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Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E March (INR b)	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	62.0	73.0	84.4
Sales Growth (%)	18.4	17.7	15.6
EBITDA	4.9	5.7	6.5
Margins (%)	7.9	7.9	7.8
Adj. PAT	2.5	3.0	3.5
Adj. EPS (INR)	32.2	38.3	44.7
EPS Growth (%)	38.1	19.0	16.8
BV/Sh.(INR)	200.6	235.9	276.5
Ratios			
Debt/Equity	0.7	0.7	0.6
RoE (%)	17.1	17.5	17.4
RoIC (%)	12.7	12.8	12.9
Valuations			
P/E (x)	33.4	28.1	24.1
EV/EBITDA(x)	17.1	14.7	12.8

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-24	Jun-24	Sep-23
Promoter	67.5	68.5	68.5
DII	9.6	10.5	20.1
FII	8.6	7.7	2.8
Others	14.4	13.4	8.6

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR 1,078 TP: INR1,400 (+30%)

Growth outlook stable; miss on margins

Buy

- SENCO delivered consolidated revenue growth of 31% YoY to INR15.0b (in line) in 2QFY25. SSSG was at 20% (vs. 4% in 1QFY25, 19% in 2QFY24). SSSG was driven by favorable monsoon in eastern India (strong growth in tier
 - was driven by favorable monsoon in eastern India (strong growth in tier-3/tier-4 cities) and demand recovery after the reduction in customs duty. Strong festive demand led to 12-15% SSSG for SENCO in Oct'24.
- Retail sales grew 27% with value growth of 30% in gold and 9% in diamond. Volume growth was 7% in gold, whereas diamond saw 3% volume decline, which hurt margins. ATV increased by 12%. Old gold exchange increased to 32% over 62% old gold is non-Senco.
- Adjusting inventory loss of INR298m, GM expanded 240bp YoY to 14.2% (17.3% in 1QFY25, est. 16%). Because of gold price volatility, SENCO saw fluctuation in gross margin on quarterly basis. Studded ratio was 11% (12% in 2QFY24, 10% in 1QFY25). EBITDA margin expanded 200bp YoY to 5.4%. Management guided for revenue growth of ~18%, GP margin of ~16%, and profitability growth of 15-18% in FY25.
- We estimate a CAGR of 17% in sales, 20% in EBITDA and 24% in APAT over FY24-27, driven by SENCO's strategic expansion across eastern and other regions. The company plans to grow its customer base by focusing on lightweight jewelry and leveraging the rising demand for studded jewelry. We reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a TP of INR1,400 (based on 35x Sep'26 P/E).

In-line sales; underlying margin weaker than estimates

- Robust sales growth: Consolidated revenue grew 31% YoY to INR15.0b (est. INR14.6b). Retail growth was robust at 27% YoY. Same store sales improved substantially to 20% in 2Q vs. 4% in 1Q.
- Margin improvement lower than expectation: After adjusting the custom duty effect of INR298m on inventory, gross margin expanded 240bp YoY to 14.2% (17.3% in 1Q, est. 16%). As a percentage of sales, staff costs were stable YoY at 2.2% and other expenses rose 40bpYoY to 6.6%. EBITDA margin expanded 200bp YoY to 5.4% (7.7% in 1Q, est. 6.7%).
- Healthy double-digit growth: Adjusting the inventory loss, EBITDA/PBT/ adj. PAT grew 107%/232%/189% YoY to INR818m/INR462m/INR3465m (est. INR917m/INR586m/ INR439m).
- In 1HFY25, net sales, EBITDA and APAT grew by 18%, 79% and 116% YoY, respectively. In 2HFY25, we expect that net sales, EBITDA and APAT will grow by 18%, 12% and 16%.

Key takeaways from the management commentary

Good monsoon in Eastern India acted as a tailwind for robust growth in tier 3 and tier 4 cities. Customs duty reduction in Jul'24 by 9% (15% to 6%) also bolstered pent-up demand of 1Q.

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- Smaller towns see high demand for mid-ticket items (INR70,000–100,000), while urban areas showed higher demand for daily and high-end wear.
- In 1HFY25, gold saw volume growth of 1% and value growth of 22%, while diamonds clocked volume degrowth of 8% but value growth of 3%.
- The company incurred a customs duty impact of INR550-600m on inventory, with INR298m realized in 2Q and the remainder expected in 2H.
- SENCO plans to raise INR5b through a qualified institutional placement (QIP) to fund expansion. With increased gold demand, the company aims to overcome capex constraints through these additional funds.

