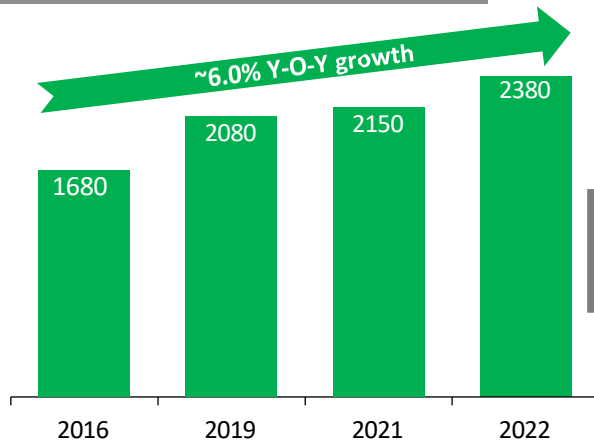
\*Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers

Sales Volumes for Passenger Vehicles excludes the sales volumes of BMW, Mercedes, JLR, and Volvo Auto

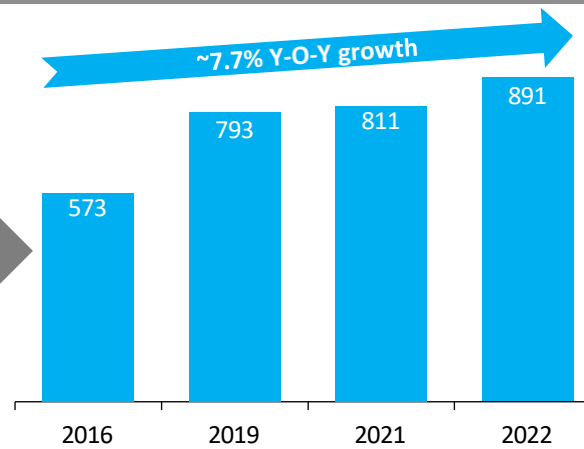
- ✓ November 2023 witnessed two-wheeler sales of 16,23,399 units in the domestic market - a ~14.37% MoM decline from 18,95,799 units in October 2023
- ✓ The month saw a YoY growth of ~31.31% in two-wheeler sales compared to 12,36,282 units in November 2022. Mostly, all two-wheeler brands recorded a declines in MoM numbers, but positive YoY growth
- ✓ Passenger Vehicle and Three Wheeler sales declined by ~14.26% and ~22.36% MoM to 3,34,130 and 59,738 units respectively

