

Guides for market share gains in FY26

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TARGET PRICE (Rs): 4,000

Escorts (EKL) logged a strong Q3 with 8.5% growth in revenue from continued operations and 110bps QoQ EBITDA margin expansion to 11.4%. EKL has guided to robust domestic tractor industry outlook for 4Q (~15% YoY growth). This, coupled with management guidance on corrective actions for channel inventory/dealer receivables being largely over, with several new product initiatives (Pro Maxx Series tractors under the *FarmTrac* brand) and scale-up in the captive financing arm, would drive market-share improvement in FY26 (particularly from H2). Additionally, component exports to Kubota as part of the parent's global sourcing diversification (scale-up in FY26E; Kubota's annual global sourcing is ~USD10-12bn) would act as a long-term catalyst for the stock as well, apart from optionality around domestic tractor industry market share gains. FY25E/26E EPS is largely unchanged. We maintain BUY on the stock with unchanged TP of Rs4,000, at 30x Dec-26E PER.

Escorts: Financial Snapshot (Standalone)

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	83,450	106,811	110,703	129,387	163,155
EBITDA	7,804	13,203	12,786	15,591	20,476
Adj. PAT	7,041	10,816	11,762	13,511	17,600
Adj. EPS (Rs)	53.4	96.7	103.9	119.4	155.5
EBITDA margin (%)	9.4	12.4	11.6	12.1	12.6
EBITDA growth (%)	(21.6)	69.2	(3.2)	21.9	31.3
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(20.7)	110.1	7.5	14.9	30.3
RoE (%)	8.6	12.1	11.7	12.0	14.1
RoIC (%)	19.2	25.9	22.2	24.5	30.3
P/E (x)	61.9	34.2	31.8	27.7	21.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	52.9	25.8	26.5	21.1	15.8
P/B (x)	5.2	3.9	3.5	3.2	2.9
FCFF yield (%)	(0.6)	0.4	0.5	2.4	1.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Healthy operational performance business on restated basis

Standalone revenue from continued operations was up 9.5% YoY at Rs29.4bn, with EBITDA at Rs3.4bn (up 3.5% YoY). EBITDA margin was up by 114bps QoQ to 11.4% on lower staff costs and other expenses, despite gross margin contraction. Agri segment revenue was up 46% YoY at Rs24.2bn, with realization up 2% QoQ and segment margin up by 130bps QoQ/down by 340bps YoY to 10.4%. Construction equipment (CE) revenue grew 13% YoY to Rs5.2bn with volume up 2% YoY. EBIT margin was up by 170bps QoQ/270bps YoY to 11%. Overall, adjusted PAT from continuing operations (excluding RED division) grew 7.7% YoY to Rs2.9bn.

Earnings Call KTAs

1) The management has guided to a robust growth of 14-15% in Q4FY25 and 6-7% for FY25 for the domestic tractor industry, with similar momentum anticipated in Q1FY26, driven by a sharp upturn in the domestic industry since Sep-24. 2) EKL has been addressing the white spaces in its product portfolio during Q3FY25 (has launched the Prod Maxx series tractors in the 37-47hp range under the *Farmtrac* brand in western markets and in other markets where EKL did not have presence earlier) to strengthen and expand its geographical presence beyond its strong markets, and expects improvement in overall domestic market share (vs 11.8% currently) including in the southern regions in the next couple of quarters. 3) Dealer inventory rationalization is now largely behind after calibrated reduction to ~4 weeks (vs 5-6 weeks earlier) during Q3FY25, for aiding dealer profitability. 4) Kubota's exports to Europe have commenced, and EKL expects a high double-digit growth (20-25%) in these export volumes, given the demand improvement in Kubota's global markets. 5) The captive financing arm is currently in the pilot phase (undergoing trials), and is expected to commence operations from H2FY26. 6) With the CE industry transitioning to BS-5 emission norms from Jan-25, EKL has launched BS-5 compliant products during the quarter (has also showcased an entry level hydra crane and new backhoe loader product), and expects relatively flattish segmental revenue with flat-to-positive segmental profitability in FY25. 7) Although EKL foresees some negative volume impact in the near term for the CE segment (owing to the 5-10% compliance related price escalation), it remains optimistic about the mid-to-long term aspects of the industry, driven by several government initiatives, and public and private capex activities. EKL aims to pass on the price increase to customers in a calibrated manner over the next 3-4 months. 8) The implements business is on traded basis now and so remains margin dilutive for the agri machinery segment; EKL expects segmental margins to be aided by localization of these products vs imports now. 9) EKL remains hopeful of acquiring land for a greenfield expansion in UP.

