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# **Consumer appliances stocks** turn hot as mercury surges

Most sector shares have performed well this year, analysts see more upside

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elect stocks of consumer durable companies Uespecially makers of summer appliances, such as air conditioners (ACs), air coolers, refrigerators and fans, among others. - have seen a surge recently in anticipation of strong demand this summer.

On a year-to-date basis, Havells India, Voltas. Symphony, Blue Star and PG Electroplast have gained in the range of 7-25 per cent. This compares to 2-3 per cent decline in the BSE Sensex and the BSE Consumer Durables index.

With the mercury currently on the boil, analysts remain bullish on the sector as they see more upside in the shares over the near-term. They advise investors to pick stocks selectively.

"We expect good volume growth for consumer appliances like ACs, air coolers, refrigerators, fans and stabilisers with demand to be led by the rising temperatures. There is also a prediction of a hotter summer, which has led to most companies ramping up their production capacities. We believe there is still 10-15 per cent upside left in the stocks. Our top pick is Blue Star. We expect Symphony to post strong domestic volume growth this summer. We remain cautious on its overseas business," said Khadija Mantri, associate vice-president — research, Sharekhan.

The India Meteorological (IMD) on Department Tuesday had issued a heat wave alert to parts of north, east, central India. Though the agency has predicted a "normal" monsoon in 2023. Skymet expects it to be sub par as El Nino is likely to set



expects a 10-15 per cent rise in

refrigerator and AC sales this

the long-term prospects of the

sector, given the low penetra-

tion levels of white goods in

favourable impact on demand

for seasonal products, includ-

ing consumer durables. They

are also a trigger for increasing

Indian households.

Experts are also bullish on

"High temperatures have a

summer.

### IN HIGH DEMAND

Stock (as on Apr 21)	СМР (₹)	YTD change (%)	
PG Electroplast	1,405.7	25.1	
Blue Star	1,480.6	24.1	
Havells India	1,207.7	9.8	
Symphony	985.2	9.0	
Voltas	857.0	6.7	
Sensex	59,655.1		-1.9
S&P BSE CD	38,391.7		-3.3
Source: Bloomberg Compiled by BS Research Bureau			

in over the second half of the monsoon. The overall consumer sen-

timent was muted in the January-March quarter (Q4 of FY23), especially in rural markets on inflation concerns. Moreover, unseasonal rain in March dampened momentum for seasonal products like ACs and coolers. However, distributors have remained optimistic about a demand pick-up during April-May, said a report by Axis Securities.

Industry executives also confirm that demand for ACs and refrigerators have picked up over the past week. The Consumer Electronics

and Appliances Manufa believe that the entire space is cturers Association (CEAMA) a multi-year structural growth

## Up nearly 10% in '23, Fed policy pivot may provide fresh impetus to gold

**Elevated interest rates** in United States for a prolonged period will, on the other hand, cap the upside

### **BINDISHA SARANG**

Gold is up 9.7 per cent vear-to-date (YTD). An investor who bought gold on Akshava Tritiva last year would have seen the value of his investment shoot up by 14.6 per cent. The question investors need to ask themselves is whether they should make a substantial investment in the yellow metal this Akshava Tritiya, or go for a token purchase only after such a strong run up.

#### **Positive drivers: Banking** crisis, slowdown

Despite the strong run up over the past year, gold may continue to perform in the current environment of uncertainty. The recent crisis among regional banks in the United States (US) sent jitters through the financial system.

"This crisis made the economic impact of higher interest rates apparent. More damage to the financial system could possibly be revealed in the near future," says Ghazal Jain, fund manager, alternate investments, Quantum Asset Management Company.

The US economy could enter a recession over the next 12 months. The vield curve has remained inverted in the US for the past nine months. An inverted yield curve is a precursor to a

recession. Naveen Mathur, director, commodities and currencies, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers, says, "Besides the banking crisis, fear of an economic slowdown has also emerged."

According to the US central bank's projection, its terminal rate in the current hiking cycle is 5-5.25 per cent, which is just one rate hike of 25 basis points away. Owing to the banking crisis and a slowing economy, the expectation is gaining ground that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) may soon opt

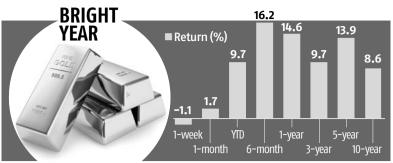
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Returns for 3, 5 and 10 years are in compound annual growth rate terms Source: India Bullion & Jewellers Association (IBJA)

for a monetary policy pivot. The US central bank may be forced to cut interest rates, to either support economic growth or to calm the

financial markets. The timing of the cut remains uncertain," says Jain

Gold tends to perform well when real interest rates are low. Both, a pause and an eventual cut in interest rates. will be positive for the yellow metal.

The reopening of China could spur consumption demand

Pankaj Shrestha, head of investment services, Prabhudas Lilladher, says, "We are positive on gold over the next six months to one year as the Chinese economy, one of the biggest buyers of gold, opens up." According to him, continuing geopolitical tension and a weakening dollar will also support gold.

