



September 2, 2021

To,

Listing Department,
National Stock Exchange of India Limited,
Exchange Plaza, Plot no. C/1, G Block,
Bandra-Kurla Complex Bandra (E),
Mumbai – 400051

NSE Scrip Symbol: MAXIND

Department of Corporate Services,
BSE Limited,
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street,
Mumbai – 400001

BSE Scrip Code: 543223

**Sub.: Newspaper publication in relation to completion of dispatch of Annual Report
and Notice of 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Company**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations 2015, please find enclosed the newspaper advertisements published by the Company in Business Standard (English), all editions and Nav Shakti (Marathi), Mumbai edition today i.e., September 2, 2021, in relation to completion of dispatch of Annual Report and Notice of 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Company, Remote e-voting and Book Closure.

You are kindly requested to take the aforesaid on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**For Max India Limited
(formerly Advaita Allied Health Services Limited)**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chawla".

**Pankaj Chawla
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer**

Encl: as above

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Auto stocks may not accelerate

Valuations are attractive but the sector is facing multiple headwinds

PUNEET WADHWA
New Delhi, 1 September



AT THE BOTTOM

| | Close | Chg % |
|----------------------|----------|-------|
| Nifty Metal | 5,605.5 | -4.1 |
| Nifty Realty | 4,088.4 | 22.2 |
| Nifty Pharma | 14,399.9 | 16.7 |
| Nifty 50 | 17,076.3 | 16.2 |
| Nifty Infrastructure | 4,727.8 | 15.7 |
| Nifty FMCG | 39,694.7 | 13.5 |
| Nifty Bank | 36,554.3 | 9.8 |
| Nifty Auto | 10,043.9 | 1.8 |

Stock price as on Sep 01, 2021. Index values are absolute, Change % since April 2021.
Data Source: Bloomberg. Compiled by BS Research Bureau

Auto stocks are likely to continue with their underperformance, as most companies in the sector grapple with multiple headwinds — semiconductor shortage, rising input costs, and rising automobiles facing competition from electric vehicles (EVs). Although stock valuations have turned attractive, investors may be better off avoiding auto stocks now.

The auto sector is facing multiple headwinds, such as high raw material prices and chip shortage. The traditional four-and two-wheeler segments also face stiff competition from the electric vehicle (EV) segment. Though valuations are attractive, auto stocks will remain under pressure. It is a long road to recovery for the industry. A K. Venkateswaran, head of research, India Capital.

At the ground level, chip shortages, according to analysts at Jefferies, have already started to hurt Indian auto production and companies — such as Maruti, Bajaj Auto, and Royal Enfield — have witnessed an increased impact in the September quarter (Q2FY22). Maruti Suzuki, for instance, expects its vehicle production in September across its plants in Haryana and Gujarat to drop by 40 per cent because of chip shortage.

Raw material costs have been another sore point for Indian automakers. The Indian steel price, according to reports, is at an all-time high of 167,500 a tonne, 5 per cent above the

targeted rate. The spot aluminum price at \$2,674 a tonne is also 12 per cent higher than the June quarter average.

To counter the rise in input costs, Maruti is hiking prices across the board from September — the fourth such increase this year. While the company has not mentioned the reasons, analysts expect the one in September to be triggered given the rise in prices of raw materials, such as steel, aluminum, and copper.

"Asian steel prices are holding up despite a sharp fall in iron ore. Slowing

NIFTY AUTO MEMBERS

(Price in ₹) | Change %

| | Price in ₹ | Change % |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| Balkirsha Industries | 3,209.7 | 38.0 |
| Bharat Forge | 781.1 | 31 |
| Tube Investments of India | 1,358.3 | 13.8 |
| Ashok Leyland | 122.5 | 7.9 |
| Eicher Motors | 2,703.2 | 3.8 |
| Bajaj Auto | 3,758.5 | 2.4 |
| Bosch | 14,015.5 | -0.5 |
| Maruti Suzuki India | 6,784.9 | -1.1 |
| Tata Motors | 295.3 | -2.2 |
| MRF | 79,994.7 | -2.8 |
| Mahindra & Mahindra | 769.9 | -3.2 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 2,709.9 | -5.9 |
| Exide Industries | 180.1 | -7.4 |
| TVS Motor Co | 529.9 | -9.4 |
| Amarra Raja Batteries | 702.1 | -16.6 |

impact on disposable income due to the second Covid-19 wave, and a cautious stance of consumers, given the possibility of a third wave of Covid-19 infections.

