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Incorporated in 1999, Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) is a subsidiary of BSE which operates as a securities depository in India. As on April 2017, it has 589 DPs, servicing across 29 states and 7 union territories. The number of service centres grew at CAGR of 21.4% from 11,877 in FY15 to 17,489 in FY17 and beneficial owner (BO) accounts grew at a CAGR of 13% from 9.6mn in FY15 to 12.3mn in FY17. The company is coming out with an IPO which is 100% offer for sale. BSE is selling its stake to meet the regulatory requirement of maximum 24% stake.

Key Investment Rationale

- CDSL gaining market share in recent times: CDSL is 2nd largest depository in India with 44% market share in terms as on FY17. However, it is noteworthy that CDSL held 60% market share of FY17 incremental BO accounts at 13.7% YoY growth. CDSL has been gaining market share in recent times which provides us comfort in terms of visibility of revenue growth.
- Repeat business and diverse offerings provide revenue visibility: CDSL has a well-diversified revenue stream including Annual issuer charges (36%), Transaction charges (21%), Online data charges (13%), IPO/corporate action charges (11%), ECAS charges (5%), Document storage charge (4%), E-voting charges (3%) and others (7%). Fixed annual charges collected from registered companies and transactionbased fees collected from its DPs provide high stability to operating income.
- Operating leverage leading to improvement in EBITDA margin: CDSL's business largely has fixed operating cost and thus high economies of scale which has helped to improve margins. Its EBITDA margins have improved from 43% in FY15 to 54% in FY17, As BO accounts continue to grow at an enhanced pace, we expect benefit of operating leverage to continue to reflect in EBITDA margin and profitability going ahead.

• Focus high on state of the art technology:

CDSL has deployed core depository system based on a centralised architecture providing real-time updated information to users. Its system can be accessed over the internet as well as the intranet though a secure channel using multi-factor user authentication. CDSL's Information Security Management System complies with ISO 27001 standard and protects information throughout the life span.

IPO priced at attractive valuation

Steady growth, asset-light nature of business and decent RoE of ~20% shall enable the stock to command high valuation. Asset light nature of business enables the company to distribute 35-50% of profits as dividend. In FY17, it had paid ₹ 3/share as dividend. The IPO is attractively priced with TTM PE of 18x at higher price band of ₹ 149. Recommend **SUBSCRIBE** on the issue.

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Shareholding Pattern (%)

	Pre Issue	Post Issue
Promoter	50.1%	24.0%
Non Promoter	49.9%	76.0%

Issue Structure (In mn no. of shares)

Issue size	35.2
Fresh Issue	0.0
Break-up of net issue to public:	
QIB's portion	50.0
Non-institutional portion	15.0
Retail Portion	35.0

Source: ABML Research, RHP

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About Company

CDSL offers various services, such as account opening, dematerialization, processing delivery and receipt instructions, account statement, re-materialization, pledging, nomination, transmission of securities, change in address, bank account details and SMS services for depository participants. CDSL also offers facilities to issuers to credit securities to a shareholder's or applicant's demat accounts; KYC services in respect of investors in capital markets to capital market intermediaries; and facilities to allow holding of insurance policies in electronic form to the holders of these insurance policies of various insurance companies. It also provides other online services, such as e-voting, e-locker, national academy depository, electronic access to security information, electronic access to security information and execution of secured transaction, drafting and preparation of wills for succession, and mobile application and transactions using secured texting. It serves investors through intermediaries, such as depository participants, issuer companies, registrar and transfer agents, beneficial owners, and clearing members.

Objects of the issue

 The objects of the offer are to achieve the benefits of listing the equity Shares on NSE and for the sale of equity shares by the selling shareholders. Further, the company expects that listing of the equity Shares will enhance its visibility and brand image and provide liquidity to its existing shareholders. The company will not receive any proceeds of the offer and all the proceeds of the offer will go to the selling shareholders in the proportion of the equity shares offered by them.

Risks & concerns

- As CDSL relies heavily on technological equipment and IT systems, any interruptions in availability could adversely impact CDSL's business. Also, it may impact the reputation and adversely impact the business.
- If competition intensifies, then it could impact market share or margin of the company.

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Income Statement (Consolidated)

In ₹ mn	FY15	FY16	FY17
Revenue from operations	1052.8	1228.5	1460.0
Other income	401.9	384.8	408.5
Total income	1454.7	1613.4	1868.5
Employee expenses	192.1	214.9	248.7
Other expenses	409.1	374.5	417.2
Total expenses	601.1	589.4	665.8
Operating profit	451.7	639.2	794.2
Depreciation	62.4	41.9	37.1
Profit before exceptional item	791.2	982.1	1165.6
Exceptional item	16.9	331.0	0.0
PBT	808.0	1313.1	1165.6
Тах	233.1	401.9	299.8
РАТ	574.9	911.3	865.9
PBT Tax	233.1	401.9	299.8

Source: ABML Research, RHP

Balance Sheet (Consolidated)

ln₹mn	FY15	FY16	FY17
	1045.0	1045.0	1045.0
Share Capital			
Reserves	3115.4	3748.2	4288.2
Minority interest	145.6	146.8	154.9
Networth	4305.9	4940.0	5488.1
Borrowing	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred Tax liability	10.4	29.1	7.4
Provision	18.4	50.2	75.8
Other liabilities	779.9	510.6	501.2
Total Liabilities	5114.5	5529.9	6072.4
Fixed assets	66.9	36.7	54.8
Investments	2232.1	2104.7	2729.0
Deferred tax assets	8.4	0.0	22.9
Non- current tax assets	111.2	131.9	131.3
Current assets			
Investments	1909.0	2470.0	2300.0
Trade receivables	69.1	130.1	132.7
Cash & Bank balance	431.0	403.7	483.2
Other financial assets	286.8	252.8	218.6
Total Assets	5114.5	5529.9	6072.4

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Cash Flow			
In ₹ mn	FY15	FY16	FY17
Cash Flow from Operations	429.5	284.2	427.6
Cash Flow from Investing	-194.4	2.6	181.7
Cash Flow from Financing	-234.8	-276.7	-314.4
Ratios	FY15	FY16	FY17
Revenue growth	NA	16.7%	18.8%
Operating profit growth	NA	41.5%	24.3%
PAT growth	NA	58.5%	-5.0%
Operating profit margin	42.9%	52.0%	54.4%
PAT margin	39.5%	56.5%	46.3%
Dividend/share	2.2	2.5	3.0
Dividend payout ratio	48.1%	34.5%	43.6%
RoE	-	19.7%	16.6%
EPS	5.5	8.7	8.2
P/E	27.0	17.1	18.1
BV	41.2	47.3	52.5
P/BV	3.6	3.2	2.8

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