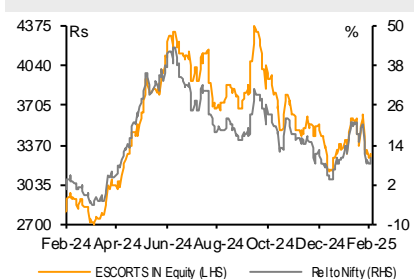
Target Price – 12M	Dec-25
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Upside/(Downside) (%)	21.1
CMP (10-Feb-25) (Rs)	3,303.1

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	4,422
52-week Low (Rs)	2,671
Shares outstanding (mn)	111.9
Market-cap (Rs bn)	370
Market-cap (USD mn)	4
Net-debt, FY25E (Rs mn)	-35,298
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	-
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	703.3
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	8.0
Free float (%)	32.0
Nifty-50	23,382
INR/USD	87.5
Shareholding, Dec-24	
Promoters (%)	68.0
FPIs/MFs (%)	5.9/10.2

Price Performance

(%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	(3.0)	(9.1)	17.7
Rel. to Nifty	(2.8)	(6.2)	9.6

1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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Exhibit 1: Quarterly results – Standalone revenues from continued operations were up 8.5% YoY at Rs29.4bn; EBITDA margin was up by ~110bps QoQ to 11.4%

(Rs mn)	Q3FY24	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)
Revenue	27,064	22,649	29,354	8.5	29.6
Expenditure	23,826	20,321	26,001	9.1	28.0
as % of sales	88.0	89.7	88.6		
Consumption of RM	19,617	15,766	21,444	9.3	36.0
as % of sales	72.5	69.6	73.1		
Employee Cost	1,742	1,861	1,983	13.8	6.5
as % of sales	6.4	8.2	6.8		
Other expenditure	2,467	2,694	2,575	4.4	(4.4)
as % of sales	9.1	11.9	8.8		
EBITDA	3,238	2,328	3,353	3.5	44.0
EBITDA margin (%)	12.0	10.3	11.4		
Depreciation	565	610	612	8.4	0.5
EBIT	2,673	1,718	2,741	2.5	59.5
Other Income	1,004	1,152	1,092	8.8	(5.2)
Interest	104	92	31	(70.6)	(66.8)
PBT	3,573	2,779	3,802	6.4	36.8
Total Tax	876	(248)	897	2.5	(461.6)
Adjusted PAT	2,698	3,027	2,905	7.7	(4.0)
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	23.8	27.1	26.0	8.9	(4.0)
Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued operations	281	240	327		
Extra ordinary items Loss/(Gain)	0	0	0		
Reported PAT	2,979	3,267	3,232	8.5	(1.1)