"Enquiry levels are also lower than normal. Forecast is for low-levels of enquiries as shifting online. There have been instances where customers have delayed purchase in the anticipation of the launch of EV products from the existing OEMs/Ola Electric," wrote Vivek Kumar, and Nitin Aggarwal of JM Financial in a recent report. Moreover, with volumes getting impacted, low operating leverage will further hurt the operating profit margins of automakers.

At the bourses, the Nifty Auto index has been the worst performer among sector indices thus far in FY22, up 1.2 per cent as compared to an 11.4 per cent rise in the Nifty 50 index.

India's ACE Equity data shows that Mahindra & Mahindra (MMB), Tata Motors, and Maruti Suzuki in the four-wheeler pack and TVS Motor and Hero MotoCorp in the two-wheeler segment have given below-par returns.

"Pent-up demand for automobiles will fade away soon as people take to public transport after being vaccinated against Covid. That apart, chip shortage will continue to be a major concern, and the input costs for auto manufacturers will keep demand in check. As a result, most auto stocks will underperform in the second half of FY22," said G Chokkalingam, founder and chief investment officer at Equilumines Research.

credit growth has raised concerns about Chinese metal demand, although a seasonal pick-up in construction and infra stimulus should provide tailwinds; potential production cuts could also tighten supply in the second half of the calendar year 2021 (H2CY21)," wrote Nitin Mangal and Sanket Salvi of Jefferies in a recent report.

Besides the four-wheeler segment, demand for two-wheels, according to analysts at JM Financial, is being impacted by commodity-related price hikes, increase in fuel prices, the

market at the depths of the Covid-19 crisis last year, about 48 per cent of the idle supply has already been revived, and in July the group laid out a plan for gradually returning the remainder through to September 2022. With crude prices mostly recovered from their mid-August slump and the supply outlook relatively tight for the rest of the year, the 23-national hero motors had little reason to change the established schedule of gradual monthly supply hikes, despite a request from the White House to review output faster.

Ministers ratified the 400,000 barrel-a-day supply hike scheduled for October

variants. The question is whether Iran and the US will do a deal to lift restrictions on the Islamic Republic's oil exports — currently holding less likely — also hangs over the market.

West Texas Intermediate peaked earlier last month, trading at 9 per cent lower at \$67.87 a barrel at 9.23 pm (IST).

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Both these funds will give Indian investors a chance to invest in some of the most innovative and dynamic sectors that are the forefront of innovation and are industry disruptors.

"We use the products and services of many of these innovator companies, but have so far not been able to benefit from their business growth. Indian investors will now be able to do so through this fund," says Harsha Upadhyaya, chief investment officer-equity, Kotak AMC.

These funds offer investors a chance at out-sized gains.

"Many of these innovators may not survive, but those that do tend to be large wealth creators," says Upadhyaya. Amazon being a prime example.

The pace of technological change has been accelerating in recent times.

"Many of these newly-emerged players are game changers. From an investment perspective, investing in successful disruptors is a good way to capture growth," says Ashwin Patni, head-products and alternatives, Axis AMC.

Both these funds are not confined to the technology (tech) sector alone. They offer investors diversified exposure to sectors like health care, biotech, financial tech, environmental, energy, life-sciences, automation in manufacturing, and so on.

The fund managers have tried to control risk.

"The fund managers at Schroder have included many established players in the portfolio, besides upcoming ones," says Patni.

Both these funds are not just US-focused, they will invest in innovators across the globe. The mother funds have a sound track record.

"Innovation will lead to investments in growth-oriented businesses, which is what Indian investors prefer," says Vishal Dhanwan, chief financial planner, PlanAhead Wealth Advisors.

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