CareEdge **Debt Quality Index: April-22**

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The CareEdge Debt Quality Index (CDQI) has been steadily inching upwards since November 2021. The April 2022 index increased to 92.41 from 92.24 in March 2022, mainly due to upgrades and enhancements in the rated debt of entities in the construction, energy and finance sectors.

Exhibit 1: Movement in CDQI



Source: CareEdge calculations

About the CDOI Index

CareEdge Debt Quality Index (CDQI) denotes the quality of debt that can be interpreted over time and juxtaposed with other developments in the financial sector. The CDQI captures, on a scale of 100 (index value for the base year FY12), whether the quality of debt is improving or declining. Intuitively an upward movement indicates an improvement in the quality of debt benchmarked against the base year. As it is contemporary with minimum time lags, the health of the debt and credit markets is encapsulated on a near-real-time basis.

The dataset comprises 1,639 companies from our portfolio of 2,980 companies as of March 2012. The dataset is revisited at regular intervals and is replaced suitably with a new set of companies with a similar rating and an approximate volume of outstanding debt rated in case an entity ceases to have a rating coverage. Currently, the volume of debt of the sample companies stands at Rs 45.3 lakh crore in April 2022.

For detailed methodology see:

http://www.careratings.com/pdf/Banner/CDQI%20PR%20&%20Report%20%20for%20website.pdf

Annexure 1: Movement in CDQI in Last Two Years

Month	CDQI - Index	Change
Apr-20	89.32	+0.51
May-20	89.30	-0.02
Jun-20	89.50	+0.20
Jul-20	89.50	0.00
Aug-20	89.62	+0.12
Sep-20	89.48	-0.14
Oct-20	89.30	-0.18
Nov-20	89.40	+0.10
Dec-20	89.53	+0.13
Jan-21	89.48	-0.05
Feb-21	89.50	+0.02
Mar-21	89.51	+0.01
Apr-21	89.84	+0.33
May-21	90.02	+0.19
Jun-21	90.01	-0.01
Jul-21	89.85	-0.16
Aug-21	89.57	-0.28
Sep-21	89.87	+0.30
Oct-21	89.86	-0.01
Nov-21	91.41	+1.55
Dec-21	91.43	+0.02
Jan-22	91.43	0.00
Feb-22	91.96	+0.53
Mar-22	92.24	+0.28
Apr-22	92.41	+0.18

Source: CareEdge calculations

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