Valuation and view

- We maintain our FY25 and FY26 EPS estimates.
- The company is further expanding its footprint in eastern markets and scaling up its network in other regions. SENCO aims to expand its consumer base (presence in 16 states and 109 towns & cities) by focusing on lightweight jewelry and capturing the consumer trend of studded (250bp gain in studded ratio in the last three years to 11.4%). In line with the formalization in the jewelry market, we continue to see store expansion-led growth for SENCO (estimate addition of 34 stores during FY24-26E, taking the total to 193 stores).
- We estimate a CAGR of 17%/20%/24% in revenue/EBITDA/adj. PAT over FY24-27E. The stock is currently trading at 28x FY26E EPS, with RoE/RoIC of 17%/13% in FY26E. We reiterate our BUY rating with a TP of INR1,400 (based on 35x Sep'26 P/E).

Y/E March		FY	24			FY2	5E		FY24	FY25E	FY25	Var.
•	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Net Sales	13,054	11,466	16,522	11,373	14,039	15,005	20,157	12,832	52,414	62,033	14,561	3.0
Change (%)	29.6	25.8	23.3	39.7	7.5	30.9	22.0	12.8	28.5	18.4	27.0	
Gross Profit	1,632	1,354	3,083	1,944	2,428	2,137	3,568	2,126	8,014	10,259	2,330	(8.3)
Gross Margin (%)	12.5	11.8	18.7	17.1	17.3	14.2	17.7	16.6	15.3	16.5	16.0	
Operating Expenses	960	960	1,272	1,067	1,341	1,319	1,498	1,177	4,259	5,335	1,359	
% of Sales	7.4	8.4	7.7	9.4	9.5	8.8	7.4	9.2	8.1	8.6	9.3	
EBITDA	672	395	1,811	877	1,087	818	2,069	950	3,755	4,924	971	(15.8)
Margin (%)	5.1	3.4	11.0	7.7	7.7	5.4	10.3	7.4	7.2	7.9	6.7	
Change (%)	22.1	21.2	11.3	31.5	61.8	107.1	14.3	8.2	18.6	31.1	145.9	
Interest	266	234	283	298	322	326	325	327	1,081	1,300	325	
Depreciation	126	133	158	184	181	178	185	189	601	733	185	
Other Income	94	110	89	128	123	149	122	92	422	486	125	
PBT	375	139	1,459	524	708	462	1,681	525	2,495	3,377	586	(21.1)
Tax	98	20	366	202	195	117	422	144	685	878	147	
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.1	14.1	25.1	38.6	27.6	25.3	25.1	27.3	27.5	26.0	25.1	
Adjusted PAT	277	119	1,093	322	513	345	1,259	382	1,810	2,499	439	(21.4)
Change (%)	24.2	37.3	6.0	24.7	85.3	188.7	15.2	18.7	14.2	38.1	310.3	
PAT	277	119	1,093	322	513	121	1,072	382	1,810	2,088		

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Key takeaways from the management commentary

Demand environment and outlook

- Good monsoon in Eastern India acted as a tailwind for robust growth in tier 3 and tier 4 cities. Customs duty reduction in Jul'24 by 9% (15% to 6%) also bolstered pent-up demand of 1Q.
- The eastern region accounts for 80% of total sales, with North contributing 12-13%, followed by the South and West.
- Franchisees, predominantly based in the East, play a significant role in driving sales, especially in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Franchise sales in these regions helped boost 2Q performance.
- Smaller towns see good demand for mid-ticket items (INR 70,000–100,000), while urban areas showed higher demand for daily and high-end wear.
- Old gold exchange continues to reinforce non-organized to organized transition, with 32% contribution from old gold and over 62% from non-Senco.
- Average transaction value (ATV) increased by 12%, primarily due to rising gold prices. Invoices also grew by 12%, indicating higher transaction volume.
- SENCO has achieved YTD sales growth of 15% YoY. In 1HFY25, it delivered ~18% sales growth.
- Gold prices rose by 5% QoQ and 31% YoY. Sliver prices increased by 3% QoQ and 30% YoY.
- SSSG substantially improved to 20% in 2Q from 4% in 1Q (12% in 1H).
- Studded ratio substantially improved to 11.1% in 2Q from 9.9% in 1Q (10.5% in 1H).
- The company plans to raise INR5b through a QIP to fund expansion. With increased gold demand, the company aims to overcome capex constraints through these additional funds.

