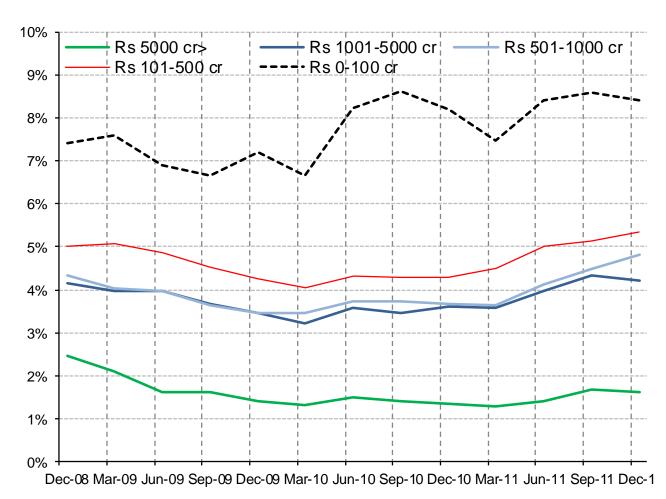
Interest rates view FY13: Implications for lending rates



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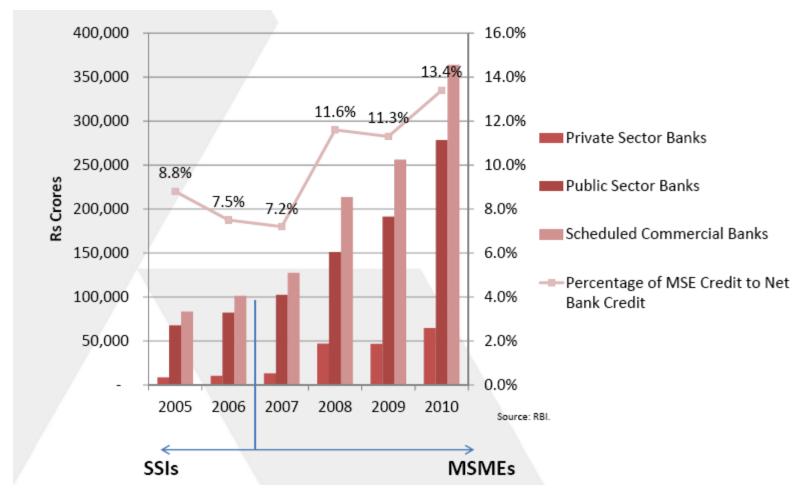
Why should interest rate trends be important for SMEs? Because interest payments seem to be an important cost

Non-Finance Corporates' Interest Cost to Net Sales (%)



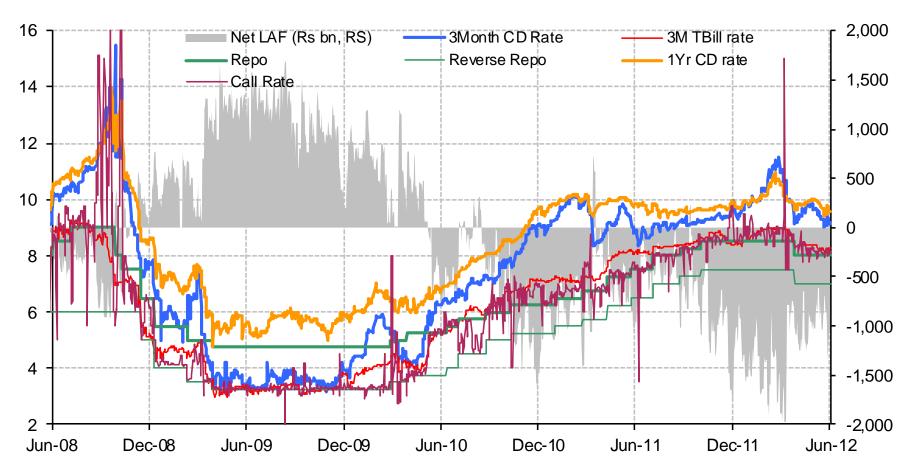
... and bank lending to SME's has gone up significantly, which increases interest burden in a high interest regime

Flow of bank credit to MSMEs (Rs crores)



A high domestic liquidity deficit had pushed up cost of funds much above the RBI's reportate increase

Interest rates reflective of Cost of funds



So what is the outlook on rates from here on?

Factors which will influence cost of borrowing

Shorter end

Monetary Policy

Liquidity

- Growth
- Inflation
- Foreign funds flows
- INR
- OMOs

Medium to Longer tenors

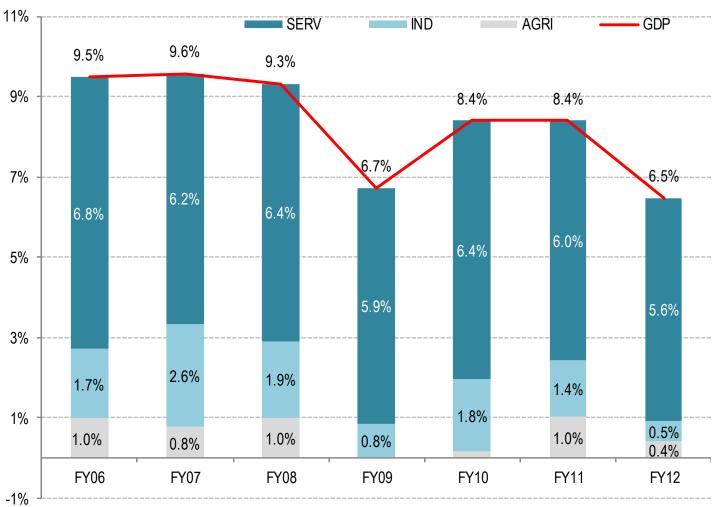
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Macro situation