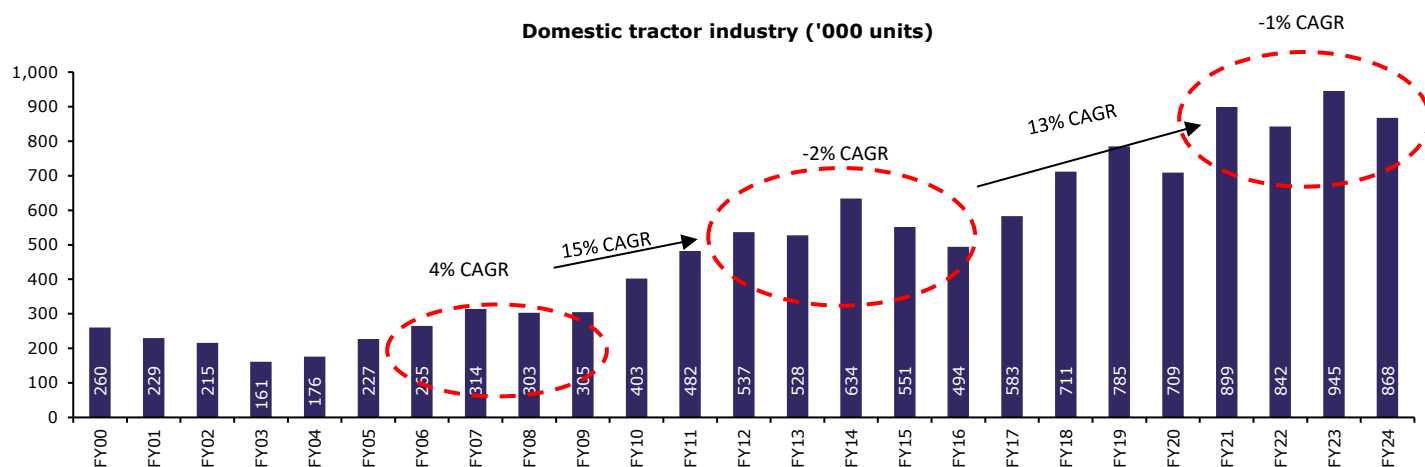
(%)	Q3FY24	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)
EBITDAM	12.0	10.3	11.4	(54)	114
EBITM	9.9	7.6	9.3	(54)	175
EBTM	13.2	12.3	13.0	(25)	68
PATM	10.0	13.4	9.9	(7)	(347)
Effective Tax rate	24.5	(8.9)	23.6	(90)	3,253

Source: Company, Emkay Research

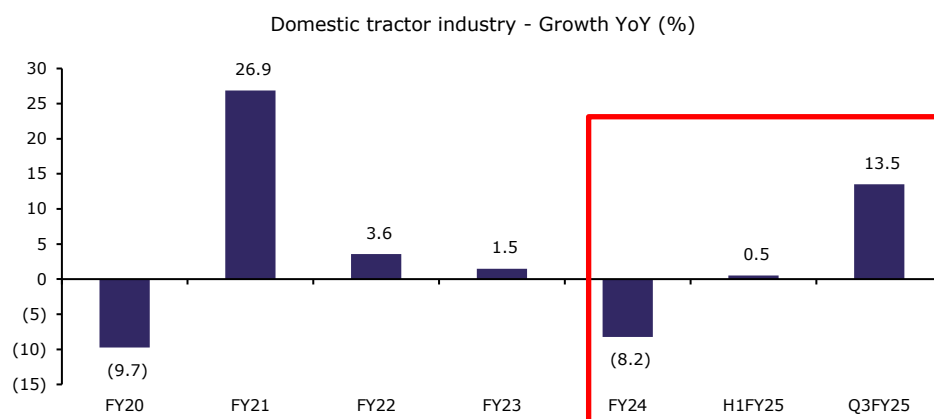
Exhibit 2: Margins expanded sequentially across both the business segments in Q3FY25

Segment EBIT (Rs mn)	Q3FY24	Q2FY25	Q3FY25
Agri Machinery Products (EBIT)	2,295.8	1,723.2	2,523.7
Agri Machinery Products (EBITM)	13.8	9.1	10.4
Agri Machinery Products (EBIT Contribution)	75.2	71.9	71.5
Construction Equipment (EBIT)	379.8	352.0	565.7
Construction Equipment (EBITM)	8.3	9.3	11.0
Construction Equipment (EBIT Contribution)	12.4	14.7	16.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Domestic tractor industry volumes

Source: Industry, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: Domestic tractor industry volumes have shown a healthy traction in Q3FY25

Source: Tractor Manufacturers Association, Emkay Research

Exhibit 5: Revenue model – We build in 21%/22% revenue/EPS CAGR, respectively, over FY25E-27E

