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## **Q2FY26 Result Update**

☑ Change in Estimates | ☑ Target | ■ Reco

#### **Change in Estimates**

	Cu	rrent	Pre	vious			
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E			
Rating	H	OLD	HOLD				
<b>Target Price</b>	4	,111	4,	4,138			
Sales (Rs. m)	8,33,414	9,91,145	8,45,0381	0,03,551			
% Chng.	(1.4)	(1.2)					
EBITDA (Rs. m)	59,430	69,916	60,898	71,482			
% Chng.	(2.4)	(2.2)					
EPS (Rs.)	50.6	58.7	52.3	60.7			
% Chng.	(3.3)	(3.2)					

#### **Key Financials - Consolidated**

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales (Rs. m)	5,93,581	6,95,038	8,33,414	9,91,145
EBITDA (Rs. m)	44,870	50,760	59,430	69,916
Margin (%)	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1
PAT (Rs. m)	27,066	29,173	32,916	38,208
EPS (Rs.)	41.6	44.8	50.6	58.7
Gr. (%)	6.8	7.8	12.8	16.1
DPS (Rs.)	-	-	-	-
Yield (%)	-	-	-	-
RoE (%)	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.9
RoCE (%)	18.0	17.0	16.3	16.3
EV/Sales (x)	4.7	4.1	3.4	2.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	62.5	55.6	47.8	40.8
PE (x)	103.9	96.4	85.4	73.6
P/BV (x)	13.1	11.5	10.2	8.9

Key Data	AVEU.BO   DMART IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.4,950 / Rs.3,337
Sensex / Nifty	82,501 / 25,285
Market Cap	Rs.2,811bn/ \$ 31,699m
Shares Outstanding	651m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs 2716 84m

## Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	74.65
Foreign	8.18
Domestic Institution	9.15
Public & Others	8.03
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

#### Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(6.7)	4.4	(6.2)
Relative	(7.9)	(6.6)	(7.2)

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# **Avenue Supermarts (DMART IN)**

Rating: HOLD | CMP: Rs4,320 | TP: Rs4,111

## Tepid store metrics, Rich valuations limit upside

#### **Quick Pointers:**

- LFL at 6.8%, Bill cuts/store/day declines 0.3% while Avg Bill value up 1.2%
- GM&A share at 23.3% for 1HFY26 vs 23.5% in 1HFY25

We cut our FY27/FY28 EPS estimates by 3.3%/3.2, respectively, as we expect margin pressures to persist due to 1) sustained tepid store metrics with bills/store/day/, ABV & Sales/sqft growing by -0.3%/1.2%/1.3% in 2Q 2) Continued high competitive intensity driven by a consumer shift toward ecommerce and quick commerce platforms and 3) higher cost of retail as rising overheads and store-level wages continue to weigh on margins.

D'Mart's Q2 earnings missed estimates, as higher operating expenses weighed on margins. The cost of retail increased by 50bps on higher manpower costs and overheads. GMA proportion remained stable YoY with 23.3% contribution in 1H26 vs 23.5% in 1H25. D'Mart might continue to see competition from Ecom/QC in non-apparel GMA as they are trying to increase their presence in higher margin non-grocery segments. D'Mart Ready exit from 5 cities and 10 new fulfilment centers shows need to compress delivery timelines as QC is really reducing the price differential in products.

D'Mart has opened 8 stores in 2QFY26, and we expect a significant pick up in store openings in 2H with an estimate of 60/65/70 in FY26/FY27/FY28. We expect some bounce back in 2H as easing inflation, festival season and GST rates rationalization play out. With high margins in base quarters over by 2Q26, we anticipate 2H26 to report double-digit profit growth. We estimate 7.8% EPS growth in FY26 and 14.5% CAGR over FY26-28. We expect back-ended returns given rich valuations of 73.6xFY28E EPS. Maintain Hold.