Segmental growth and new product launches

- SENCO launched fresh 15,700 gold jewelry designs and 7,400 diamond jewelry designs in 1H.
- Retail growth was robust YoY at 27% in 2Q and 19% in 1H.
- Diamond segment growth was weak in 2QFY25. Diamond value growth was 9%, while volumes contracted by 3% in 2Q.
- Gold sales saw value growth of 30% and volume growth of 7% in 2Q.
- In 1HFY25, gold saw volume growth of 1% and value growth of 22%, while diamonds clocked volume degrowth of 8% but value growth of 3%.

Store expansion and new brand initiatives

- The company aims to open 18-20 new stores in FY25 65-70% in eastern region, 15-20% in northern region, and the rest in other regions.
- Currently, Sennes has 6 stores and the company plans to expand 2-3 more in 2H, taking the total count to 8-10 stores. Sennes will also release a perfume line this quarter.

Hedging strategies

- The company incurred a customs duty impact of INR550-600m on inventory, with INR298.3m realized in 2Q and the remainder expected in 2H.
- With a conservative approach, the company hedges at least 85% of inventory, excluding diamonds. In 1QFY25, hedging covered 95% of inventory, while 2QFY25 maintained 85% hedge.

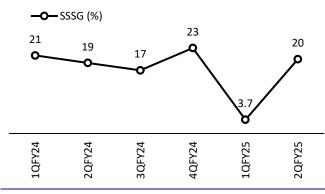
Inventory held by franchisees is recorded on their books and is not included in the company's hedging, which applies only to inventory held in company-owned stores and warehouses.

Guidance

- The company maintains its FY25 guidance, projecting 18% YoY revenue growth and 15-18% profit growth.
- The company expects SSSG of 10-12%, and 6-7% contribution from new stores.
- Gross margins in 1HFY25 were 15.7% net of customs duty impacts.
- Seasonal demand during the festive and wedding season in 2HFY25 is expected to further boost margins.
- The company maintains GP margin guidance of 15-16% for FY25.

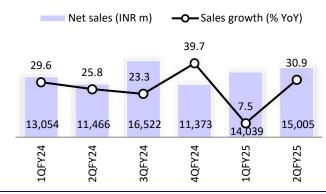
Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: SSSG was at 20% in 2QFY25



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: Consol. sales grew 31% YoY in 2QFY25



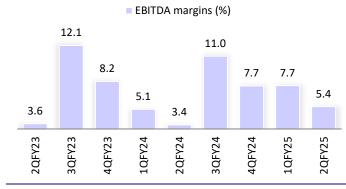
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 3: Adjusted GP margin expanded 240bp YoY to 14.2%



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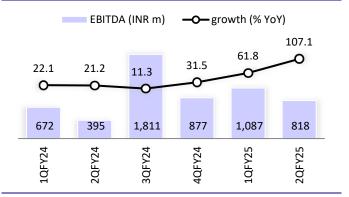
Exhibit 4: EBITDA margin expanded 200bp YoY to 5.4% in 2QFY25

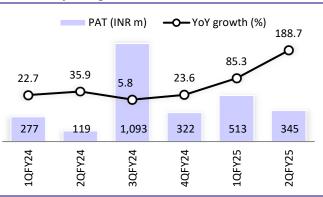


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Exhibit 5: Adjusted inventory impact, EBITDA up 107% YoY

Exhibit 6: Adj. PAT grew 189% YoY in 2QFY25





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- We maintain our FY25 and FY26 EPS estimates.
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Exhibit 7: No material change in our EPS estimates for FY25/FY26

	Ne	ew	Old		Change (%)	
(INR b)	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	62,033	73,030	62,992	73,436	-2%	-1%
EBITDA	4,924	5,744	4,862	5,620	1%	2%
Adjusted PAT	2,499	2,973	2,433	2,909	3%	2%

