

El Niño biggest risk for markets in near term

It hasn't been fully priced in, say analysts

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Analysts believe that the fear of less than optimal rainfall due to El Niño this year is the biggest domestic short-term risk for markets, and this has not been fully priced in yet.

Monsoon set over Kerala on June 8, a week after its scheduled date. "Markets (Sensex) have run up almost 3,000 points in the last few weeks and some correction/consolidation is due. Against this backdrop, traders will find El Niño worries too hot to handle. We believe the markets are ripe for some healthy correction, and El Niño could be that trigger," said Apurva Sheth, head of market perspectives & research at SAMCO Securities.

El Niño—a weather phenomenon—occurs when ocean temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean rise above the normal and cause changes in atmospheric patterns. This, in turn, sees the monsoon weaken over the Indian subcontinent. As a result, the Indian monsoon tends to be weaker and less reliable. Less-than-expected rainfall and a poor spatial distribution, experts say, can rekindle fears of a rise in food and fuel inflation. This can impact the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) monetary policy, too.

On its part, the RBI also remains concerned about inflation and has lowered its fiscal 2023-24 (FY24) forecast by a modest 10 basis points (bps) to 5.1 per cent. "I am concerned about the El Niño that is developing and the fact that it may lead to a continuation of, or worsening of, very hot and dry conditions in India. This, in turn, could have an effect on the rural sector. That's something we'll watch quite closely," said Jonathan Garner, Asia Equity Strategist at Morgan Stanley.

June rainfall over most parts of India this year is expected to be below normal, reports suggest, with the first eight days of this monsoon season already seeing nearly 60 per cent less than normal rains. According to the India Meteorological



Department (IMD), rainfall between 96 per cent and 104 per cent of a 50-year average of 87 cms is considered 'normal'. On the other hand, rainfall less than 90 per cent of long-period average (LPA) is 'deficient'; if between 90 per cent and 95 per cent, it is classified as 'below normal', between 105 per cent and 110 per cent is 'above normal', and above 100 per cent, it is termed as 'excess'. "Risks from El Niño remain high and these could impact the upcoming kharif crop and fuel food inflation. While the IMD projects monsoon to be normal overall, its temporal and spatial distribution will critically affect food output this fiscal," said Dharmakirti Joshi, chief economist at CRISIL.

El Niño may not be so bad
Not all El Niño years have been bad for the markets. In the last two decades (since

2002), there have been four El Niño years in India—2002, 2004, 2009 and 2015. In 2015, the Sensex and Nifty50 slipped 5 per cent and 4.1 per cent, respectively, during the calendar year. However, on all the other occasions, the markets have been in positive territory, data shows. In 2023 so far, the Sensex and Nifty50 have gained around 3 per cent each.

Mitul Shah, head of research at Reliance Securities, also believes that the markets would watch out for the monsoon for the next one-to-two months before deciding the trajectory. "FMCG, tractor, two-wheeler, fertiliser and dairy-related companies are negatively impacted by poor rainfall. However, export-oriented sectors like pharma and IT could be a good bet if the monsoon disappoints. This is because they have limited impact from a poor monsoon," Sheth said.

Mitigate prolonged hospitalisation, income risks with accident cover

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The tragic crash on June 2 at Bhanaga Bazaar station in Odisha resulted in at least 288 fatalities and over 1,000 injuries. Only a small percentage of passengers had availed of travel accident insurance while booking their tickets online through the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) portal.

Besides buying the insurance cover that comes along with the train ticket, it is arguably more astute to have one's own independent accident insurance cover. One should also be aware of the other financial instruments that offer such coverage. A personal accident (PA) policy, which is a benefit policy, makes a payout in case of death or disability resulting from an accident.

What's covered

The family receives a lump sum payment in the event of a policyholder's accidental death or hospitalisation. Many policies even provide a cash allowance for a predetermined period. Bhaskar Nerurkar, head of health administration team at Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, says, "PA coverage is available at affordable pricing. It provides financial protection to the insured and their family members in case of accidents resulting in bodily injuries, death, permanent total disability, temporary total disability, or permanent partial disabilities."

Some policies offer additional benefits, such as assistance for children's education, given the possible reduction in the individual's earning capacity after an accident. Some also cover legal and funeral costs. Nerurkar elaborates, "Today's PA policies also include coverage for EMIs, fractures, and coma."

Be aware of exclusions

Potential policy buyers need to understand the exclusions. "Exclusions in PA coverage include self-inflicted injuries, injuries sustained during wars

riots, natural death, pre-existing congenital disabilities, and injuries linked to adventure sports activities," says Nerurkar. (Some policies nowadays cover accidents that occur during adventure sports also.)

Several policies exclude those engaged in hazardous occupations. Study the policy terms as exclusions can vary from one policy to another. Kapil Mehta, co-founder, SecureNow Insurance Brokers, says, "Accidents that occur in an intoxicated state are not covered. Likewise, you will not be compensated if there is a breach of law."

PA coverage with other instruments

Motor insurance, certain critical illness covers, and some credit and debit cards also offer PA coverage. Motor insurance mandatorily requires personal accident coverage for all vehicle owners or drivers, both in two-wheelers and four-wheelers.

Critical illness policies pay a lump sum for medical treatment, subject to the patient surviving for a certain period after diagnosis. Nitin Kumar, head of motor insurance, Policybazaar.com, says, "The accident cover that comes with this policy would cover partial or total disabilities or accidental death."

Credit and debit cards issued by banks often come with complimentary PA coverage, which many customers are unaware of. The coverage amount could range between ₹50,000 and ₹10 lakh. The coverage for an air accident could be as high as ₹1 crore.