Revenue Model (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tractor volumes (no of units)	94,228	103,290	114,396	113,523	132,415	156,966
Growth (%)	(11.7)	9.6	10.8	(0.8)	16.6	18.5
Construction Equipment volumes (no of units)	4,117	4,620	6,964	6,645	7,433	8,177
YoY (%)	5.2	12.2	50.7	(4.6)	11.9	10.0
Tractor capacity (no of units)	120,000	120,000	120,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Tractor capacity utilization (%)	78.5	86.1	95.3	66.8	77.9	92.3
Segmental revenues						
Tractors	56,293	63,161	61,101	83,399	104,446	133,551
Growth (%)	(0.7)	12.2	(3.3)	36.5	25.2	27.9
Escorts	56,293	63,161	61,101	56,935	73,316	96,932
Kubota JVs		29,415	28,276	26,464	31,130	36,619
Railway revenues	6,362	8,419	9,504	9,029	-	-
Growth (%)	32.8	32.3	12.9	(5.0)	(100.0)	#DIV/0!
Construction equipment	9,868	11,790	17,097	18,276	20,941	23,604
Growth (%)	27.1	19.5	45.0	6.9	14.6	12.7
Escorts	9,868	11,790	17,097	17,126	19,756	22,384
Kubota JVs		886	1,085	1,150	1,185	1,220
Component exports from Escorts				-	4,000	6,000
Growth (%)						50.0
Segmental EBIT margins (%)						
Tractors	15.3	9.3	12.7	10.2	12.3	12.8
Escorts	15.3	9.3	12.7	13.6	15.0	15.0
Kubota JVs				3.0	6.0	7.0
Railways	14.8	13.8	18.9	18.0	-	-
Construction equipment	2.4	2.9	9.3	10.0	10.7	11.3
Escorts	2.4	2.9	9.3	10.5	11.0	11.5
Kubota JVs				3.0	6.0	7.0
Component exports from Escorts				-	3.0	5.0
Total revenues	71,969	83,450	106,811	110,703	129,387	163,155
Growth (%)	3.9	16.0	28.0	3.6	16.9	26.1
EBITDA	9,955	7,804	13,203	12,786	15,591	20,476
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	9.4	12.4	11.6	12.1	12.6
EBITDA growth (%)	(11.8)	(21.6)	69.2	(3.2)	21.9	31.3
EBITDA/unit (Rs)	105,651	75,556	115,417	112,632	117,745	130,448
EBIT	8,658	6,320	10,876	10,343	13,370	18,052
Weighted segmental EBIT margin (%)	13.5	8.8	12.7	10.8	11.8	12.3
PBT	10,219	9,023	14,409	14,257	17,546	22,858
PAT	7,656	7,041	10,816	11,762	13,511	17,600
Growth (%)	(12.4)	(8.0)	53.6	8.7	14.9	30.3
EPS (Rs)	58.0	53.4	96.7	103.9	119.4	155.5

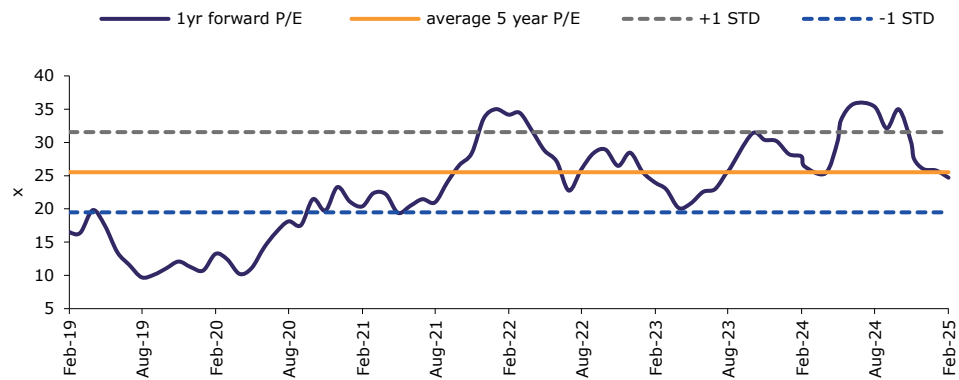
Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: Our estimates are largely unchanged

Particulars (Rs mn)	FY25E				FY26E				FY27E			
	Earlier	Revised	% Change	% YoY	Earlier	Revised	% Change	% YoY	Earlier	Revised	%Change	%YoY
Tractor Volumes (incl Kubota)	114,425	113,523	(0.8)	18.4	129,564	132,415	2.2	16.6	149,124	156,966	5.3	18.5
Net Sales	113,699	110,703	(2.6)	3.6	127,061	129,387	1.8	16.9	156,752	163,155	4.1	26.1
EBITDA	13,075	12,786	(2.2)	(3.2)	15,501	15,591	0.6	21.9	20,064	20,476	2.1	31.3
Margin (%)	11.5	11.6	5bps	(81)bps	12.2	12.1	(15)bps	50bps	12.8	12.6	(25)bps	50bps
APAT	11,805	11,762	(0.4)	8.7	13,413	13,511	0.7	14.9	17,290	17,600	1.8	30.3
Adj EPS (Rs)	104.3	103.9	(0.4)	7.5	118.5	119.4	0.7	14.9	152.8	155.5	1.8	30.3