Consol Revenues grew by 15.5% YoY to Rs166.8bn. Gross margins expanded by 15bps YoY to 15.1% (PLe:14.7%). EBITDA grew by 11% YoY to Rs12.1bn (PLe:Rs12.35bn). Margins contracted 29bps YoY to 7.3%. (PLe:7.4%). Cost of Retail increased 45bps YoY to 7.8%. Adj PAT grew by 3.8% YoY to Rs6.9bn (PLe:Rs7.1bn). Dmart Ready: Imputed Revenues grew by 16.1% YoY to Rs4.6bn. LFL( 2 years and older stores) growth came at 6.8% YoY. Sales/store grew by 0.9% to Rs379mn, while sales/ft increased by 1.3% YoY to Rs8692. Bill cuts came at 97mn while bills/store/day declined 0.3% to 2463. Average bill value increased by 1.2%

Higher competitive intensity impacted margins: Q2 earnings remained under pressure, impacted by elevated other expenses and the pass-through of GST benefits on older inventory by D'Mart. Sales mix was largely stable, with 61 bps increase in the share of food to 57%. However, we expect margin pressures to persist in the near term, driven by 1) continued competitive intensity in the FMCG segment, and 2) higher overhead and employee costs (up 32.1% YoY) as the company continues to invest in growth.

Adds 8 stores in 2Q, store size declines QoQ: D'Mart added 8 stores in 2QFY26 vs 9 stores in 1QFY26 taking the total store count to 432 with retail business area of 17.9mn sq. ft vs 17.6mn sqft in 1QFY26. The average area/ new store declined to 37.5k in Q2FY26 versus 66.6k sq ft in 2QFY25 and 44.4k 1QFY26 with D'Mart opening majority of stores in Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities

**D'Mart ready Closed its operations in 5 cities:** D'Mart Ready has exited operations in five underperforming cities Amritsar, Belagavi, Bhilai, Chandigarh, and Ghaziabad as part of its ongoing portfolio optimization strategy. It has added 10 new fulfillment centers in existing cities to enhance delivery speed and better compete with quick commerce players. Looking ahead, we expect D'Mart to maintain its focus on core markets to further reduce delivery times and strengthen its position amidst intensifying competition in the quick commerce space.

Exhibit 1: Consolidated Revenues grew by 15.5% YoY, Gross margin expanded by 15bps YoY

Y/e March	2QFY26	2QFY25	YoY gr. (%)	1QFY26	1HFY26	1HFY25	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	1,66,763	1,44,445	15.5	1,63,597	3,30,360	2,85,136	15.9
Gross Profit	25,133	21,548	16.6	25,047	50,180	43,481	15.4
% of NS	15.1	14.9	0.153	15.3	15.2	15.2	(0.1)
Other Expenses	12,996	10,611	22.5	12,057	25,053	20,331	23.2
% of NS	7.8	7.3	0.4	7.4	7.6	7.1	0.5
EBITDA	12,137	10,938	11.0	12,990	25,127	23,150	8.5
Margins (%)	7.3	7.6	(0.3)	7.9	7.6	8.1	(0.5)
Depreciation	2,535	2,078	22.0	2,317	4,852	4,005	21.1
Interest	350	163	114.2	293	643	323	99.1
Other Income	196	335	(41.6)	194	390	751	(48.1)
PBT	9,448	9,032	4.6	10,575	20,023	19,573	2.3
Tax	2,599	2,438	6.6	2,847	5,446	5,242	3.9
	27.5	27.0	0.5	26.9	27.2	26.8	0.4
Adjusted PAT	6,850	6,596	3.8	7,728	14,578	14,334	1.7

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: D'Mart added 8 stores in 2QFY26; Cost of retail increased by ~50bps YoY