Buy adequate sum insured

Those who travel widely must be especially careful when buying a PA policy, Kumar says, "Those who go abroad frequently must ensure that their PA policy offers global coverage."

Individuals in high-risk occupations, such as builders, contractors, and engineers, must buy a

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PA policy. While deciding the sum insured, the number of dependants who rely on the breadwinner's income must be taken into account. Nerurkar says, "The nature of the occupation should be considered. However, given the unpredictability of life, it's preferable to opt for wide coverage to ensure your family's financial stability during uncertain times."

Naval Goel, founder and chief CEO, PolicyX, adds, "Your coverage amount should ideally be ten times your annual income or, at the very least, sufficient to cover costly hospitalisation fees."

Accident covers are reasonably priced and offer a considerable amount of coverage. A PA policy for a 35-year-old with a sum insured of ₹10 lakh would cost between ₹500 and ₹2,000 (depending on breadth of coverage). Goel says, "Purchasing a basic health policy and adding an accident rider can be expensive. Therefore, if your work is high-risk or you travel frequently, having an accident policy is advisable."

Lastly, read the fine print of the policy and understand it to avoid unpleasant surprises later.



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Recommendations of the Committee of Independent Directors ("IDC") on the Open Offer to the Public Shareholders of Oxygenta Pharmaceutical Limited (formerly known as S. S. Organics Limited) ("OPL" / "Target Company") under Regulation 26(7) of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 for acquisition of upto 87,05,800 equity shares of face value of ₹ 10 each representing 26.00% of the Emerging Voting Share Capital of the Target Company at a price of ₹ 15 per Equity Share from the public shareholders of the Target Company in terms of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.

1) Date	June 12, 2023
2) Name of the Target Company ("TC")	Oxygenta Pharmaceutical Limited (formerly known as S. S. Organics Limited)
3) Details of the Offer pertaining to Target Company	The Offer is made by the Acquirers in terms of Regulations 3(1) and 7 of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 for acquisition of upto 87,05,800 equity shares of face value of ₹ 10 each representing 26.00% of the Emerging Voting Share Capital of the Target Company at a price of ₹ 15 per Equity Share from the public shareholders of the Target Company in terms of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.
4) Name of the Acquirers	(i) Mr. Sunil Vishram Chawda : Acquirer 1 (ii) Mr. Manoj Sunil Chawda : Acquirer 2 (iii) Mrs. Aakanksha M. Chawda : Acquirer 3 (iv) Mr. Raghavender Rao Kanuganti : Acquirer 4
5) Name of the Manager to the Offer	Mark Corporate Advisors Private Limited (SEBI Reg. No.: INM00012128)
6) Members of the Committee of Independent Directors	(i) Mr. Gangi Reddy Narravula : Chairman (ii) Mr. Sanagari Kondal Reddy : Member (iii) Mr. Vidyasagar Devabhaktuni : Member (iv) Ms. Padmaja Surapreddy : Member
7) IDC Member's relationship with the TC (Director, equity shares or other securities/relationship), if any	IDC members are Independent Directors on the Board of the Target Company. They do not have any equity holding in the Target Company, except for Mr. Vidyasagar Devabhaktuni, who is holding 1,68,000 equity shares representing 0.50% of the Emerging Voting Share Capital of the Target Company and Mr. Sanagari Kondal Reddy holding 5,00,000 equity shares representing 1.49% of the Emerging Voting Share Capital of the Target Company. None of them have entered into any other contract or have other relationship with the Target Company.
8) Trading in the equity shares/ other securities of the TC by IDC Members	No trading in the Equity Shares of the Target Company has been done by any of the IDC Members
9) IDC Member's relationship with the Acquirers (Director, equity shares owned, any other contract/relationship), if any	Neither the IDC Members are Directors in companies where nominees of the Acquirers are acting as Director(s) nor they have any relationship with the Acquirers in their personal capacities.
10) Trading in the Equity Shares/ other securities of the Acquirers by IDC Members	Nil
11) Recommendation on the Open offer, as to whether the offer is fair and reasonable	IDC is of the view that Open Offer is fair and reasonable.
12) Summary of reasons for recommendation	IDC has taken into consideration the following for making the recommendation: IDC has reviewed (a) The Public Announcement ("PA") dated February 27, 2023 in connection with the Offer issued on behalf of the Acquirers; (b) The Detailed Public Statement ("DPS") dated March 06, 2023; and (c) The Letter of Offer ("LOF") dated June 05, 2023. Based on the review of PA, DPS and LoF, the IDC is of the opinion that the Offer Price of ₹ 15 per equity share for public shareholders offered by the Acquirers (more than the highest price amongst the selective criteria mentioned under Justification Offer Price) is in line with the regulation prescribed by SEBI under the Regulations and prima facie appears to be justified. However, the Public Shareholders should independently evaluate the Offer and take informed decision in the matter.
13) Details of Independent Advisors, if any	None
14) Any other matter(s) to be highlighted	None

10 Allotted on April 26, 2023, pursuant to the Preferential Issue and the Target Company has filed application to BSE for the Listing on May 08, 2023 and the Listing Approval is received on June 12, 2023.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, after making proper enquiry, the information contained in or accompanying this statement is, in all material respect, true and correct and not misleading, whether by omission of any information or otherwise, and includes all the information required to be disclosed by the Target Company under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.

For and on behalf of
The Committee of Independent Directors of
Oxygenta Pharmaceutical Limited
Sd/-
Gangi Reddy Narravula
Chairman-IDC

Place : Telangana
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