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Citi names Jane Fraser as president
New York, October 25
Citigroup has promoted Jane Fraser to head of its global consumer bank and president, putting her in a position eventually to become the first female chief executive of the US bank. Fraser is replacing Stephen Bird as head of the consumer business, the bank said, adding that Bird is leaving Citi after more than 20 years to pursue an external opportunity. Citi's current CEO, Michael Corbat, said the move did not suggest an imminent change at the top of the bank. **REUTERS**

UCO to issue bonds worth ₹500 cr
Kolkata, October 25
The board of directors of UCO Bank has approved the issue of Basel-III compliant Tier-2 bonds aggregating ₹500 crore, the bank said in a notification to the bourses. UCO Bank's stock closed at ₹11.63, down by 0.77 per cent at the BSE on Friday. **OUR BUREAU**

BBB recommends CS Setty as SBI's MD
Mumbai, October 25
The Banks Board Bureau has recommended the name of Challa Sreenivasulu Setty for appointment as Managing Director at State Bank of India (SBI). Of the four MD positions at SBI, one fell vacant following the appointment of Anshula Kant as MD and CFO at World Bank. Setty is currently the Deputy MD-in-charge of the Stressed Assets Resolution Group. BBB, in a statement, said it has also recommended Ashwani Bhatia, currently MD and CEO of SBI Mutual Fund, as a candidate on the reserve list for the said MD vacancy. **OUR BUREAU**

PNB-UBI-OBC MERGER

Customers will get ‘seamless’ banking services from April 1

KR SRIVATS
New Delhi, October 25
Come April 1, customers of Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India will be able to walk into each other's branches to avail any of the 14 specified banking services from the first day itself.
The three banks, which are expected to be amalgamated from April 1, have come to an understanding on the 14 interbank services that could be provided from different branches from Day 1 of the proposed amalgamation till the complete technical mer-

ger of the centralised banking solution (CBS), said Mukesh Kumar Jain, Managing Director and CEO of Oriental Bank of Commerce.
“This is being finalised in discussion with Infosys (which is the technology solutions provider for CBS),” said Jain. For providing these services, a provision of signature verification from three different CBS sources is also provided, which is a significant customisation, sources said.
The 14 identified banking services include cash deposit, cash withdrawal, fund trans-

fer, NEFT outward, stop payment of cheque, fixed deposit opening, recurring deposit opening, account statement, balance enquiry, and passbook updation, it is learnt.
The three banks are also learnt to have appointed committees to discuss the modalities of amalgamation on CBS, network, ATM switch, internet/mobile banking services, data centre infrastructure information security, and MIS and payments systems/ remittances, besides a few more areas of information technology, sources said.

‘IDFC First Bank enters profit zone despite impact of corporate tax cut’

SURABHI
Mumbai, October 25
Shrugging off the impact of the merger, IDFC First Bank finally entered into profitability in the second quarter of the fiscal, despite the one-time impact of deferred tax assets that led to a reported net loss of ₹679.50 crore.
“The bank has entered the profit zone and hopes to continue this trend. A key highlight of this quarter is growth of retail CASA deposit of ₹6,000 crore. The bank is also highly liquid with LCR of 125 per cent,” V Vaidyanthan, MD and CEO,

IDFC First Bank, told *BusinessLine*.
For the quarter ended September 30, 2019, the bank reported a profit before tax of ₹100 crore, when compared to a loss of ₹583 crore in the corresponding period last year and loss of ₹963 crore last quarter.
Shares up 4.76%
IDFC Bank and Capital First had completed the merger in December last year to form IDFC First Bank. The lender's scrip closed 4.76 per cent higher at ₹40.70 apiece on the BSE on Friday.

Analysts said that the bank has a healthy coverage on stressed accounts.
“IDFC First Bank, under new leadership, aims to retain its ability to grow retail asset base at healthy pace with an eye on quality.
“Building a sustainable liability franchise would act as catalyst to support valuation. Higher capital adequacy rules out any near term dilution.
“Recent recognition of stress, coupled with adequate provisions, gives comfort,” said ICICI Securities in a research note.

