Highlights

- Over the last fortnight, the SME indices mostly tracked the broad market indices reflecting the negative sentiments prevailing in the stock market.
- SMEs witnessed significant growth in IPO activity in the first six months of FY19.
- Several SMEs are participating in an international expo to promote market access, while a NSSCOM MOU is being utilised to generate traction in UAE.

1. Capital Market Movement

Index Movement

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Source: NSE Emerge, BSE SME Platform

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2. Sectoral Deployment of Credit

Priority Sector Bank Credit to the SME Sector (in Rs. bn)

Source: RBI

3. Key Developments

**SME IPO fundraising nearly doubles to Rs 1,281 crore in April-September**

74 companies were listed with initial public offers (IPOs) of Rs 1,281 crore in the first six months of FY19, compared to 58 firms which raised Rs 656 crore via IPOs in the same period last financial year. The companies which raised funds were from sectors such as textiles, engineering, agriculture, chemicals, food processing, media and entertainment, and construction.
NASSCOM signs 1st MoU with Dubai Internet City to boost SME ecosystem

Dubai Internet City (DIC), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), to attract Indian SMEs to the UAE. As part of the MoU, DIC would provide NASSCOM’s SME members the opportunity to develop their operations by offering support and a platform to expand in the MENA region.

Indian SME delegation participates in 8th European SMEs Congress

A delegation of 32 Indian SMEs is participating in the 8th European Congress on SMEs at Kotawice, Poland for an opportunity to make direct business relations between European and Indian SMEs. The visiting Indian delegation is also expected to showcase Indian products and services at the Expo in the Indian Pavilion.

Maha finance minister calls for boosting SMEs to drive growth

Mr. Sudhir Mungantiwar, the Maharashtra finance minister, speaking at the sixth Progressive Maharashtra Summit highlighted that SMEs and women entrepreneurs need to be promoted to drive the country’s growth. He also stated that the State government aims to increase the number of women entrepreneurs from nearly nine per cent currently to 20% in the coming years.

CII partners with WhatsApp to train SMEs across India

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and WhatsApp would work jointly through CII’s SME Technology Facilitation Centre to educate and train SMEs and entrepreneurs on how the WhatsApp Business app can enhance business communication with customers and drive business growth.

CARE Ratings’ presence in SME related activities

Mr. Manish Kumar (Senior Manager) addressed participants on ‘Importance of Credit Rating for MSME Financing’ for events organized by Industries & Commerce (I&C) Department of Government of Telangana at Mahbubnagar and RangaReddy District of Telangana State on Oct 23, 2018 and Oct 24, 2018 respectively.
Mr. Kalpesh Patel, Associate Director, was a speaker in the “Finance Workshop” for the final year student of MBA program at SK Patel Institute of Management and Computer Studies (SKPIMCS), Gandhinagar, on October 26, 2018.

Mr. Aakash Jain, Associate Director and Ms. Keerthi Jeedigunta, Analyst along with Ms. Namrata Jain, Business Development Manager and Mr. Uttam Chatterjee presented on “Credit Rating Methodology & Product Offerings” at National School of Business, Bangalore on October 22, 2018.

Ms. Swati Agrawal (Senior Director & Co National Head), Mr. Munish Dhawan (Director), Mr. Ashish Saxena (Territory Sales Manager) and Mr. Deepak Kaushal (Territory Sales Manager) had a discussion on CARE Rating Methodology, MSME Offerings with SIDBI officials on October 22, 2018.

CARE Ratings had been invited by Govt of Telangana for conducting an awareness program. A session on Credit Rating Methodology was conducted by Mr. Aakash Jain, Associate Director at Hyderabad, 25th Oct 2018 and Nalgonda on October 26, 2018. The participants were from MSMEs & Govt officials.
CARE Ratings was invited as a Special Invitee in FTAPCCI's 1st Banking Committee meeting at Hyderabad dated October 25, 2018. Mr. Aakash Jain, Associate Director, Mr. Manish Kumar, Sr. Manager and Mr. Rupesh Pullal, BDM attended the meeting.

Workshop done at CARE Jaipur office wherein NSIC official, Mr. Mukesh Gurjar & Mr. Prateek Chaturvedi briefed about NSIC schemes for MSME’s and Mr. Bhuvnesh Verma briefed about CARE MSME offerings, Rating Methodology and how to build synergy between both the organizations.

Mr. Munish Dhawan (Director), Mr. Achin Nirwani (Associate Director) and Mr. Deepak Kaushal (Territory Sales Manager) presented on CARE MSME Offerings and Rating Methodology at Union Bank of India Saral Office, Delhi on October 29 2018.