

SEBI's new rules, a fresh look at Nifty Bank: what you need to know

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SEBI has issued a circular on the **implementation of eligibility criteria for derivatives on existing Non-Benchmark Indices**, which will **primarily impact the Nifty Bank Index**.

This is a **step in the right direction**, aiming to bring more balance and wider representation in these Indices (BANKNIFTY, FINNIFTY, BANKEX). In simple terms, **SEBI has revised the methodology**, while the **final implementation will be carried out by the exchanges**.

Accordingly, we believe, **NSE is expected to announce the detailed changes in the coming days**, with the **Nifty Bank adjustments likely to roll out in a phased manner (over four months)** starting from the **December 2024 index rejig**.

How the Nifty Bank index is set for a major shake-up –

As per the latest SEBI circular, all **Non-Benchmark Indices (NBIs)** on which derivatives are traded — such as **BANKNIFTY** — must now have **a minimum of 14 constituents**. So, going forward:

BANKNIFTY will comprise at least 14 stocks. Earlier, the index had only **12 constituents**, which means:

- At least **2 new banks** are expected to join the index to meet this minimum requirement.
- The **index weights of large banks** — such as **HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and SBI** — will be **gradually reduced in four tranches** until **March 31, 2026**. The **first tranche** of this rebalancing is likely to happen during the **December rejig** by NSE Indices.

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Has SEBI fixed the number of stocks for Bank Nifty?

No — SEBI hasn't "fixed" an exact number, but it has set a **minimum threshold**: every Non-Benchmark Index with derivatives must have **at least 14 constituents**.

This means:

- Exchanges like **NSE** (which manages BANKNIFTY) can choose to include **more than 14 stocks** if they wish.
- However, they **cannot have fewer than 14** once the new norms are implemented.

So, **BANKNIFTY will expand from 12 → at least 14 members**, and possibly even more if NSE decides so. In the coming days, **NSE** is expected to announce the **revised methodology** — detailing the **implementation timeline** and **final list of new constituents**.

A few more prominent changes in the Nifty Bank methodology:

- The **weight of the top constituent** will now be **capped at 20%** vs 33% currently.
- The **combined weight of the top three constituents** cannot **exceed 45%** vs 62% currently.
- All other constituents' individual weights must follow a **strictly descending order**, meaning **no smaller stock can have a higher weight** than a larger one.
- These measures are aimed at ensuring a **more balanced and diversified index**, reducing overdependence on a few large banks and making **Nifty Bank** more representative of the overall banking sector.

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According to Nuvama Alternative & Quantitative Research, the following names are seen as **top contenders** for inclusion in **Nifty Bank**:

Scenario 1 (Two new additions): [Yes Bank and Indian Bank]

Scenario 2 (Four new additions): [Yes Bank , Indian Bank, Union Bank and Bank of India]

New constituents will be added in **Tranche 1** with their **full final weights** as per the revised methodology — no phased inclusion. *This is as per my understanding of methodology.*

The **top three constituents** (HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and SBI) will see a **gradual weight reduction across four tranches**, reaching their **target weights by Tranche 4 (March 31, 2026)**.

In each tranche, **NSE Indices** will review their weights. If any exceed the prudential caps (**20% for the top stock, 45% combined for the top 3**), the **excess will be reduced equally over the remaining tranches** until compliance is achieved.

Assuming two inclusions in Nifty Banks (Flow impact)