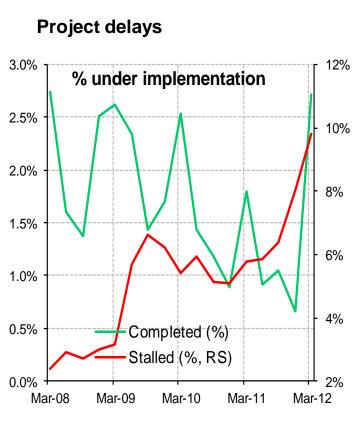
- Demand supply balance for borrowings
- Bank deposit growth (financial savings)

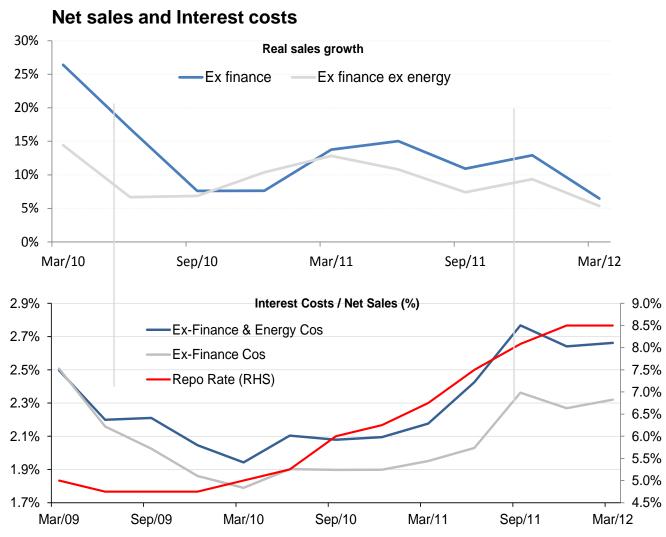
While the growth slowdown has been driven mainly by the industrial segment, and that too by a sharp drop in capex ...

Growth rates of GDP and its components (%)



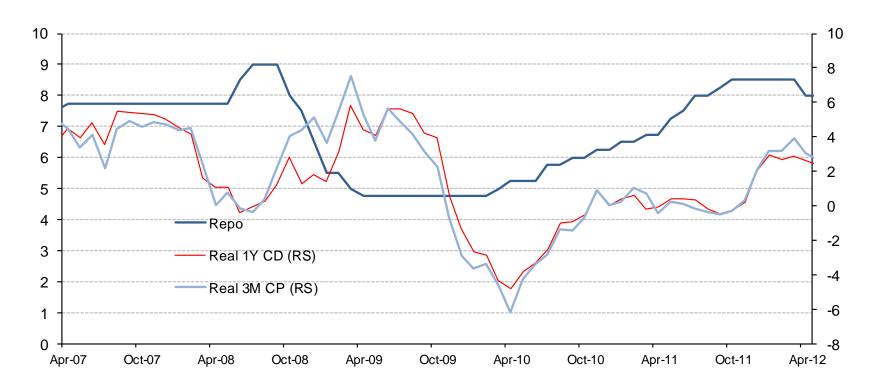
The perception is that this is more due to implementation delays than interest costs





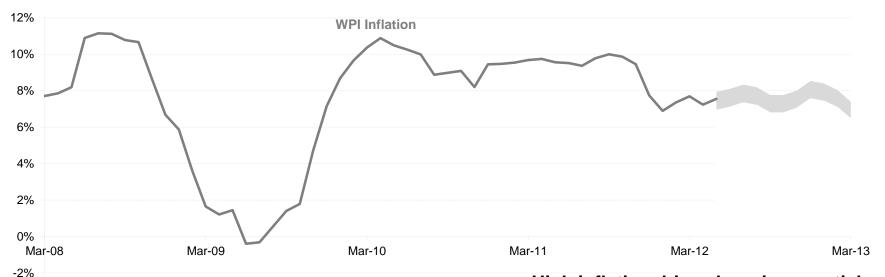
... and perception is that real interest rates still remain quite low, which is still expansionary

Nominal interest rates minus WPI inflation

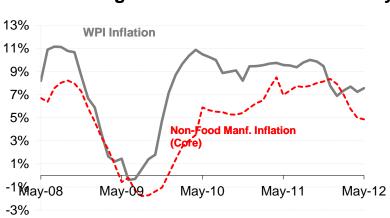


Persisting high inflation is likely to restrict room for significant monetary easing, Despite core inflation coming down ...

