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Bank stocks gain ground; FII inflows help sentiment

ACTIVE STOCKS ON THE BSE

Those with a rise in price					Those with a fall in price				
Scrip	Closing Price Rs.		Volume		Scrip	Closing Price Rs.		Volume	
	April 18	April 17	April 18	April 17		April 18	April 17	April 18	April 17
Hind.oil Exp	85.60	71.75	4710737	700319	Orbitco	155.45	161.30	2121546	3071776
Gtl Ltd.	164.10	139.60	2815530	89228	Numeric Powe	358.10	371.95	2510	6241
Sterl.biotec	166.70	143.55	2558872	246988	Bharat Pet.	320.45	333.30	106616	118659
Rel.linfras	455.50	414.10	183834	69234	Cesc Ltd.	384.30	399.95	403519	4131148
Aptech Ltd	288.95	262.70	1301200	415151	Hind.dorr	80.10	83.50	30658	32383
Basf India	219.95	200.90	204127	11910	Samtel Col.	22.85	23.85	26707	5055
Kjmc Fin.	15.35	14.10	5701	805	Infotech En.	368.95	385.45	32716	9678
Mid-day Mult	45.95	42.25	468139	41631	Sintex Ind.	212.45	222.05	36747	109967
Page Industr	367.60	338.20	2140549	894051	Nitco Tiles	203.55	213.10	10606	127870
Kesoram Ind	375.50	347.70	200767	80646	Siemens Ltd.	1061.55	1113.35	364228	94210
Bilcare Ltd.	726.75	676.15	106694	94660	Dhanalak.bnk	59.55	62.60	61773	115586
Hcl Techno	323.70	301.90	826476	157954	Dhampure Sgr	92.95	97.80	19885	29234
Orient Hotel	407.90	381.50	1732	99	Atlanta	358.25	377.10	175965	3464
Hanung Toys	140.40	131.65	807036	366512	Igateglobal	332.35	352.00	25166	14371
Gabriel(t)	30.50	28.60	102543	22946	Cambridge	67.00	72.60	514714	1335000

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The positive sentiment generated by results announcements for the latest quarter helped the markets register gains on Wednesday's trading, with the BSE Sensex putting on 65 points to close at 13672 levels, while the CNX Nifty added 0.67 per cent.

Buoyant trends in FII inflows, evident from the SEBI data also helped sentiment. There was active buying in the mid-cap space, with the mid-cap and small-cap indices faring better than the bellwethers on both the bourses. However, trends in stock prices displayed considerable sectoral divergence with IT, banking and healthcare stocks leading the gainers list while automobile stocks displayed weak trends. Market breadth was positive with the number of advances outnumbering declines.

MARKET MOVERS

Stocks such as **Bharti Airtel**, the banking majors — **ICICI Bank** and **SBI** and **L&T** were major gainers in the index basket, while stocks such as **Tata Steel**, **Bajaj Auto** were key detractors. **NTPC** and **Wipro** were major gainers within the Sensex basket. Among other large-caps, IT stocks

Zee group, was listed on Wednesday as a separate entity. The stock closed at Rs 102 levels on the BSE. Among other recent listings, the stock of **ICRA** cooled off from recent highs, losing Rs 21 over the trading session.

MID-CAP MOVERS

Earnings and company announcements were a key influence on mid-cap stock movements. Media stocks were quite active with **TV Today Network** buoyed by reports of a stake hike by **Reliance Capital**. A host of smaller media and production companies including **Pritish Nandy Communications** and **Mid-day Multimedia** registered gains for the day. **Page Industries**, **Tech Mahindra**, **Texmaco** were other strong gainers in the mid-cap space. Order wins from China buoyed the **Petron Engineering** stock. The markets registered a mixed response to results announcements. **Praj Industries** stock ended down, despite the company reporting a strong profit growth and approving a 1 for 1 bonus offer. However, mid-cap IT stocks in general were helped by recent results an-