Rs mn	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26
No of Stores	341	365	371	377	387	415	424	432
Area (mn Sq.ft.)	14	15.1	15.4	15.8	16.1	17.2	17.6	17.9
Sales/store	391	351	373	376	407	361	380	379
% growth	5.2%	7.0%	4.7%	1.2%	4.1%	2.7%	1.9%	0.9%
Sales/Ft	9,429	8,460	8,991	9,007	9,759	8,686	9,156	9,137
% growth	4.3%	6.4%	4.4%	0.3%	3.5%	2.7%	1.8%	1.5%
Gross Profit/Ft	1339	1160	1340	1277	1372	1170	1340	1301
EBIDTA/FT	798	642	801	708	774	589	755	693
Cost of retail %	6.6	7.0	6.9	7.3	7.1	7.7	7.4	7.8

Source: Company, PL



Exhibit 3: Gross Profit/Ft and EBITDA/Ft sustain growth, cost of retail to remain range bound

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026E	FY2027E	FY2028E
Sales/Ft	27306	27454	31096	32941	33896	34889	36549	38251
Gross Profit/Ft	4318	4507	5185	5273	5453	5530	5734	5976
EBIDTA/FT	2098	2459	2922	2880	2778	2748	2810	2907
Capex/Ft	9586	9898	11512	13908	14197	14410	15021	15443
Cost of retail %	7.6%	6.7%	6.6%	6.7%	7.3%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%
Working Cap/Ft	1813	1890	1904	1785	2158	2365	2507	2642

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 4: Bill cuts to grow by 14.7% YoY to 405mn in FY26

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
D'Mart Bills (mn)	172	201	152	181	258	303	353	405	470	543
Growth	28.0%	16.9%	-24.4%	19.1%	42.5%	17.4%	16.5%	14.7%	16.2%	15.5%
Number of Stores	176	214	234	284	324	365	415	475	540	610
Addition	21	38	20	50	40	41	50	60	65	70
Bills/Store/Day	2847	2824	1859	1915	2325	2410	2480	2492	2540	2588
Growth	10.6%	-0.8%	-34.2%	3.0%	21.4%	3.6%	2.9%	0.5%	1.9%	1.9%
Average Bill Value (Rs/Bill)	1158	1228	1565	1677	1621	1635	1637	1668	1717	1764
Growth	3.7%	6.0%	27.5%	7.2%	-3.3%	0.8%	0.1%	1.9%	2.9%	2.8%

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Store expansion in mature cluster came at 47.1% vs 64% in FY25

Stores	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1HFY26
Total Stores	131	155	176	214	234	284	324	365	415	432
Addition	21	24	21	38	20	50	40	41	50	17
Mature Clusters (Top 5 States)	120	133	152	174	185	219	248	276	308	316
Addition	14	13	19	22	11	34	29	28	32	8
% of Total	66.7	54.2	90.5	57.9	55.0	68.0	72.5	41.4	64.0	47.1
Total States	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13
Stores in Emerging Clusters	11	22	24	40	49	65	76	89	107	116
% of Total	8.4	14.2	13.6	18.7	20.9	22.9	23.5	24.3	25.8	26.9
Emerging Cluster Addition	7	11	2	16	9	16	11	13	18	9
% of Total	33.3	45.8	9.5	42.1	45.0	32.0	27.5	31.7	36.0	52.9

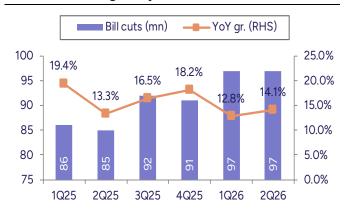
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Exhibit 6: General merchandise & Apparel share improved to 23.3% in 1HFY26 vs 22.6% in FY25

Sales Mix	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1HFY26
Foods	53.1%	53.7%	51.6%	51.3%	52.4%	57.4%	56.9%	56.0%	57%	57.7%	57.0%
Non-Foods	20.6%	20.0%	20.0%	20.5%	20.3%	19.7%	19.7%	20.9%	20.7%	20%	19.7%
General merchandise & Apparel	26.4%	26.4%	28.4%	28.3%	27.3%	22.9%	23.4%	23.0%	22.4%	22.26%	23.3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