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 7: Escorts currently trades slightly below its LTA, based on 1-year fwd PER



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Escorts: Standalone Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	83,450	106,811	110,703	129,387	163,155
Revenue growth (%)	16.0	28.0	3.6	16.9	26.1
EBITDA	7,804	13,203	12,786	15,591	20,476
EBITDA growth (%)	(21.6)	69.2	(3.2)	21.9	31.3
Depreciation & Amortization	1,484	2,328	2,444	2,221	2,424
EBIT	6,320	10,876	10,343	13,370	18,052
EBIT growth (%)	(27.0)	72.1	(4.9)	29.3	35.0
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	2,806	3,926	4,248	4,494	5,113
Financial expense	103	393	334	317	308
PBT	9,023	14,409	14,257	17,546	22,858
Extraordinary items	(972)	0	0	0	0
Taxes	1,982	3,592	2,495	4,036	5,257
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	6,070	10,816	11,762	13,511	17,600
PAT growth (%)	(20.7)	78.2	8.7	14.9	30.3
Adjusted PAT	7,041	10,816	11,762	13,511	17,600
Diluted EPS (Rs)	53.4	96.7	103.9	119.4	155.5
Diluted EPS growth (%)	(20.7)	110.1	7.5	14.9	30.3
DPS (Rs)	7.0	18.0	20.8	23.9	38.9
Dividend payout (%)	15.2	18.6	20.0	20.0	25.0
EBITDA margin (%)	9.4	12.4	11.6	12.1	12.6
EBIT margin (%)	7.6	10.2	9.3	10.3	11.1
Effective tax rate (%)	22.0	24.9	17.5	23.0	23.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	4,932	8,164	8,533	10,295	13,900
Shares outstanding (mn)	131.9	111.9	113.2	113.2	113.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	9,023	14,409	14,257	17,546	22,858
Others (non-cash items)	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes paid	(1,864)	(2,340)	(2,509)	(4,053)	(5,280)
Change in NWC	(3,447)	(4,609)	(606)	(2,857)	(5,155)
Operating cash flow	(442)	7,630	9,724	8,811	10,275
Capital expenditure	(2,110)	(6,344)	(7,815)	(825)	(6,250)
Acquisition of business	(26,840)	3,331	(500)	(500)	(500)
Interest & dividend income	114	0	0	0	0
Investing cash flow	2,130	(5,406)	(5,067)	(16,831)	(8,637)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	(201)	13	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	0	4,443	(501)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Payment of lease liabilities	(70)	0	0	0	0
Interest paid	(103)	(393)	(334)	(317)	(308)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(924)	(2,014)	(2,352)	(2,702)	(4,400)
Others	326	(3,542)	3,940	350	1,698
Financing cash flow	(700)	(1,707)	765	(3,670)	(4,010)
Net chg in Cash	988	518	5,422	(11,690)	(2,372)
OCF	(442)	7,630	9,724	8,811	10,275
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	3,005	12,239	10,330	11,668	15,430
FCFF	(2,552)	1,286	1,909	7,986	4,025
FCFE	(2,541)	893	1,575	7,669	3,717
OCF/EBITDA (%)	(5.7)	57.8	76.1	56.5	50.2
FCFE/PAT (%)	(41.9)	8.3	13.4	56.8	21.1
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	(51.7)	15.8	22.4	77.6	29.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share capital	1,319	1,119	1,132	1,132	1,132
Reserves & Surplus	83,029	93,046	106,056	116,865	130,065
Net worth	84,348	94,165	107,188	117,997	131,197
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability (net)	651	987	973	955	932
Total debt	0	4,443	3,941	2,941	1,941
Total liabilities & equity	84,999	99,594	112,102	121,893	134,071
Net tangible fixed assets	17,299	20,850	27,223	25,227	29,553
Net intangible assets	284	284	284	284	284
Net ROU assets	502	502	502	502	502
Capital WIP	1,137	1,602	600	1,200	700
Goodwill	0	0	0	0	0
Investments [JV/Associates]	33,154	29,824	30,324	30,824	31,324
Cash & equivalents	22,634	32,817	39,239	47,549	52,177
Current assets (ex-cash)	27,896	38,047	39,434	46,089	58,117
Current Liab. & Prov.	18,082	24,507	25,679	29,957	38,763
NWC (ex-cash)	9,814	13,540	13,754	16,131	19,355
Total assets	84,999	99,594	112,102	121,893	134,071
Net debt	(22,634)	(28,374)	(35,298)	(44,608)	(50,236)
Capital employed	84,824	99,419	111,927	121,718	133,895
Invested capital	27,899	35,177	41,764	42,145	49,694
BVPS (Rs)	638.0	840.1	945.5	1,041.0	1,157.6
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(2.9)	(2.1)	(2.8)	(2.9)	(2.5)
Interest coverage (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoCE (%)	8.3	12.0	10.3	11.5	13.6

