What's buzzing on breakfast tables before Opening Bell

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Domestic equity indices are likely to open on a negative note on Wednesday, tracking an overnight fall in US equities, ahead of the outcome of US Fed's two-day policy meeting later in the day, and projections about US presidential election.

Fed rate hike unlikely: According to CME Group's FedWatch tool, traders are pricing in a very low chance of a rate hike on Wednesday. On the other hand, traders are expecting a 73.6 per cent chance that the Fed will hike in December, down from 78 per cent earlier.

While none of the 23 banks that trade with the Fed expect a hike at the conclusion of Wednesday's meeting, HSBC Holdings, Royal Bank of Canada and Royal Bank of Scotland Group believe US policy makers will choose to hold off on raising rates at the Fed's December 14 meeting as well, Bloomberg reported.

Experts at a recent ETMarkets poll had said should the US Fed hike interest rates in a hurry, it would trigger a knee-jerk reaction on Dalal Street.

26 companies to announce earnings: As many as 26 companies would announce their September quarter earnings on Wednesday. The list includes IL&FS Engineering and Construction, Sonata SoftwareBSE -0.03 %, Oudh Sugar MillsBSE -0.43 %, Taj GVK HotelsBSE 2.57 %, Saint GobainSekurit and HT MediaBSE 1.29 %, among others.

Through the week, 190-odd companies will report earnings this week, among them are AmbujaCementsBSE 2.32 %, PfizerBSE -0.68 %, Berger PaintsBSE -3.64 %, GatiBSE -1.74 %, Titan, United Breweries, Monsanto IndiaBSE 1.04 %, WhirlpoolBSE -2.96 % and EIH.

Cues from Singapore negative: At 7.45 am, Nifty50 futures on the Singapore Stock Exchange were trading 81 points lower at 8,668, indicating a negative opening for the domestic market.

"FII and DII trading activity and overall global market trend is going to be key factors for the market. Movement of oil price and uncertainty over the US election will keep the market volatile. The Nifty50 has key support at 8,600 and resistance at around 8,700-8,710 levels," said RohitGadia, Founder & CEO, CapitalVia Global Research.

Nifty50 formed 'Small Bullish Candle': A 'Small Bullish candle' is formed when the index moves in a defined range on either side. The length of the candle signifies the range for the day.

In general, longer the candle, the more intense is the buying or selling activity. If the candle is short, just as the one observed on the technical charts on Tuesday, it can be concluded that the trading action was subdued, but on the positive side.

The bulls will be able to regain some control if the Nifty50 manages to surpass the 8,700 level on a closing basis. If it slips below 8,600-8,550 levels, it could fuel further profit taking, experts said.

Earnings so far: Data showed 680 BSE-listed firms have reported double-digit growth in profit for September quarter on high single-digit growth in sales. These firms reported 8.87 per cent rise in year-on-year (YoY) profit after tax (PAT) to Rs 73,202 crore for the quarter, compared with Rs 66,026 crore reported for the same quarter last year.

Net sales for these companies grew 8.03 per cent YoY during the quarter to Rs 6,48,165crore from Rs 6,30,187 crore reported for the corresponding quarter last year.

Asian markets stay lower: The Chinese CSI300 fell 0.32 per cent to 3,348.35 on Wednesday morning. Japan's equity benchmark Nikkei was trading 1.42 per cent lower at 17,194. Other Asian indices, including Hong Kong's Hang Seng (down 1.22 per cent), South Korea's Kospi (down 1.3 per cent) and Taiwan's TWSE (down 0.97per cent), were trading lower.

US markets tumbled overnight: The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 105.32 points, or 0.58 per cent, to close at 18,037. The S&P500 index declined 14.43 points, or 0.68 per cent, to 2,111. This was the biggest single-day percentage drop for the index since October 11. The Nasdaq Composite fell 35.56 points, or 0.69 per cent, to 5,153.58.