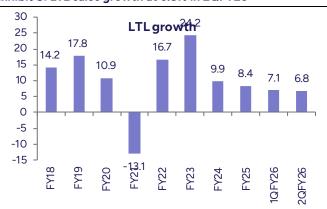
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Exhibit 7: Bill Cuts grew by 14.1% YoY in 2QFY26



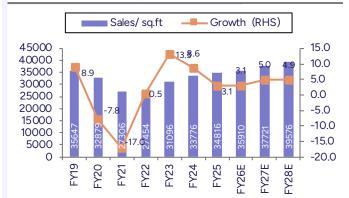
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Exhibit 8: LTL sales growth at 6.8% in 2QFY26



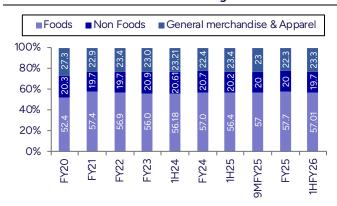
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Exhibit 9: Sales/Sq. ft. grew by 3.2% in FY25



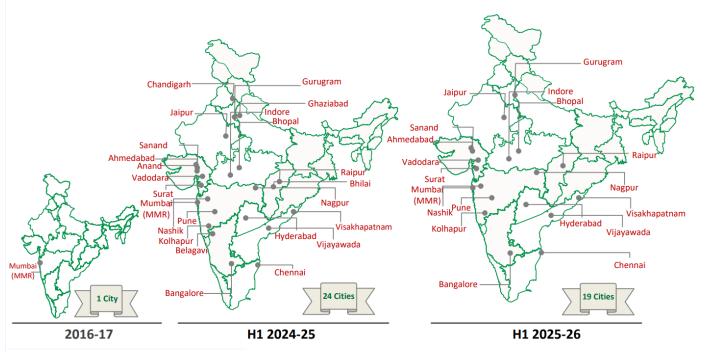
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 10: Foods continue to remain highest contributor



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 11: D'Mart Ready closed its operation in 5 cities, while added 10 fulfilment centers in existing cities



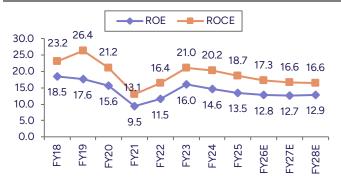
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Exhibit 12: CFO declined by 40% in FY25



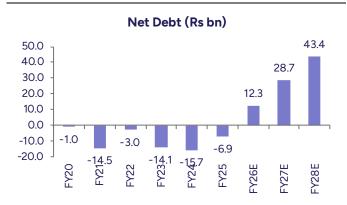
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 13: ROE, ROCE slides gradually



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 14: D'Mart to turn debt positive in FY26



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 15: Inventory turnover to remain stable at 13.5-13.8



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Source: Company, PL



# **Financials**

Income Statement	(Rs m)
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Income Statement (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	5,93,581	6,95,038	8,33,414	9,91,145
YoY gr. (%)	16.9	17.1	19.9	18.9
Cost of Goods Sold	5,05,517	5,92,867	7,12,152	8,47,429
Gross Profit	88,064	1,02,171	1,21,262	1,43,716
Margin (%)	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.5
Employee Cost	11,659	14,191	17,067	20,458
Other Expenses	31,534	37,220	44,765	53,342
EBITDA	44,870	50,760	59,430	69,916
YoY gr. (%)	9.3	13.1	17.1	17.6
Margin (%)	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1
Depreciation and Amortization	8,695	10,091	12,049	14,280
EBIT	36,175	40,669	47,381	55,636
Margin (%)	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.6
Net Interest	695	1,581	3,041	4,132
Other Income	1,243	829	698	774
Profit Before Tax	36,724	39,917	45,038	52,279
Margin (%)	6.2	5.7	5.4	5.3
Total Tax	9,652	10,738	12,115	14,063
Effective tax rate (%)	26.3	26.9	26.9	26.9
Profit after tax	27,072	29,179	32,923	38,216
Minority interest	6	6	7	8
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	27,066	29,173	32,916	38,208
YoY gr. (%)	6.8	7.8	12.8	16.1
Margin (%)	4.6	4.2	3.9	3.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(88)	-	-	-
Reported PAT	26,978	29,173	32,916	38,208
YoY gr. (%)	6.8	8.1	12.8	16.1
Margin (%)	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.9
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	26,978	29,173	32,916	38,208
Equity Shares O/s (m)	651	651	651	651
EPS (Rs)	41.6	44.8	50.6	58.7