Govt’s record debt sales to put pressure on bonds

BLOOMBERG
October 25
The Indian government's record debt sales this year are part of a new normal for the country, and that's going to keep long-tenor bonds under pressure despite Asia's most aggressive easing cycle, says a market veteran.
“One possibility is that the size of borrowings year-on-year will remain high and there is unlikely to be a reduction in supply,” said Ashish Parthasarthy, treasurer at HDFC Bank.
“You will continue to see a reasonably steep government bond curve.”

Last month's surprisetax break for companies, and the sluggish growth in tax revenue, have sparked concerns about the government missing Budget deficit targets.
Bonds have struggled in recent weeks, despite the central bank cutting interest rates for the fifth time this year in early October. “Investors are scared of higher borrowings and are staying away,” said Parthasarthy, who has been in the markets for more than two decades. “Till that clarity comes, market sentiment will remain edgy and fragile.”

Men getting separated from boys in the NBFC sector: Piramal Enterprises chief

SURABHI / THOMAS K THOMAS
Mumbai, October 25
The ₹5,400-crore capital-raise by Piramal Enterprises shows that even in the current environment there are people who are willing to invest in the NBFC sector, said its Chairman Ajay Piramal. In an interview with *BusinessLine*, he said the capital raised would be used to diversify the book and invest more in consumer lending and housing finance. Noting that there is a lot of consolidation taking place in the NBFC sector, Piramal said more confidence-building measure are required. In the pharma space, he said the company is looking at acquisitions. Excerpts:

not fully subscribed, we will underwrite it. Informed investors believe in the model of the business; they believe in the management and are coming in.
You are raising capital after long. Is it only to send out a signal that there is money out there?
We raised capital two years ago in 2017. Our underlying belief is that the Indian economy will continue to grow. We want to be a \$5-trillion economy. For that the financial services sector has to grow, and in this space NBFCs do play an important role.
Then the next corollary is that because there is consolidation taking place, fewer NBFCs are there. There is a large market available. You need capital to take advantage of a situation like this.

What's your take on what is happening in the NBFC sector?
There is consolidation taking place in NBFCs, and the men are getting separated from the boys. Only a few NBFCs are doing well. There are very few NBFCs that are getting capital today, and there are others who are struggling. For instance, one of the reasons why we raised capital now is to demonstrate that even in this environment there are people who are willing to invest in the NBFC space.
All existing shareholders are investing. CDPQ is an existing shareholder. They have many relationships with us. They came in equity in 2017, now they are again coming in equity. Promoters who have the largest share with 46 per cent we don't want to dilute. So, we have said, whatever is the amount, even if it is in the event that the issue is



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March we may bring down the wholesale book to some extent.

A lot of NBFCs are talking about lowering wholesale and bringing an alternative investment fund model to get into the commercial lending space. Are you also planning on these lines?
We are also thinking of that. One is we could do co-lending with other banks and share the risks and give us a fee for underwriting. We are looking at a fund structure to see how we can fund. For some of the loans in corporate, including non-real estate, the tenure is long. So, how do you match the asset and liability is by going through a fund structure.

There were reports of SoftBank being in talks with you?
Yes, it was true. They wanted to enter India in the financial services. They had approached us, we were in talks with them, but as you know they had their own issues. Those talks are not there.

Would it have made a bigger difference if a larger, external investor like SoftBank had come in?
An existing investor is a bigger sign because the existing investor knows what we have done, they have seen our working, and they believe the management and story.
I look at it the other way. CDPQ is a long-term investor; they are not even private equity which needs a finite period. They are a pension fund so they are long term.

A black Diwali for PMC Bank’s woman depositors

ASIAN NEWS INTERNATIONAL
Mumbai, October 25

Several women depositors of crisis-hit PMC Bank staged a protest in West Mumbai's Andheri on Friday. The protesting women raised slogans carrying placards that said 'Where is the money on Dhanteras?' and 'Black Diwali, Thank you RBI'.