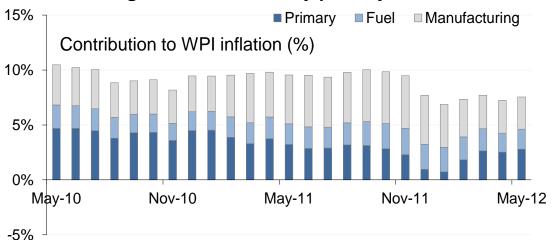




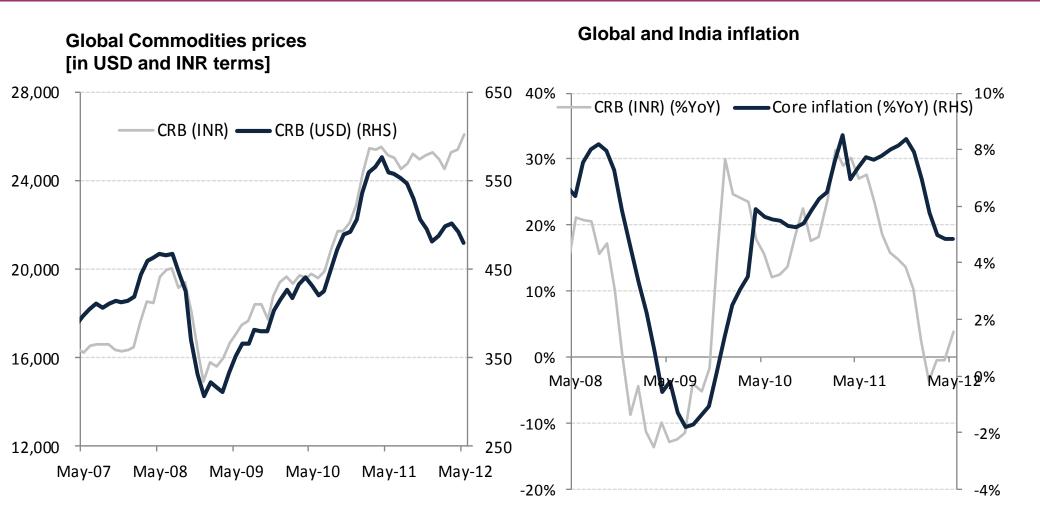
Weakening Core inflation headline steady



High inflation driven by primary articles



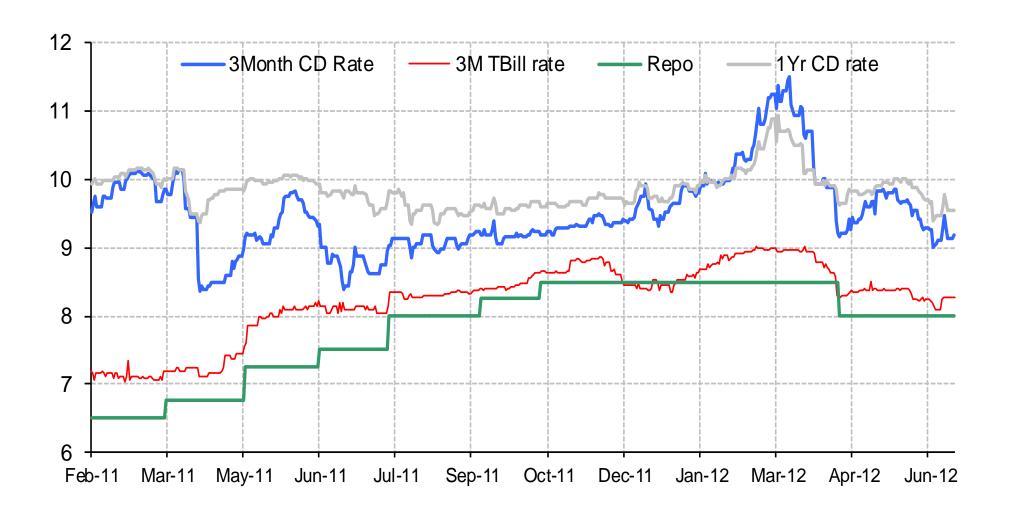
... and is likely to remain high due to food costs, a weak Rupee and increasing perceptions of rising oil prices



Foreign capital flows are unlikely to add to domestic liquidity, so the deficit is likely to remain high

(US\$ bn)	FY08	FY 09	FY10	FY11	FY 12E	FY13F
Current Account	-16	-28	-39	-44	-72	-71
% of GDP	-1.3%	-2.3%	-2.8%	-2.6%	-3.9%	-3.8%
Merchandise Exports	156	182	182	250	301	337
Merchandise Imports	250	301	300	381	486	528
Net Invisibles	76	92	79	86	114	121
o/w, software	37	44	48	56	65	72
remittances	42	45	52	53	68	68
Capital account	107	7	54	68	66	75
FDI	16	20	20	11	20	15
Portfolio capital	27	-14	32	43	14	17
Commercial Borrowings	23	8	3	12	13	20
Banking capital	12	-3	2	-3	10	17
Overall Balance	92	-20	13	19	-6	4

To sum up: Cost of funds are unlikely to come down significantly in the near term



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