# Trends in the Consumer and TMT Industry

### India's GNI Per Capita (USD)



### Overall Retail Market in India (USD Billions)

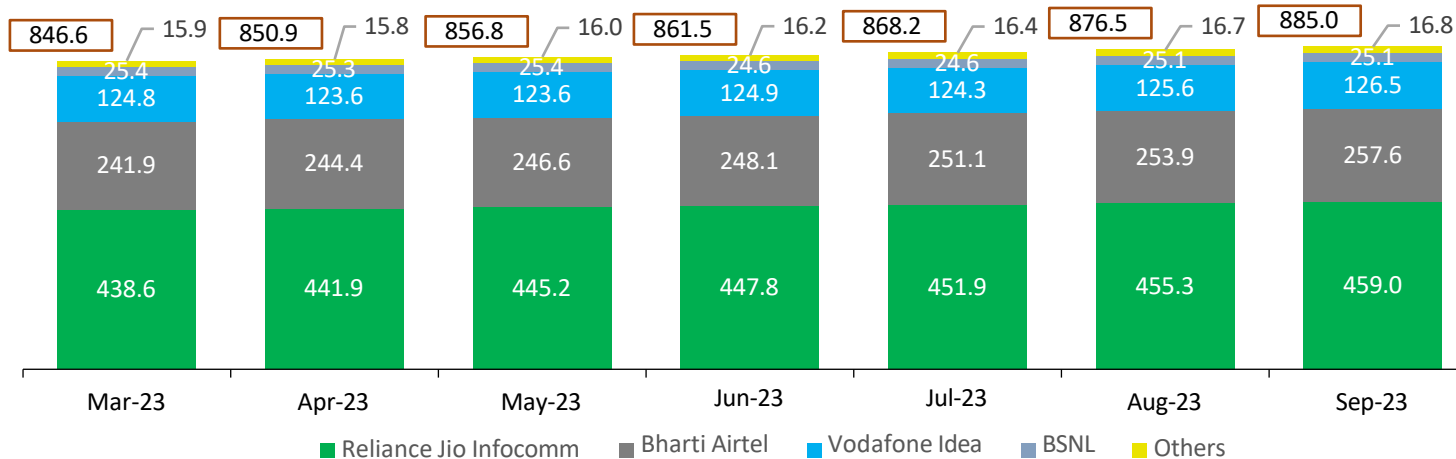


Rising income results in higher consumption

\*LHS - Gross National Income (GNI) per capita [*GNI per capita*] in USD from World Bank  
 \*RHS - Overall Retail Market In India in USD billions from Redseer Research (*Includes both E-commerce and Offline B&M*)  
 Values [in USD and USD billions in LHS and RHS respectively] rounded to the nearest number

- ✓ Rising income is a key growth driver of retail consumption. India's Gross National Income (GNI) - total amount of money earned by a nation's people and businesses - has been in an upward trajectory over the years
- ✓ The overall retail market in India has grown from \$570 bn in 2016 to \$891 bn in 2022, backed by rise in GNI per capita
- ✓ A ~6.0% Y-O-Y rise in India's GNI per capita from 2016 to 2022 led to a higher growth in consumption of ~7.7% Y-O-Y

### Market Share of Broadband Subscribers (Wireless and Wireline) - Millions



\*Telecom Regulatory of India (TRAI) - News and Latest Releases  
 Rounded to the nearest tenth decimal, and total subscribers (wireless and wireline) outlined in the brown textbox

- ✓ Total broadband subscribers in India rose by ~4.54% (semi-annual basis) to 885.0 million in September 2023 from 846.6 million in March 2023
- ✓ Of the three key players, Bharti Airtel saw the maximum growth in subscribers of ~6.49% (semi-annual basis) from March to September 2023, followed by Reliance Jio Infocomm (~4.65%)
- ✓ Of the three key players, Vodafone Idea witnessed the lowest semi-annual growth of ~1.34% during the same time period

# Calendar Year 2023 - Economic Highlights



## Overview

- ✓ India is the fifth largest economy with a GDP of over \$3.75 trillion
- ✓ In November, RBI Deputy Governor said that India was on track to hit \$5 trillion by 2027
- ✓ Factory activity grew for the 29<sup>th</sup> straight month in November 2023



## Global Recognition

- ✓ India hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> G20 summit of 2023
- ✓ India became the fifth country to achieve a \$4 trillion market capitalization
- ✓ Reuters report noted that India is in a pivotal phase of the S-curve, a phase characterized by high economic acceleration



## Inflows and Deals

- ✓ Few deals included Abu Dhabi Investment Authority's \$500 mn in Lenskart, and Qatar Investment Authority's \$150 mn in Indospace
- ✓ Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat attracted high FDI inflows
- ✓ Startup funding fell from ~\$25 bn in 2022 to ~\$7 bn



## Market Capitalization

- ✓ Nifty ended with a ~20% rise, while Sensex with a ~18% rise year-to-date
- ✓ Surge in investments by retail traders as well as FII's were some key trends
- ✓ High performing sectors predicted for 2024 include banking, pharmaceuticals, and energy



## Bureaucracy

- ✓ Indo-Pacific Economic Framework signed to reduce supply chain reliance on China
- ✓ Chinese phone manufacturers asked to appoint Indian equity partners with a majority stake
- ✓ Government plans to extend the PLI scheme to other sectors

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