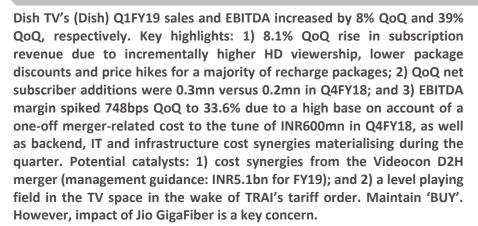


# **DISH TV INDIA**

# Blockbuster start to the merged entity

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# HD penetration lifts ARPU; merger synergies materialising

ARPU for Q1FY19 rose to INR214 (from INR201 in the previous quarter) on the back of an increase in high definition (HD) subscriber base and lower discounts. As many as 44% of subscriber additions during the quarter were in the HD category. HD subscribers form a promising 17% of the total net base of the company. Besides, initial cost synergies from the merger materialized during the quarter. In fact, backend, IT and infrastructure synergies were the key contributors to 39% sequential EBITDA growth (management guidance: INR5.1bn in FY19). We believe Dish, now with a bigger subscriber base, is better placed to negotiate content cost with broadcasters.

# Q1FY19 conference call takeaways

Key takeaways: 1) <u>incrementally higher HD viewership, lower discounts on packages and price hikes for most recharges lifted subscription revenue</u>; 2) subscriber churn of 1%; and 3) subscription of *a la carte* offerings by as many as 2.4mn subscribers resulted in incremental revenue.

# Outlook and valuations: Positive; maintain 'BUY'

Following its merger with Videocon D2H, Dish commands 37% of the total market, implying enhanced economies of scale and thus greater bargaining power with broadcasters. Moreover, sharper focus on HD boxes and superior subscribers will drive up ARPU in our view. We maintain 'BUY/SP' with a target price of INR96 (8x FY20E EV/EBITDA). At CMP, the stock is trading at 7.2x FY19E and 6.3x FY20E EV/EBITDA.

Financials								(INR mn)
Year to March	Q1FY19	Q1FY18	% change	Q4FY18	% change	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Revenues	16,556	7,389	124.1	15,324	8.0	46,342	67,208	72,600
EBITDA	5,568	2,012	176.7	4,007	39.0	13,160	22,897	24,890
Adjusted Profit	255	(139)	NM	1,182	NM	(849)	2,546	3,416
Adj. diluted EPS	0.1	(0.1)		0.6		(0.5)	1.4	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)						12.8	7.2	6.3



Absolute Rating		BU	1
Rating Relative to	Sector	Per	former
Risk Rating Relativ	ve to Secto	or Me	dium
Sector Relative to	Market	Ove	rweight
MARKET DATA (R	: DSTV.BC	D, B: DIT\	/ IN)
CMP		: INR	74
Target Price		: INR	96
52-week range (IN	NR)	: 87/	64
Share in issue (mr	n)	: 1,84	1.2
M cap (INR bn/US	SD mn)	: 136	/ 1,972
Avg. Daily Vol.BSE	/NSE('000	) : 6,33	9.5
CHARE HOLDING	DATTERN	10/	
SHARE HOLDING	PATIEKN	(/0)	
	Current	Q4FY18	Q3FY18
Promoters *	64.4	64.4	64.4

Current	Q4FY18	Q3FY18
64.4	64.4	64.4
8.4	8.4	7.8
18.5	18.5	18.8
8.7	8.7	8.9
d shares ıe)	:	NIL
	64.4 8.4 18.5 8.7 d shares	64.4 64.4 8.4 8.4 18.5 18.5 8.7 8.7 d shares :

