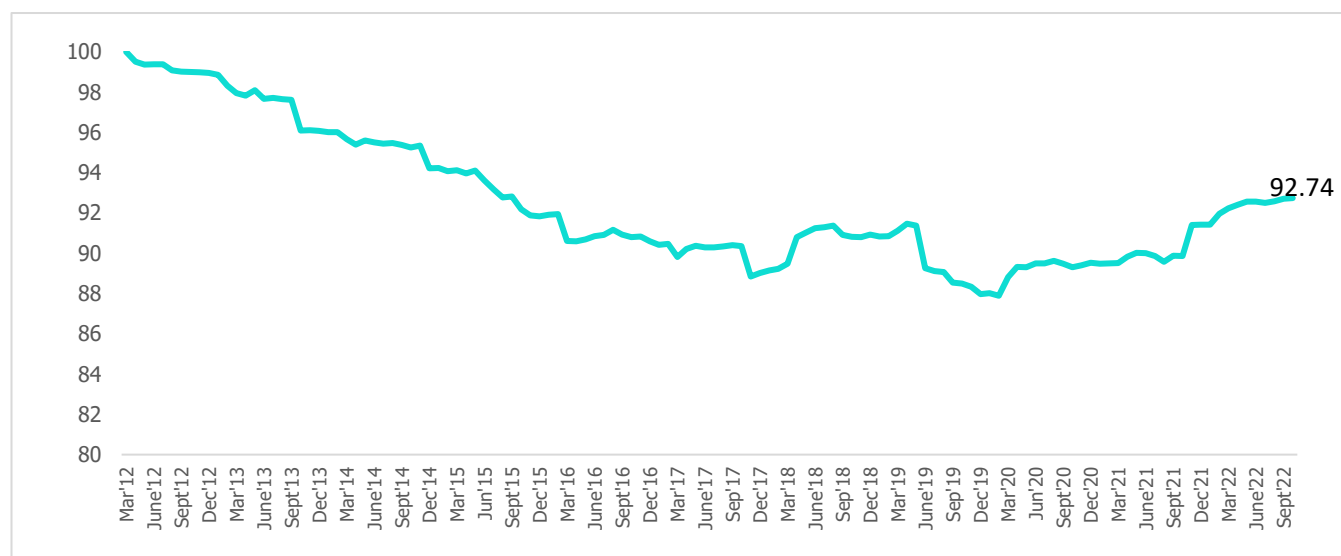


The CareEdge Debt Quality Index (CDQI) has continued its upward trend since November 2021. The index inched up further to 92.74 in October 2022 as compared to a level of 92.70 in September 2022 on account of increase in higher rated debt and upgrades in the investment grade rating categories.

**Exhibit 1: Movement in CDQI**



Source: CareEdge calculations

**About the CDQI 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 1,653 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 46.4 lakh crore in October 2022.

For detailed methodology see:

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

**Annexure 1: Movement in CDQI**

Month	CDQI - Index	Change	Month	CDQI - Index	Change
Apr-21	89.83	+0.33	Apr-22	92.41	+0.18
May-21	90.02	+0.19	May-22	92.56	+0.15
Jun-21	90.01	-0.01	Jun-22	92.56	0.00
Jul-21	89.85	-0.16	Jul-22	92.50	-0.06
Aug-21	89.57	-0.29	Aug-22	92.58	+0.08
Sep-21	89.87	+0.30	Sep-22	92.70	+0.12
Oct-21	89.86	-0.01	Oct-22	92.74	+0.04
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			

Source: CareEdge calculations

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