#### **Elevated rates would** be negative

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If the Fed keeps interest five to eight years. rates at current levels for a It's superior to other long time, that could cap gold investment the upside in gold prices. avenues as it pays an Mathur says, "The US interest rate of 2.5 might witness only a mild per cent, annually, recession in the fourth besides offering quarter of 2023 (Q423). The returns pegged to Eurozone and United the price of gold Kingdom (UK) may

continue to hike rates in 2023 to battle inflation, which remains sticky outside the US.'

High current prices would also weigh on physical demand. Somasundaram PR, regional chief executive officer (CEO), India, World Gold Council, says, "This Akshaya

Tritiya consumers face lifetime high prices of gold."

Compiled by BS Research Bureau

Maintain steady allocation

Given the high level of uncertainty, investors must have an allocation to gold. M Barve, founder, MB Wealth Financial Solutions, says, "Depending on your risk profile, past investment experience, and future need, have an allocation between 5 and 10 per cent to gold in your portfolio."

Use any pullbacks to build your position.

#### Invest via SGB, ETFs, funds

Investors could opt for options like sovereign gold bonds (SGBs) or exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and funds to invest in gold. Says Col. Sanjeev Govila (Retd), a Securities and Exchange Board of India-registered investment advisor and chief executive officer (CEO), Hum Fauji Initiatives, a financial planning firm: "Buy physical gold for personal use only,

not for investing." can stay invested for Go for SGBs if you can stay invested for five to eight years. It's superior to other gold investment avenues as it pays an interest rate of 2.5 per cent, annually, besides offering returns pegged to the price of gold.

Those who want liquidity should opt for ETFs or gold mutual funds (MFs). Gold MFs are suited for those who wish to invest via the systematic investment plan route. With capital gains from gold ETFs and MFs now being taxed at slab rate, their post-tax returns will be lower than in the previous financial year.

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Go for SGBs if you

opportunity, which will also have tailwinds from declining commodity prices. Since this is a consumer-facing sector with a long runway for growth, valuations are likely to remain elevated," said Sandip Bansal, associate director, ASK Investment Managers. In a Q4 results preview,

Achal Lohade and Vineet Shanker of JM Financial said that the industry remains optimistic on demand recovery in the coming quarters amid stabilising costs. This is despite the near-term pain due to weak consumer demand, fans' energy rating transition and concerns of a

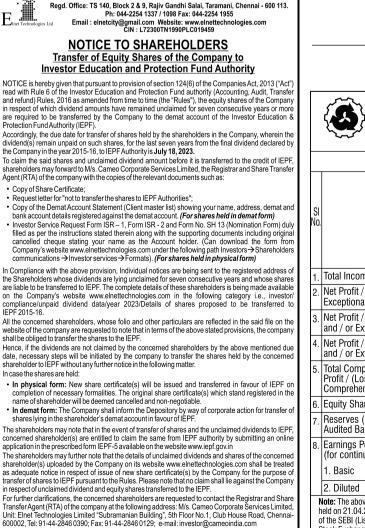
weak monsoon. "We remain positive from a medium-to-long term perspective given the macro tailwinds, low penetration in some categories, and category expansion opportunities. Our top picks are Bajaj Electricals and Havells India," they wrote.

penetration levels, which are abysmally low. Less than 7 per BNP Paribas said it prefers cent of Indian households white goods to cable comhave ACs, while it is 40 per panies as it believes the curcent for refrigerators. These rent valuations offer an are still below the global upside. Its top picks are benchmarks. Hence, we Havells and Whirlpool, while Voltas is its preferred play for the upcoming summer.

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SI.	Particulars	Quarter ending	Year to date figures for the current period ended	Year to date figures for the previous year ended
No.		31.03.2023	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		Audited	Audited	Audited
			Rs. lakhs	
1.	Total Income	6.07	23.67	26.28
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(40.47)	(55.78)	(12.93)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(40.47)	(55.78)	(12.93)
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(40.47)	(55.78)	(12.93)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	(40.47)	(55.80)	(12.94)
6.	Equity Share Capital	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance sheet of previous year	(12931.87)	(12931.87)	(12918.93)
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - 1. Basic 2. Diluted	(0.40) (0.40)	(0.56) (0.56)	(0.13) (0.13)

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Place: Chennai	V.HARIBABU
Date: 21.04.2023	MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Particulars	Quarter ending	Year to date figures	Corresponding three months ended in the previous year
	31/03/2023	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
	Audited	Audited	Audited
		Rs. lakhs	
Total Income From Operations	422.42	1826.36	509.94
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	103.56	508.52	176.97
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	103.56	508.52	176.97
Net Profit / (Loss for the period after tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	103.56	508.52	176.97
Total Comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	49.41	337.30	106.65
Equity Share Capital	4437.82	4437.82	4437.82
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance sheet of the previous year	3012.72		
Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
1. Basic	0.12	0.79	0.27
2. Diluted	0.12	0.79	0.27

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Place: Chennai Date: 21.04.2023

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dividend(s) remain unpaid on such shares, for the last seven years from the final dividend declared by the Company in the year 2015-16, to IEPF Authority is July 18, 2023.

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date, necessary steps will be initiated by the company to transfer the shares held by the concerned shareholder to IEPF without any further notice in the following matter.

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