"Today is Dhanteras. We are

on the roads today as the RBI has put restrictions on banking transactions for us. We have had many protests, and today the women depositors of PMC Bank have gathered together here for a symbolic protest before Diwali.

"As much as Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited is at fault, the RBI is also at fault because they were

not able to conduct audits in the past 11 years," said one of the protesters. "We women (will) fight for our money. We cannot take our legitimate money from the bank. It was said that after the elections a decision would be taken, but no action has been taken by the government," Laxmi Puri, another protester, said. Echoing similar sentiments, another protester, Sangeeta, said: "Today, we are protesting on the occasion of Diwali. I have invested in fixed deposits in the bank, but there is no one to hear our pleas." Allwyn, another protester, said: "The government talks about financial inclusion, but is my money safe? I need money for my mother's medicine, but all my deposits are stuck."

REGULATORY SANDBOX


IRDAI forms panel to review applications

OUR BUREAU
Hyderabad, October 25
The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has formed an eight-member panel to evaluate applications received under the regulatory sandbox.
S Sadagopan, Director, International Institute of Information Technology (Bengaluru), is the chairperson of the panel, the regulator said in a notification. The insurance regulator stated receiving applications

from September 15 under its 'Regulatory Sandbox Approach' to foster innovation and growth in the insurance sector. With fintechs taking an active part in providing customised and out-of-the-box solutions, insurance products are likely to get more innovative, and regulatory sandbox hopes to promote innovation by allowing live testing of new products/services by relaxing regulatory norms for a limited period of time. As per the

terms of reference, the panel, with a tenure of one year, will screen applications received for the regulatory sandbox and evaluate the proposed hypothesis.
The committee will meet as often as required and may invite experts on a specific topic and submit its recommendations to the IRDAI. It will recommend applications for taking up for experimentation and evaluate the outcome of the experiments undertaken.

TMB fined ₹35 lakh
OUR BUREAU
Mumbai, October 25
The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹35 lakh on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by it on 'frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs'.
“The penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act. This action is based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any deal entered into by the bank with its customers.”

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Particulars	Quarter ended September 30, 2019	Quarter ended June 30, 2019	Quarter ended September 30, 2018	Six Months ended September 30, 2019		Year Ended March 31, 2019	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	2019	2018	(Audited)	(Audited)
	Total Income	20465	20515	19750	40980	36065	75683
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax and Exceptional items	2832	1965	2764	4797	4505	8179	
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax after Exceptional items	2832	1965	4215	4797	5956	9790	
Net Profit / (Loss) attributable to Shareholders of the Company	3050	1435	3042	4485	4348	7158	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	2856	1417	2755	4273	3730	7186	
Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Re.1/- each)	1868	1868	1868	1868	1868	1868	
Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve						95199	
Basic & Diluted Earning per Share (Rs. per Share) [*]	1.63	0.77	1.63	2.40	2.33	3.83	
EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 (₹ Lakh)							
Particulars	Quarter ended September 30, 2019	Quarter ended June 30, 2019	Quarter ended September 30, 2018	Six Months ended September 30, 2019		Year Ended March 31, 2019	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	2019	2018	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	Total Income	48605	47152	46148	95757	88770	182241
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax and Exceptional items	4693	4787	3910	9480	8556	15882	
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax after Exceptional items	4693	4787	5378	9480	9523	17009	
Net Profit / (Loss) attributable to Shareholders of the Company	2550	2214	2542	4764	4705	6877	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	4864	4917	6916	9781	13608	12984	
Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Re.1/- each)	1868	1868	1868	1868	1868	1868	
Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve						116160	
Basic & Diluted Earning per Share (Rs. per Share) [*]	1.37	1.19	1.36	2.55	2.52	3.68	
[*] Not Annualised for the Quarter and Year to date							
Notes: 1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board and subsequently taken on record by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on October 25, 2019. 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the BSE Limited website (URL: www.bseindia.com), the National Stock Exchange of India Limited website (URL: www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website (URL: www.tatacoffee.com).							
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors R. HARISH BHAT Chairman							
Place: Bengaluru Date : October 25, 2019							