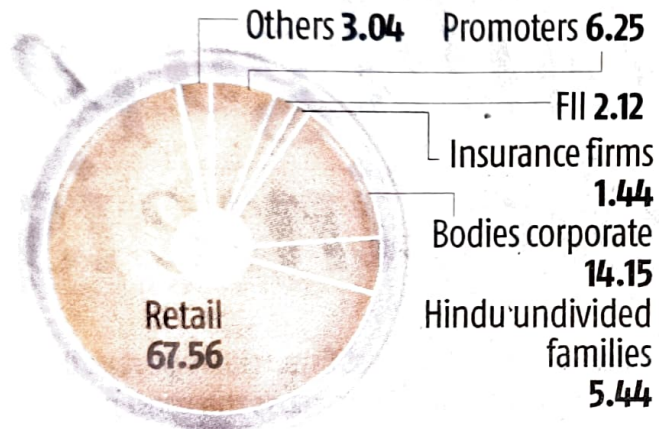


Takeover scare for McLeod Russel

WHO HOLDS WHAT

Stake in McLeod Russel (%)



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Carbon Resources picks up 5%, makes an offer of ₹1,245 crore

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McLeod Russel, the largest bulk tea producer in India, is facing a takeover threat from Carbon Resources, a firm manufacturing input materials for ferro alloys, aluminium and steel industries. In a surprise move on Friday, Carbon Resources bought over 5 per cent in McLeod from the open market. Turn to Page 6 ▶



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On the same day, it made a non-binding offer to McLeod's lenders – in the middle of a debt resolution process – for a one-time settlement of dues.

“We sent a non-binding letter of intent (LoI) to the bankers of McLeod on Friday, saying that we would like to settle the loans by making a one-time payment,” said Abhinav Jalan, director, Carbon Resources.

“The intent is to take over the company,” said Jalan.

With a holding of 6.25 per cent as of June-end, the Khaitans, the promoters of McLeod, are in a spot.