Financials and valuations

Income Statement									(INR m)
Y/E March	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026 E	2027E
Net Sales	24,843	24,203	26,604	35,346	40,774	52,414	62,033	73,030	84,399
Change (%)	12.5	-2.6	9.9	32.9	15.4	28.5	18.4	17.7	15.6
Gross Profit	3,732	4,242	3,750	5,541	6,555	8,014	10,259	12,025	13,802
Margin (%)	15.0	17.5	14.1	15.7	16.1	15.3	16.5	16.5	16.4
Other expenditure	1,977	2,081	1,997	2,769	3,388	4,259	5,335	6,281	7,258
EBITDA	1,755	2,162	1,753	2,772	3,166	3,755	4,924	5,744	6,543
Change (%)	24.9	23.2	-18.9	58.1	14.2	18.6	31.1	16.7	13.9
Margin (%)	7.1	8.9	6.6	7.8	7.8	7.2	7.9	7.9	7.8
Depreciation	278	372	396	421	456	601	733	843	951
Int. and Fin. Charges	448	557	666	709	861	1,081	1,300	1,428	1,510
Other Income - Recurring	94	87	145	128	311	422	486	544	609
Profit before Taxes	1,123	1,320	837	1,770	2,162	2,495	3,377	4,018	4,692
Change (%)	17.8	17.5	-36.6	111.5	22.1	15.4	35.3	19.0	16.8
Margin (%)	4.5	5.5	3.1	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.4	5.5	5.6
Tax	471	371	288	496	613	728	878	1,045	1,220
Deferred Tax	-68	40	-66	-17	-37	-43	0	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	35.9	31.1	26.5	27.0	26.7	27.5	26.0	26.0	26.0
Profit after Taxes	721	909	615	1,291	1,585	1,810	2,499	2,973	3,472
Change (%)		26.2	-32.4	110.0	22.8	14.2	38.1	19.0	16.8
Margin (%)	2.9	3.8	2.3	3.7	3.9	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.1
Extraordinary income	0	0	0	0	0	0	411	0	0
Reported PAT	721	909	615	1,291	1,585	1,810	2,088	2,973	3,472
Reported FAT	721	303	013	1,231	1,303	1,010	15%	2,373	3,472
Balance Sheet							13/0		
Y/E March	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Share Capital	665	665	665	665	691	777	777	777	777
Reserves	4,002	4,853	5,361	6,595	8,764	12,878	14,811	17,550	20,711
Net Worth	4,667	5,518	6,026	7,260	9,455	13,655	15,588	18,328	21,489
GML	3,054	2,003	2,504	4,314	6,376	9,070	10,121	11,393	12,291
Loans	2,626	3,750	2,820	4,316	5,396	5,913	6,479	6,990	7,539
Lease liabilities	1,029	1,351	1,474	1,630	2,098	2,628	2,958	3,326	3,653
Deferred Tax	-114	-59	-127	-141	-179	-228	-228	-228	-228
Capital Employed	11,262	12,564	12,697	17,378	23,145	31,038	34,918	39,809	44,743
Gross Block	1,272	1,428	1,537	1,726	2,035	2,563	2,876	3,181	3,493
	507	679	864	1,035	1,188	1,405	1,678	1,981	2,312
Less: Accum. Depn. Net Fixed Assets	765	749	674	691	847			•	•
	47					1,158	1,198	1,200	1,181
Intangibles	47	27	27	25	23	28	18	16	13
Capital WIP		1 246	24	65	131	15	15	15	15
Right of use asset	961	1,246	1,417	1,516	1,927	2,434	2,680	2,906	3,040
Investments	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1 700	1 40 070
Curr. Assets, L&A	10,744	13,098	13,323	18,563	25,945	33,362	37,957	43,789	49,878
Inventory	8,684	10,871	10,395	13,912	18,855	24,570	28,115	33,510	37,246
Account Receivables	184	277	276	394	454	529	629	740	856
Cash and Bank Balance	1,150	920	1,281	2,788	4,376	5,514	6,010	5,821	7,524
Others	725	1,030	1,371	1,469	2,261	2,749	3,204	3,718	4,253
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	1,301	2,601	2,769	3,483	5,729	5,960	6,951	8,119	9,385
Trade Payables	591	1,251	609	1,174	1,445	2,069	2,411	2,841	3,288
Provisions	68	25	31	14	27	66	77	90	105
Other current liabilities	642	1,325	2,128	2,295	4,258	3,825	4,463	5,187	5,993
Net Current Assets	9,442	10,497	10,554	15,081	20,216	27,402	31,006	35,670	40,492
Application of Funds	11,262	12,564	12,697	17,378	23,145	31,038	34,918	39,809	44,743