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	1,74,285	2,13,169	2,54,619	3,00,686
Tangibles	1,73,137	2,11,906	2,53,231	2,99,158
Intangibles	1,148	1,263	1,389	1,528
Acc: Dep / Amortization	30,420	37,716	46,362	56,532
Tangibles	29,562	36,769	45,318	55,382
Intangibles	858	946	1,044	1,151
Net fixed assets	1,43,865	1,75,453	2,08,258	2,44,154
Tangibles	1,43,575	1,75,137	2,07,912	2,43,777
Intangibles	290	316	345	377
Capital Work In Progress	10,994	12,093	13,302	14,632
Goodwill	783	783	783	783
Non-Current Investments	1,701	2,944	4,629	5,348
Net Deferred tax assets	(1,125)	(965)	(785)	(576)
Other Non-Current Assets	21,864	27,053	30,903	35,014
Current Assets				
Investments	13	14	15	17
Inventories	50,444	60,239	71,515	84,305
Trade receivables	1,538	1,809	2,169	2,580
Cash & Bank Balance	6,940	9,705	9,342	8,562
Other Current Assets	3,137	3,554	4,250	5,043
Total Assets	2,43,203	2,96,081	3,48,082	4,03,906
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	6,507	6,507	6,507	6,507
Other Equity	2,07,770	2,36,968	2,69,898	3,08,122
Total Networth	2,14,278	2,43,475	2,76,405	3,14,629
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	-	22,000	38,000	52,000
Provisions	127	169	220	282
Other non current liabilities	5,558	5,214	4,927	4,655
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	10,708	12,656	15,192	18,065
Other current liabilities	11,414	11,607	12,559	13,706
Total Equity & Liabilities	2,43,203	2,96,081	3,48,082	4,03,906

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash	s FI	ow (	Re	m)
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Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT	36,724	39,917	45,038	52,279
Add. Depreciation	8,695	10,091	12,049	14,280
Add. Interest	695	1,581	3,041	4,132
Less Financial Other Income	1,243	829	698	774
Add. Other	(166)	(6,892)	(5,947)	(5,246)
Op. profit before WC changes	45,947	44,697	54,181	65,444
Net Changes-WC	(9,414)	(8,845)	(9,324)	(10,522)
Direct tax	(9,652)	(10,738)	(12,115)	(14,063)
Net cash from Op. activities	26,881	25,114	32,741	40,859
Capital expenditures	(36,245)	(42,779)	(46,062)	(51,506)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	966	(1)	(1)	(2)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(35,279)	(42,781)	(46,063)	(51,508)
Issue of share cap. / premium	310	13	-	-
Debt changes	-	22,000	16,000	14,000
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-
Interest paid	(695)	(1,581)	(3,041)	(4,132)
Others	(6)	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(390)	20,432	12,959	9,868
Net change in cash	(8,788)	2,766	(364)	(780)
Free Cash Flow	(9,364)	(17,665)	(13,321)	(10,647)