# Stock Nifty EW Media Index 1 month 5.8 0.0 (3.1) 3 months 4.4 3.8 (5.0)

12.4

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

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Table 1: Trends at glance

	Q1FY17	Q2FY17	Q3FY17	Q4FY17	Q1FY18	Q2FY18	Q3FY18	Q4FY18	Q1FY19
ARPU (INR)	165	162	152	135	148	149	144	201	214
Subscription revenue	7,282	7,288	6,921	6,205	6,917	7,049	14,430	13,771	14,893
Gross subscriber (mn)	22.5	23.1	23.7	24.3	25.0	25.5	26.2	NA	NA
Net subscriber (mn)	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.9	16.2	23.0	23.3
Net subscriber addition (mn)	0.40	0.26	0.20	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.25	0.20	0.30
Profit before tax	550	574	198	(291)	(302)	(272)	261	(667)	342
Free cash flow	627	791	490	160	108	NA	NA	NA	NA
Monthly churn rate (%)	0.70	0.80	0.90	0.90	1.00	0.80	0.80	NA	1.00
Gross debt (mn)	13,500	12,750	12,000	11,400	NA	12,100	NA	27,500	27,500
Net debt(mn)	7,000	6,250	6,050	6,850	6,900	7,750	8,100	22,000	22,000
Growth rate (YoY)									
Revenue	5.7	3.6	(3.0)	(11.4)	(5.1)	(3.9)	(1.0)	NA	NA
% of revenue									
EBITDA margin	33.5	34.1	31.8	26.9	27.2	28.9	27.1	26.1	33.6

Source: Edelweiss research

Notes: 1) From Q4FY18, all the numbers are adjusted for the merger. 2) Subscription revenue and PBT for Q3FY18 is after considering the merger.

# Q1FY19 conference call: Key takeaways

# FY19 guidance

- Capex of INR9bn
- Full benefit of merger synergies relating to content cost likely to flow in over the next few quarters
- Management remains optimistic of realizing merger-related synergies to the tune of INR5.1bn
- Further EBITDA margin acceleration possible over coming quarters
- Revenue growth of 7–8%

# OTT

The company plans to be in the OTT space in the coming years.

# Subscription revenue

- Q1FY19 subscription revenue of Rs.14,893 million.
- Incrementally higher HD viewership, lower discounts on packages and price hikes for most recharge packages lifted subscription revenue during the quarter.
- The company has effected aggressive price hikes across subscription packs, except the Bharat pack.
- The full impact of price increase will show up in Q2FY19.
- Net subscriber additions of 0.3mn during the quarter were largely driven by a sportsheavy programming calendar.
- As many as 44% of all subscriber additions were in the HD category. In total, HD subscribers form a promising 17% of the total net base of the company.

# **ARPU**

- The company reported ARPU of INR214 in Q1FY19.
- Management believes that the ARPU increase in sustainable.

# Subscriber churn

• The subscriber churn was 1% for the quarter.

# A la carte offerings

- An a la carte pack is an add-on, which allows subscribers to watch individual/desired channels.
- A total of 2.4 million Dish subscribers have so far opted for *a la carte* offerings, resulting in incremental revenue.

# Merger and synergies

- The post-merger subscriber split is 65% rural and 25% urban.
- Merger-related synergies yielded savings in employee costs.
- With integration across functions almost complete, initial cost synergies materialised during the quarter.
- Backend, IT and infrastructure synergies were the key contributors to 39% sequential EBITDA growth. The overall EBITDA margin jumped to 33.6% in Q1FY19 from 26.1% in Q4FY18.
- Part of the estimated synergies are going to be a result of more prudent programming costs.

### TRAI tariff order

- Dish TV India Limited believes the regulation has potential to minimize discriminatory pricing by ensuring a level playing field between cable and DTH platforms.
- Dish TV was the first in the industry to voluntarily implement the tariff order (although partially) by offering *a la carte* channels at affordable prices.
- The company has a fixed-fee deal with broadcasters for a short term and is prepared to renegotiate deals with broadcasters once they declare MRPs in accordance with TRAI's tariff order.
- The company sees the TRAI tariff order as an opportunity for forging partnerships with broadcasters.