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios					
Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
P/E (x)	61.9	34.2	31.8	27.7	21.2
P/CE(x)	52.5	28.9	27.0	24.4	19.2
P/B (x)	5.2	3.9	3.5	3.2	2.9
EV/Sales (x)	5.0	3.2	3.1	2.5	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	52.9	25.8	26.5	21.1	15.8
EV/EBIT(x)	67.2	32.3	33.7	25.4	18.5
EV/IC (x)	15.2	10.0	8.3	8.0	6.7
FCFF yield (%)	(0.6)	0.4	0.5	2.4	1.2
FCFE yield (%)	(0.6)	0.2	0.4	2.0	1.0
Dividend yield (%)	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.2
DuPont-RoE split					
Net profit margin (%)	8.4	10.1	10.6	10.4	10.8
Total asset turnover (x)	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3
Assets/Equity (x)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
RoE (%)	8.6	12.1	11.7	12.0	14.1
DuPont-RoIC					
NOPLAT margin (%)	5.9	7.6	7.7	8.0	8.5
IC turnover (x)	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.3
RoIC (%)	19.2	25.9	22.2	24.5	30.3
Operating metrics					
Core NWC days	42.9	46.3	45.3	45.5	43.3
Total NWC days	42.9	46.3	45.3	45.5	43.3
Fixed asset turnover	2.7	3.1	2.6	2.8	3.3
Opex-to-revenue (%)	17.9	17.2	17.0	16.7	16.4

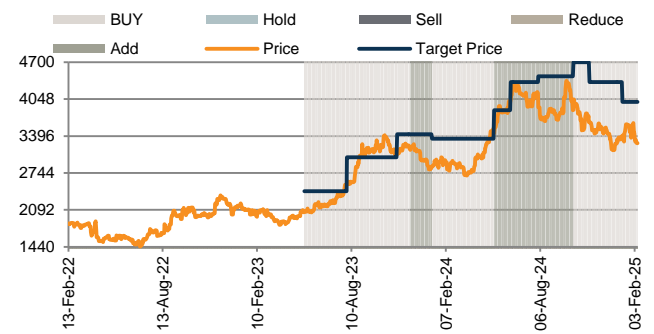
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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
10-Jan-25	3,406	4,000	Buy	Chirag Jain
08-Nov-24	3,636	4,350	Buy	Chirag Jain
08-Oct-24	3,855	4,700	Buy	Chirag Jain
02-Aug-24	3,905	4,450	Add	Chirag Jain
10-Jun-24	4,052	4,350	Add	Chirag Jain
09-May-24	3,445	3,850	Add	Chirag Jain
08-Feb-24	2,933	3,350	Buy	Chirag Jain
11-Jan-24	2,863	3,350	Buy	Chirag Jain
30-Nov-23	3,150	3,430	Add	Chirag Jain
05-Nov-23	3,076	3,430	Buy	Chirag Jain
01-Aug-23	2,564	3,020	Buy	Chirag Jain
11-May-23	2,070	2,420	Buy	Chirag Jain

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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