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Nifty Bank Rejig - 4 Tranches flows estimation (assuming 2 inclusions)									
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Symbol	Bloom	Tranche 1		Tranche 2		Tranche 3		Tranche 4	
		Flow (USD Mn)	ADV (x)	Flow (USD Mn)	ADV (x)	Flow (USD Mn)	ADV (x)	Flow (USD Mn)	ADV (x)
HDFCBANK	HDFCB	(74.2)	(0.3)	(70.3)	(0.3)	(70.1)	(0.3)	(81.5)	(0.3)
ICICIBANK	ICICIBC	(48.7)	(0.2)	(46.6)	(0.2)	(48.6)	(0.2)	(55.6)	(0.3)
SBIN	SBIN	(19.4)	(0.2)	(18.6)	(0.2)	(19.4)	(0.2)	(22.2)	(0.2)
AXISBANK	AXSB	(34.2)	(0.3)	(11.3)	(0.1)	(19.1)	(0.2)	(29.7)	(0.3)
KOTAKBANK	KMB	(67.3)	(0.8)	(10.0)	(0.1)	(16.9)	(0.2)	(6.5)	(0.1)
BANKBARODA	BOB	9.7	0.3	18.7	0.7	20.7	0.7	23.3	0.8
PNB	PNB	7.9	0.3	15.4	0.5	17.0	0.6	19.1	0.7
CANBK	CBK	8.6	0.2	16.6	0.3	18.4	0.4	20.7	0.4
AUBANK	AUBANK	9.5	0.3	18.3	0.5	20.4	0.6	22.9	0.6
INDUSINDBK	IIB	10.1	0.3	19.6	0.5	21.7	0.6	24.4	0.6
IDFCFIRSTB	IDFCFB	10.0	0.3	19.4	0.7	21.5	0.7	24.1	0.8
FEDERALBNK	FB	11.1	0.3	21.4	0.6	23.8	0.6	26.7	0.7
YESBANK	YES	104.7	2.7	16.2	0.8	18.0	0.9	20.2	1.0
INDIANB	INBK	72.3	3.4	11.2	0.6	12.4	0.7	14.0	0.8

Assuming two inclusions in Nifty Banks (Weight movements) – First cut estimations

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Symbol	Bloom	Current	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4
HDFCBANK	HDFCB	28.2	26.1	23.9	21.9	19.7
ICICIBANK	ICICIBC	23.2	21.8	20.3	18.9	17.4
SBIN	SBIN	9.3	8.7	8.1	7.5	6.9
AXISBANK	AXSB	9.1	8.1	7.9	7.4	6.6
KOTAKBANK	KMB	9.0	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.4
BANKBARODA	BOB	3.1	3.3	3.9	4.5	5.1
PNB	PNB	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.2
CANBK	CBK	2.7	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6
AUBANK	AUBANK	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.4	5.0
INDUSINDBK	IIB	3.2	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.4
IDFCFIRSTB	IDFCFB	3.2	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.3
FEDERALBNK	FB	3.5	3.8	4.5	5.1	5.9
YESBANK	YES	-	2.9	3.4	3.9	4.5
INDIANB	INBK	-	2.0	2.3	2.7	3.1

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HDFCBANK	HDFCB	(80.9)	(0.3)	(70.8)	(0.3)	(72.4)	(0.3)	(80.4)	(0.3)
ICICIBANK	ICICIBC	(43.1)	(0.2)	(51.4)	(0.2)	(46.0)	(0.2)	(41.0)	(0.2)
SBIN	SBIN	(17.2)	(0.2)	(20.5)	(0.2)	(18.3)	(0.2)	(16.4)	(0.1)
AXISBANK	AXSB	(108.2)	(0.9)	34.2	0.3	20.2	0.2	20.4	0.2
KOTAKBANK	KMB	(132.9)	(1.6)	30.3	0.4	17.9	0.2	18.1	0.2
BANKBARODA	BOB	13.1	0.5	8.4	0.3	10.6	0.4	10.7	0.4
PNB	PNB	10.8	0.4	6.9	0.2	8.7	0.3	8.8	0.3
CANBK	CBK	11.7	0.2	7.5	0.2	9.5	0.2	9.5	0.2
AUBANK	AUBANK	12.9	0.4	8.3	0.2	10.4	0.3	10.5	0.3
INDUSINDBK	IIB	13.8	0.4	8.8	0.2	11.1	0.3	11.2	0.3
IDFCFIRSTB	IDFCFB	13.6	0.5	8.7	0.3	11.0	0.4	11.1	0.4
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YESBANK	YES	107.7	2.8	7.3	0.2	9.2	0.2	9.3	0.2
INDIANB	INBK	74.3	3.5	5.1	0.2	6.4	0.3	6.4	0.3
UNIONBANK	UNBK	67.7	3.9	4.6	0.3	5.8	0.3	5.9	0.3
BANKINDIA	BOI	41.5	1.9	2.8	0.1	3.6	0.2	3.6	0.2

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INDIANB	INBK	-	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6
UNIONBANK	UNBK	-	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3
BANKINDIA	BOI	-	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4

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