# Other key takeaways

- Q1FY19 capex was INR1,900mn.
- Pack upgrades witnessed during the quarter.
- Forex loss of INR210mn in Q1FY19 was a one-off cost item.
- Lease revenue has been accounted for as per IND AS 115.
- For activating each set top box, the company gets INR925.
- Interest cost increased due to a one-time fee.
- Average interest cost is 8–8.5%.
- The company raised the set top box price by INR200.
- FCF for the quarter was INR1000mn.
- The company is targeting aggressive subscriber base expansion in south India.
- Gross debt: INR27.5bn; net debt: INR22bn
- Over the coming years, the tax rate will be on a MAT basis because of losses broughtforward in the merged entity.

# Outlook and valuations: Positive; maintain 'BUY'

Healthy subscriber addition over the past few quarters, higher share of HD and rising free cash flow continue to bolster our confidence. Dish TV is rightly focusing on HD subscribers and reducing churn, which will drive up ARPU. The company is also looking to enter the high potential OTT space. However, impact of Jio GigaFiber is a key concern.

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Financial snapshot								(INR mn)
Year to March	Q1FY19	Q1FY18	% change	Q4FY18	% change	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Net revenues	16,556	7,389	124.1	15,324	8.0	46,342	67,208	72,600
Staff costs	577	388	48.6	669	(13.7)	2,096	3,037	3,356
Other operating expenses	10,412	4,988	108.7	10,649	(2.2)	31,085	41,273	44,354
Total expenditure	10,989	5,377	104.4	11,317	(2.9)	33,181	44,310	47,709
EBITDA	5,568	2,012	176.7	4,007	39.0	13,160	22,897	24,890
Depreciation	3,608	1,822	98.0	3,471	3.9	10,717	15,545	16,069
EBIT	1,959	190	931.7	535	266.1	2,443	7,352	8,822
Interest	1,775	590	201.1	1,329	33.5	3,964	5,000	5,300
Other income	157	98	60.5	127	23.5	542	1,029	1,070
Profit before tax	342	(302)	NA	(667)	NA	(979)	3,381	4,592
Provision for taxes	87	(162)	NA	(1,849)	NA	(130)	835	1,175
Add: Exceptional items								
Reported net profit	255	(139)	NA	1,182	NA	(849)	2,546	3,416
Adjusted Profit	255	(139)	NA	1,182	NA	(849)	2,546	3,416
Diluted shares (mn)	1,841	1,066		1,841		1,841	1,841	1,841
Adjusted Diluted EPS	0.1	(0.1)	NA	0.6	NA	(0.5)	1.4	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	-	-		-		12.8	7.2	6.3
Employee cost	3.5	5.3		4.4		4.5	4.5	4.6
Other operating expenses	9.5	16.6		12.8		13.4	11.7	12.3
EBITDA	33.6	27.2		26.1		28.4	34.1	34.3
Reported net profit	1.5	(1.9)		7.7		(1.8)	3.8	4.7

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# **Company Description**

Dish TV India Limited is India's largest direct-to-home (DTH) Company with a subscriber base of more than 23 million. The Company is part of the Essel Group, an Indian multinational business conglomerate having diverse business presence across Media, Entertainment, Packaging, Infrastructure, Education, Precious Metals, Finance and Technology sectors. Dish TV India Limited owns multiple individual brands like Dish TV, Zing and d2h under its umbrella. The company benefits from multiple satellite platforms including NSS-6, Asiasat-5, SES-8, GSAT-15 and ST-2 and has a bandwidth capacity of 1422 MHz, the largest held by any DTH player in the country. Dish TV India Limited has on its platform more than 655 channels & services including 40 audio channels and 70 HD channels & services. The Company has a vast distribution network of over 4,000 distributors & around 400,000 dealers that span across 9,450 towns in the country. Dish TV India Limited is connected with its pan-India customer base through call-centres that are spread across 22 cities and are equipped to handle customer queries 24X7 in 12 different languages.

# **Investment Theme**

As the merger with Videocon D2H has been completed, Dish TV will have the benefit of economies of scale, lending it higher bargaining power with broadcasters and other stakeholders, and the cost synergies arising out of the merger will boost margin. With the impact of demonetisation behind, we expect ARPU to catapult as the company has prudently shifted focus on HD boxes and quality subscribers. Further the implementation of TRAI's tariff order will create a level playing field in the TV space. Innovations like launch of Zing brand for regional markets, likely entry in OTT space and reduction in debt further bolster our confidence.

