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While **Money Market** deals with **short-term** (up to **1 year**) funds, **Capital Market** deals with **medium** and **long term** (more than **1 year**) funds. It refers to all facilities and institutional arrangements for **borrowings** and **lending** medium and long term funds.

Borrowers - private business corporations, PSUs, government, etc. Lenders - individual, institutional investors, banks, financial institutions, government, etc.

Capital Market

Capital market is the part of a **financial market**, where **companies** that need **capital** for its business purpose, issue **stocks** or **bonds** to the **investors** and raise money. **Investors** invest in **capital market** to earn profit from its **investment**.

They have **two** options for **investment** - either buy **equity (stock) instrument**, or **debt** (bonds, debentures) **instrument**. (Refer my previous post on **Equity & Debts**)

Primary and Secondary Market

Sometimes, a **company directly** approaches a **market** to get some **investment** and raise **capital**. For this purpose, they can work with **lead managers** or **merchant bankers**, who help them to raise money.

If **investors** directly provide money to the **company** (meaning, company raises capital directly from investors), then it means that the **trading** is in **Primary Market**.

After an **investor** has **shares** or **bonds** (whatever **instrument** he/she bought from the company in **Primary Market**), can **sell** his/her **shares/bonds** to other **investors**. All **consequent** buying or selling will be traded in the **Secondary Market** (meaning, investors doesn't buy instruments **directly** from the **company** in a Secondary market).

Issues in Primary Market

There are several type of Issues in a Primary market -

1. Initial Public Offering (IPO) - A company when first time wants to raise money from the market, issues shares to the general public (meaning, previously shares held only by the founding members, or the company itself). This first time share issue is known as Initial Public Offering (IPO).

After IPO, the company becomes a **public company**, because the general **public** is also the **shareholder/stakeholder** of the company. It is now **listed** in one or more **stock markets** for trading in **Secondary Market**.

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2. Follow-On Public Offering (FPO) - After sometimes (after IPO), suppose, the company again wants to issue shares (shares held by company) to the public, then it will be known as Follow-On Public Offering. Note that this is done in Primary Market (investors buy directly from company), not in Secondary market (investors buy from other investors, or stock markets)

Confusion - Don't confuse **FPO** as **Secondary Market** offering. As I discussed earlier, that **Secondary market** deals only within the **investors**, not with the **company**, whereas, **IPO** and **FPO** work between the **company** and the **investor** (hence in **Primary Market**).

Company in need of capital, can raise money, by issuing **shares** to its **existing shareholders**, or to **non-shareholders**.

- 3. Rights Issue If the company issues shares to existing shareholders in per share basis, then the percentage stake will not be diluted. This is known as Rights Issue. For an example, suppose a company issues 1:3 Rights Issue @ Rs. 50/share. It means an existing shareholder having 3 shares already can buy 1 new share at Rs. 50. Note that the percentage stake is not diluted, because every shareholder again holds the same percentage of shares.
- **4.** Preferential Issue If the company issues shares to some other selected (preferred) people who is **not** an **existing shareholder**, then it will be known as **Preferential Issue**. Note that **percentage stake** is **diluted** here, because **new** person becomes **shareholder**.

Trade in Secondary Market

After the **IPO**, **investors** have the **securities** they bought, and the company has the **money/capital**. The company then **lists** the **securities** on one or more **Stock Exchanges** (like BSE, NSE, Nasdaq, etc).

Companies **apply** to the respective **stock exchanges** to get their **stocks listed**, after paying a **listing fee**. **Listing** facilitates the **subsequent** buying and selling of the **securities** through current and prospective **investors**. This enables **investors** to

make **profits**, reduce **risks**, **invest** in **prospective** growth areas, and so on (and making a lot of **speculations! ups and downs** in stock market)

Note that in **Secondary** market, **investors** can **buy** and **sell** their **stocks** from and to **other investors**.

Some Stock Exchanges -

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), National Stock Exchange (NSE), New York Stock Exchange

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(NYSE), NASDAQ, Japan Exchange Group, Euronext, London Stock Exchange, Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Deutsche Bourse, TMX Group, etc.

