

INDIAN CORPORATE
SECTOR: Q3 FY2024
PERFORMANCE REVIEW
AND OUTLOOK

Revenue growth of India Inc. continued into Q3 FY2024, led by festive season demand

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Agenda











Highlights





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Corporate India reported 3.7% YoY growth in revenues in Q3 FY2024.

Along with the softening in input costs, this supported 171 bps expansion in earnings on YoY basis.

Evolution of the global economic scenario would remain a key monitorable over the near term.



The aggregate revenues of 579 listed companies evaluated by ICRA (excluding financial sector entities) expanded by 3.7% on a YoY basis during Q3 FY2024 alongside a margin expansion. The YoY revenue expansion was curtailed to an extent by a general decline in realisation levels amid softening input costs (mainly raw materials) for most of the sectors.



Operating leverage benefits coupled with easing of some input costs led to a YoY expansion in operating profit margin (OPM) of India Inc. by 171 bps to 17.2% in Q3 FY2024. Although input costs softened in recent months, they remain elevated over historic levels, and as a result, India Inc.'s OPM is yet to reach the levels of 18-19% witnessed during FY2022.



■ Despite the variations in debt levels across sectors, India Inc. reported largely stable credit metrics over the recent past. The improvement in earnings on the back of recovery in demand across sectors arrested any sharp increase in gearing and Debt/OPBITDA levels during H1 FY2024. ICRA expects India Inc. to report stable credit metrics, going forward, despite expectations of some debt addition to support growth.



■ While India Inc.'s performance in Q4 FY2024 is expected to remain stable, the uncertainties in the global economic environment, ongoing geopolitical developments, weakness in rural demand and a potential slowdown in government capex in the run up to the General Elections are potential headwinds. Accordingly, India Inc.'s ability to navigate these challenges remains critical.



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