# **Key Risks**

Competition from Jio GigaFiber and other DTH service providers.

Any adverse judgment in the ongoing DTH licence fee case in TDSAT.

Slowdown in subscriber additions.

Limited ARPU growth.

# **Financial Statements**

Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Macro				
GDP(Y-o-Y %)	6.6	6.5	7.1	7.6
Inflation (Avg)	4.5	3.6	4.5	5.0
Repo rate (exit rate)	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.5
USD/INR (Avg)	67.1	64.5	66.0	66.0
Company				
Sales assumptions				
Subscriber adds (mn)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Erstwhile ARPU (INR)	154	148	143	146
Sub rev (% of total rev)	91.9	93.9	93.5	93.4
Cost assumptions				
Cont cost (% of sub rev)	33.1	35.6	35.9	36.9
Sell & dis exp(% of rev)	10.3	10.7	11.0	10.7
License Fees (% of rev.)	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.3
Personnel cost(% of rev)	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
Adm & othr exp(% of rev)	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.0
Tran Lease exp(% of rev)	6.1	6.6	6.9	6.9
Financial assumptions				
Tax rate (%)	17.4	35.0	35.0	-
Debtor days	10	10	10	10
Inventory days	3	3	3	3
Payable days	51	51	51	51
Cash conversion cycle	(38)	(38)	(38)	(38)
Dep. (% gross block)	22.0	24.5	20.4	25.6

Income statement				(INR mn)
Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Net revenue	30,144	46,342	67,208	72,600
Prog/content costs	9,177	24,877	33,402	35,391
Employee costs	1,440	2,096	3,037	3,356
Total SG&A expenses	4,578	6,208	7,872	8,963
Total operating expenses	20,357	33,181	44,310	47,709
EBITDA	9,787	13,160	22,897	24,890
Depreciation	6,631	10,717	15,545	16,069
EBIT	3,156	2,443	7,352	8,822
Less: Interest Expense	2,239	3,964	5,000	5,300
Add: Other income	475.00	541.6	1,028.76	1,070.00
Profit Before Tax	1,335	(979)	3,381	4,592
Less: Provision for Tax	242	(130)	835	1,175
Add: Exceptional items	(57)	-	-	-
Reported Profit	1,093	(849)	2,546	3,416
Exceptional Items	(57)	-	-	-
Adjusted Profit	1,150	(849)	2,546	3,416
Shares o /s (mn)	1,065	1,841	1,841	1,841
Adjusted Basic EPS	1.1	(0.5)	1.4	1.9
Diluted shares o/s (mn)	1,065	1,841	1,841	1,841
Adjusted Diluted EPS	1.1	(0.5)	1.4	1.9
Adjusted Cash EPS	7.3	5.4	9.8	10.6
Common size metrics				
Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Pay channel cost	30.4	53.7	49.7	48.7
Staff costs	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.6
EBITDA margins	32.5	28.4	34.1	34.3
Net Profit margins	3.8	(1.8)	3.8	4.7
Growth ratios (%)				

