

## Realty stocks surge on RBI rate cut

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Mumbai: Realty stocks on Thursday welcomed the rate cuts by the Reserve Bank and surged by over two per cent on the Bombay Stock Exchange in early morning trade as the move is likely to ease credit flow for developers.

The realty index surged by 2.11 per cent to touch a high of 1,399.40 points. It was later trading at 1,397.48 points, up 1.97 per cent with most of the constituents trading in the positive territory.

Marketmen said the realty counter gained strength from the fact that RBI's move would lead to an increase in liquidity. Besides, an expected slash in home loan rates would also boost housing demand.

The rally was led by realty firm DLF, which soared by 3.41 per cent to touch a high of Rs 153. It was later trading at Rs 150.75, up 1.89 per cent on the BSE. A total of over 2.28 lakh shares changed hands on the bourse.

Similar movement was seen in the stocks of Unitech which jumped 2.98 per cent to touch a high of Rs 27.60. It was later trading at Rs 27.20, up 1.49 per cent.

Other gainers in the index were Parsvnath (3.50 per cent), Sobha Developers ( 3.90 per cent) and Ansal Infrastructure (3.26 per cent).

The Reserve Bank on Wednesday cut its key overnight lending and borrowing rates by 50 basis points each with immediate effect.