

## MARKETS: Key Factors – MSCI rebalancing, Fed, and PMI

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Recent spurt in markets is mainly a result of the following developments –

**MSCI Rebalancing** - Recent strong rally led by bank stocks was mainly due to MSCI increasing weightage on a couple of bank stocks, which would have resulted in follow-up FII buying. Falling bond yields, too, boosted sentiment. Bank shares rose to their highest in 20 months on Tuesday as foreign investors bought them amid the rebalancing of MSCI indices.

**Fed Rate:** A weaker than expected data on the US services sector in August added to views the Fed will refrain from raising interest rates at its meeting this month.

**Domestic PMI:** Services Business Activity Index rises to 54.7 in August 2016 from 51.9 in July 2016. August saw a solid rebound in the rate of expansion in Indian service sector business activity. Output was raised in response to a marked improvement in new work inflows and increased levels of business confidence.

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