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Balance sheet				(INR mn)	Cash flow metrics				
As on 31st March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Share capital	1,066	1,841	1,923	1,923	Operating cash flow	8,204	11,733	19,642	26,616
Reserves & Surplus	3,840	65,700	75,577	78,994	Financing cash flow	(1,145)	27,700	(344)	(10,300)
Shareholders' funds	4,906	67,541	77,500	80,916	Investing cash flow	(6,235)	(7,920)	(10,785)	(13,420)
Minority Interest	-	(181)	(181)	(181)	Net cash Flow	824	31,514	8,513	2,896
Long term borrowings	5,834	18,475	16,435	14,435	Capex	(9,507)	(7,145)	(9,194)	(10,576)
Short term borrowings	-	19,023	17,000	14,000					
Total Borrowings	5,834	37,498	33,435	28,435	Profitability and efficiency ratios				
Long Term Liabilities	1,231	1,622	1,800	1,900	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Def. Tax Liability (net)	(5,100)	(6,027)	(6,027)	(6,027)	ROACE (%)	27.0	5.2	7.8	9.0
Sources of funds	6,871	100,454	106,528	105,045	ROAE (%)	26.4	(2.3)	3.5	4.3
Gross Block	64,331	71,477	150,308	166,698	Inventory Days	3	3	3	3
Net Block	19,080	36,338	45,777	45,848	Debtors Days	8	8	8	8
Capital work in progress	7,868	6,781	3,500	1,500	Payable Days	44	44	44	44
Intangible Assets	123	85,511	85,511	85,511	Cash Conversion Cycle	(33)	(33)	(33)	(33)
Total Fixed Assets	27,071	128,630	134,788	132,859	Current Ratio	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Non current investments	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	Gross Debt/EBITDA	0.6	2.8	1.5	1.1
Cash and Equivalents	3,066	4,135	4,345	6,291	Gross Debt/Equity	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.4
Inventories	131	381	450	500	Adjusted Debt/Equity	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.4
Sundry Debtors	870	3,020	3,200	3,300	Interest Coverage Ratio	1.4	0.6	1.5	1.7
Loans & Advances	4,755	831	800	500					
Other Current Assets	117	7,349	7,845	7,995	Operating ratios				
Current Assets (ex cash)	5,873	11,580	12,295	12,295	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Trade payable	1,711	6,702	6,900	7,200	Total Asset Turnover	3.1	0.9	0.6	0.7
Other Current Liab	28,928	38,689	39,500	40,700	Fixed Asset Turnover	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Total Current Liab	30,639	45,391	46,400	47,900	Equity Turnover	6.9	1.3	0.9	0.9
Net Curr Assets-ex cash	(24,766)	(33,811)	(34,105)	(35,605)	-				
Uses of funds	6,871	100,454	106,528	105,045	Valuation parameters				
BVPS (INR)	4.6	36.7	42.1	43.9	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
					Adj. Diluted EPS (INR)	1.1	(0.5)	1.4	1.9
Free cash flow				(INR mn)	Adjusted Cash EPS (INR)	7.3	5.4	9.8	10.6
Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	P/B (x)	16.0	2.0	1.7	1.7
Reported Profit	1,093	(849)	2,546	3,416	EV / Sales (x)	2.7	3.6	2.4	2.2
Add: Depreciation	6,631	10,717	15,545	16,069	EV / EBITDA (x)	8.3	12.8	7.2	6.3
Interest (Net of Tax)	2,239	3,964	5,000	5,300					
Others	(1,599)	(802)	(1,029)	(1,070)					
Less: Changes in WC	160	1,297	2,421	(2,901)					
Operating cash flow	8,204	11,733	19,642	26,616					
Less: Capex	9,507	7,145	9,194	10,576					
Free Cash Flow	(1,304)	4,588	10,448	16,040					

	Market cap	Diluted P/E (X)		EV / EBITDA	EV / EBITDA (X)		EV / Sales (X)	
Name	(USD mn)	FY19E	FY20E	FY19E	FY20E	FY19E	FY20E	
Dish TV India	1,972	53.3	39.7	7.2	6.3	2.4	2.2	
DEN Networks	169	114.9	31.7	4.1	3.2	1.4	1.2	
Hathway Cable & Datacom	225	NA	NA	8.4	7.0	2.3	2.0	
PVR	959	33.1	25.8	13.5	11.0	2.6	2.2	
Sun TV Network	4,637	23.6	21.3	13.1	11.5	9.9	8.8	
Zee Entertainment Enterprises	7,518	32.0	25.3	20.5	15.8	7.2	5.9	

Source: Edelweiss research

# **Additional Data**

# **Directors Data**

Subhash Chandra	Non-Executive Chairman	Jawahar Lal Goel	Managing Director
Ashok Kurien	Non-Executive Director	Bhagwan Dass Narang	Independent Director
Arun Duggal	Independent Director	Eric Zinterhofer	Independent Director
Lakshmi Chand	Independent Director	Mintoo Bhandari	Non-Executive Nominee Director
Utsal Baijal	Alt.Director to Mintoo Bhandari	Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal	Independent Director