Source: Company Data, PL Research

## Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Net Revenue	1,59,726	1,48,719	1,63,597	1,66,763
YoY gr. (%)	17.7	16.9	16.3	15.5
Raw Material Expenses	1,36,204	1,27,658	1,38,550	1,41,630
Gross Profit	23,522	21,061	25,047	25,133
Margin (%)	14.7	14.2	15.3	15.1
EBITDA	12,172	9,551	12,990	12,137
YoY gr. (%)	8.7	1.2	6.4	11.0
Margin (%)	7.6	6.4	<i>7</i> .9	7.3
Depreciation / Depletion	2,281	2,409	2,317	2,535
EBIT	9,891	7,142	10,673	9,602
Margin (%)	6.2	4.8	6.5	5.8
Net Interest	182	190	293	350
Other Income	241	251	194	196
Profit before Tax	9,950	7,203	10,575	9,448
Margin (%)	6.2	4.8	6.5	5.7
Total Tax	2,715	1,695	2,847	2,599
Effective tax rate (%)	27.3	23.5	26.9	27.5
Profit after Tax	7,235	5,508	7,728	6,849
Minority interest	-	-	-	(2)
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	7,236	5,508	7,728	6,850
YoY gr. (%)	4.8	(2.2)	(0.1)	3.8
Margin (%)	4.5	3.7	4.7	4.1
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	7,236	5,508	7,728	6,850
YoY gr. (%)	4.8	(2.2)	(0.1)	3.8
Margin (%)	4.5	3.7	4.7	4.1
Other Comprehensive Income	(43)	41	(24)	(89)
Total Comprehensive Income	7,193	5,549	7,705	6,761
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	648	651	651	651
EPS (Rs)	11.2	8.5	11.9	10.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	41.6	44.8	50.6	58.7
CEPS	55.0	60.3	69.1	80.7
BVPS	329.3	374.2	424.8	483.5
FCF	(14.4)	(27.1)	(20.5)	(16.4)
DPS	-	-	-	-
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	18.0	17.0	16.3	16.3
ROIC	15.3	14.2	14.0	14.1
RoE	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.9
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Net Working Capital (Days)	25	26	26	25
Valuation(x)				
PER	103.9	96.4	85.4	73.6
P/B	13.1	11.5	10.2	8.9
P/CEPS	78.6	71.6	62.5	53.6
EV/EBITDA	62.5	55.6	47.8	40.8
EV/Sales	4.7	4.1	3.4	2.9
Dividend Yield (%)	-	-	-	-

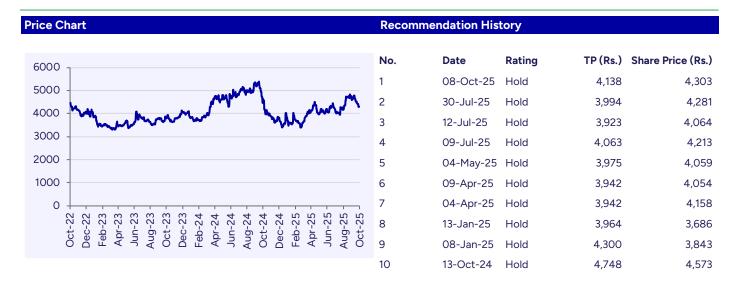
Source: Company Data, PL Research

## **Key Operating Metrics**

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cost of Retail	7	7	7	7
Number of Stores added	50	60	65	70

Source: Company Data, PL Research





**Analyst Coverage Universe** 

Sr. No.	CompanyName	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Asian Paints	Reduce	2,248	2,353
2	Avenue Supermarts	Hold	4,138	4,303
3	Britannia Industries	BUY	6,484	5,897
4	Colgate Palmolive	Hold	2,453	2,235
5	Dabur India	Hold	515	492
6	Emami	Accumulate	608	552
7	Hindustan Unilever	Accumulate	2,746	2,517
8	ITC	BUY	530	400
9	Jubilant FoodWorks	Hold	670	614
10	Kansai Nerolac Paints	Accumulate	272	246
11	Marico	Accumulate	778 1,302	715 1,267
12	Metro Brands	Hold		
13	Mold-tek Packaging	Accumulate	821	761
14	Nestle India	Hold	1,222	1,177
15	Pidilite Industries	BUY	1,714	1,471
16	Restaurant Brands Asia	Accumulate	87	75
17	Titan Company	BUY	3,902	3,418
18	Westlife Foodworld	Hold	748	677

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 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

 Sell
 : < -15%</td>

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