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Financials and valuations

Ratios									(INR m)
Y/E March	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Basic (INR)									
EPS	10.8	13.7	9.2	19.4	22.9	23.3	32.2	38.3	44.7
Cash EPS	15.0	19.3	15.2	25.8	29.5	31.0	41.6	49.1	56.9
BV/Share	70.2	83.0	90.6	109.2	136.7	175.7	200.6	235.9	276.5
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
Payout %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	6.2	7.8	9.0
Valuation (x)									
P/E	99.2	78.6	116.3	55.4	46.9	46.1	33.4	28.1	24.1
Cash P/E	71.6	55.8	70.7	41.7	36.4	34.6	25.8	21.9	18.9
EV/Sales	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.0
EV/EBITDA	41.6	34.4	41.6	26.3	23.8	22.4	17.1	14.7	12.8
P/BV	15.3	13.0	11.9	9.8	7.9	6.1	5.4	4.6	3.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Return Ratios (%)									
RoE	16.7	17.9	10.7	19.4	19.0	15.7	17.1	17.5	17.4
RoCE	9.6	10.9	8.7	12.0	10.9	9.6	10.5	10.8	10.9
RoIC	11.0	11.9	9.6	14.0	13.4	11.8	12.7	12.8	12.9
Working Capital Ratios									
Inventory days	125	147	146	126	147	151	155	154	153
Debtor (Days)	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3
Payables days	9	14	13	9	12	12	13	13	13
Cash conversion days	121	137	137	120	139	142	145	144	143
Inventory turnover (x)	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Asset Turnover (x)	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Leverage Ratio									
Net Debt/Equity (x)	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Cash Flow Statement									
Y/E March	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
OP/(loss) before Tax	1,123	1,320	837	1,770	2,162	2,495	3,377	4,018	4,692
Int./Div. Received	-47	-47	-50	-72	-164	-249	-486	-544	-609
Depreciation & Amort.	278	372	396	421	456	601	733	843	951
Interest Paid	448	557	666	709	861	1,081	1,300	1,428	1,510
Direct Taxes Paid	-546	-404	-421	-388	-592	-708	-878	-1,045	-1,220
Incr in WC	-1,024	-2,241	934	-1,313	-1,408	-3,386	-2,415	-3,523	-2,158
CF from Operations	276	-462	2,310	1,111	1,306	-244	1,631	1,177	3,166
Incr in FA	-193	-211	-140	-247	-311	-382	-314	-313	-322
Free Cash Flow	83	-673	2,170	864	995	-626	1,318	863	2,843
Investments	1	2	-136	113	-212	44	-748	-814	-805
Others	58	43	53	60	127	201	486	544	609
CF from Invest.	-134	-166	-224	-74	-396	-138	-576	-583	-518
Issue of Shares	-	-	-0	0	750	2,482	-0	-	-0
Incr in Debt	213	1,137	-923	1,499	1,086	521	566	510	549
Dividend Paid	-33	-83	-	-148	-114	-93	-155	-233	-311
Interest paid	-343	-545	-682	-705	-833	-791	-1,300	-1,428	-1,510
Others	-220	-111	-120	-176	-211	-600	330	368	327
CF from Fin. Activity	-383	398	-1,725	471	678	1,519	-559	-782	-945
Incr/Decr of Cash	-241	-231	361	1,507	1,588	1,138	496	-189	1,703
Add: Opening Balance	1,391	1,150	920	1,281	2,788	4,376	5,514	6,010	5,821
Closing Balance	1,150	920	1,281	2,788	4,376	5,514	6,010	5,821	7,524

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Investment in securities market are subject to market risks. Read all the related documents carefully before investing

NOTES

Explanation of Investment Rating		
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)	
BUY	>=15%	
SELL	< - 10%	
NEUTRAL	> - 10 % to 15%	
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