Auditors - M/s B S R & Co., Gurgaon

\*as per last annual report

# Holding - Top10

	Perc. Holding		Perc. Holding
Direct media dist	24.83	Catalyst trusteeship	7.46
World crest advisors	4.97	Artisan partners ltd	4.79
Veena investments	4.68	Direct media solution	4.18
Goel nishi	1.91	Artisan dev world	1.45
T rowe price group	1.42	Hdfc asset management	1.02

\*in last one year

# **Bulk Deals**

Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S	Qty Traded	Price
13 Jun 2018	RARE ENTERPRISES	BUY	13000000	71.30
07 Nov 2017	DOVETAIL INDIA FUND	Buy	1800000	78.70
07 Nov 2017	MORGAN STANLEY FRANCE SAS	Sell	1800000	78.70

\*in last one year

# **Insider Trades**

Reporting Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S Qty Traded
12 Apr 2018	World Crest Advisors Llp	Buy 91500000.00

\*in last one year

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Company	Absolute	Relative	Relative	Company	Absolute	Relative	Relative
	reco	reco	risk		reco	reco	Risk
DB Corp	BUY	SO	М	DEN Networks	HOLD	SP	Н
Dish TV India	BUY	SP	М	Hathway Cable & Datacom	HOLD	SP	M
Jagran Prakashan	HOLD	SP	М	PVR	BUY	SO	M
Sun TV Network	BUY	SO	Н	Zee Entertainment Enterprises	BUY	SO	M

ABSOLUTE RATING		
Ratings	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	
Buy	More than 15%	
Hold	Between 15% and - 5%	
Reduce	Less than -5%	

RELATIVE RETURNS RATING			
Ratings	Criteria		
Sector Outperformer (SO)	Stock return > 1.25 x Sector return		
Sector Performer (SP)	Stock return > 0.75 x Sector return		
	Stock return < 1.25 x Sector return		
Sector Underperformer (SU)	Stock return < 0.75 x Sector return		

Sector return is market cap weighted average return for the coverage universe within the sector  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

RELATIVE RISK RATING		
Ratings	Criteria	
Low (L)	Bottom 1/3rd percentile in the sector	
Medium (M)	Middle 1/3rd percentile in the sector	
High (H)	Top 1/3rd percentile in the sector	

Risk ratings are based on Edelweiss risk model

SECTOR RATING		
Ratings	Criteria	
Overweight (OW)	Sector return > 1.25 x Nifty return	
Equalweight (EW)	Sector return > 0.75 x Nifty return	
	Sector return < 1.25 x Nifty return	
Underweight (UW)	Sector return < 0.75 x Nifty return	



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**Distribution of Ratings / Market Cap** 

# Coverage group(s) of stocks by primary analyst(s): Media

DB Corp, DEN Networks, Dish TV India, Hathway Cable & Datacom, Jagran Prakashan, PVR, Sun TV Network, Zee Entertainment Enterprises

# Recent Research

Date	Company	Title	Price (INR)	Recos
29-Jun-18	Media	Ad growth to be robust; newsprint cost rise a fresh concern; <i>Q1FY19 Result</i> <i>Preview</i>	1	
31-May-18	Hathway Cable & Datacom	Broadband ARPU disappo cable performance muted Result Update	*	Hold
30-May-18	Dish TV	Subscription revenue slips merger benefits to accrue Result Update	,	Buy

# Edelweiss Research Coverage Universe Buy Hold Reduce Total Rating Distribution\* 161 67 11 240 \* 1stocks under review

* 1stocks under rev		101	07	11	240
	> 50bn	Between	n 10bn and 50	bn	< 10bn
Market Cap (INR)	156		62		11

# **Rating Interpretation**

Rating	Expected to
Buy	appreciate more than 15% over a 12-month period
Hold	appreciate up to 15% over a 12-month period
Reduce	depreciate more than 5% over a 12-month period

# One year price chart



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