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Step up in BPC customer acquisition encouraging

Nykaa's core BPC online AUTC/orders are likely to grow at 20/21% CAGR along with rising order frequency over FY25-27E vs a soft 17% in FY24 as focus has decisively shifted toward customer acquisition in core BPC. Teething issues in its new ad tech stack now seem to have settled. Ergo, ad/shipping income (non-linear) which bottomed out in FY24 is normalizing upwards (8.6% to 9.8% of NSV in 9MFY25). What is more encouraging is that despite the step-up in customer acquisition (core online BPC), purchase frequencies, AOVs and customer engagement have only improved. On the margin front, BPC (despite the rising eB2B skew in GMV) has maintained its margins (8.6% of NSV) over 9MFY25. Fashion losses continue to ebb with improving AOVs, take rates, and higher other income. If one were to value the core BPC at 39x FY27 EV/EBITDA, then we are effectively paying only for the core online BPC business, while fashion and eB2B business remain optional value. We reiterate our ADD rating with a DCF-based TP of INR 180/sh (implying 47x EV/EBITDA) on a consolidated basis.

- Step up in customer acquisition in core encouraging: Post a relatively subdued FY24 (in terms of core online AUTC additions; 17% YoY), Nykaa has decisively stepped up customer acquisition in the core online BPC segment. We pencil in core online BPC AUTC/order growth at 20/21% CAGR over FY25-27E. BPC is a long-tail category and as skin routines mature, purchase frequencies, average basket sizes (ABS) and consequently annual consumer value are likely to grow. Nykaa is likely to be a key beneficiary of this trend. Interestingly, over 9MFY25, despite the step-up in customer acquisition, most KPIs (purchase frequencies, AOVs, take rates, ad income) have improved. Note: Ad income was up ~60bps in BPC over 9MFY25 at ~9% of NSV. On the margin front, despite the rising eB2B skew (loss-making business) in BPC, the segment's profitability remains stable (8.6% of NSV for 9MFY25).
- Fashion growth takes a backseat as focus shifts on reducing burn: Over 9MFY25, Fashion AUTC/GMV grew 7/10% respectively over 9MFY25 as focus shifted to unit economics-accretive KPIs. AOVs (up 6% YoY; INR4,942), ad income (up 360bps YoY) and product take rates continue to improve over 9MFY25 (hence, despite the soft GMV growth, revenue growth stood at 21% for 9MFY25). We suspect FY26 will be an encore of FY25, wherein the focus is likely to be on improving take rates, reducing CAC and improving incremental unit economics. We build in 20% Fashion revenue growth and ~530 bps improvement in EBITDAM (as a % of NSV) over FY25-27 to -2.3% (9MFY25 EBITDAM stood at -7.7; Q3FY25: -5.4%).
- Valuation and outlook: Nykaa remains an efficient online business, especially for BPC. Fashion remains a WIP. Post a two-year time correction, valuations now seem palatable. If one were to value the core BPC at 39x FY27 EV/EBITDA, then we are effectively paying only for the core online BPC business, while fashion and eB2B business remain optional values. We reiterate our ADD rating with a DCF-based TP of 180/sh (implying 47x EV/EBITDA) on a consolidated basis.

Financial Summary

(Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
(KS IIII)	1125	1121	1 123L	1 1 2 0 L	112/L
Net Revenue	51,438	63,856	79,688	1,00,567	1,25,487
EBITDA	2,560	3,462	5,387	8,149	11,043
Pre-IND-AS EBITDA	1,179	1,658	3,315	5,534	7,781
APAT	210	397	1,618	3,184	4,875
EPS (Rs)	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.7
P/E (x)	2,313.4	1,221.5	300.1	152.5	99.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	413.6	295.4	147.1	87.7	61.9
Core RoCE(%)	1.9	2.4	9.1	16.0	21.1

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CMP (as on 28 Mar 2025)				
	INR 180			
NIFTY				
OLD	NEW			
ADD	ADD			
INR 175	INR 180			
FY26E	FY27E			
-	-			
	OLD ADD INR 175			

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	NYKAA IN
No. of Shares (mn)	2,859
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	512/5,991
6m avg traded value (INR n	nn) 1,349
52 Week high / low	INR 230/150

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3 M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	12.2	(10.5)	10.6
Relative (%)	13.8	(0.9)	5.5

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Sep-24	Dec-24
Promoters	52.18	52.16
FIs & Local MFs	21.83	23.56
FPIs	10.13	9.04
Public & Others	15.86	15.24
Pledged Shares Source : BSE	-	-

Pledged shares as % of total shares

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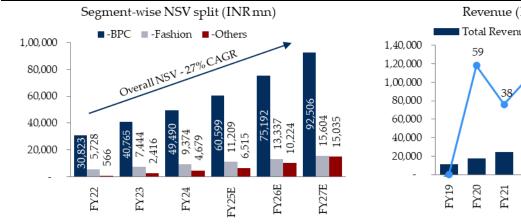
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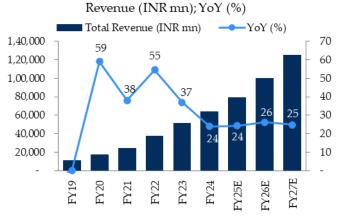
		FY25E		FY26E				FY27E			
(Rs mn)	New	Old	Change (%)	New	Old	Change (%)	New	Old	Change (%)		
Revenue	79,688	79,688	-	1,00,567	1,00,567	-	1,25,487	1,25,487	-		
Gross Profit	33,950	33,950	-	42,904	42,904	-	53,057	53,057	-		
Gross Profit Margin (%)	42.6	42.6	-	42.7	42.7	-	42.3	42.3	-		
Reported EBITDA	5,387	5,387	-	8,149	8,149	-	11,043	11,043	-		
Reported EBITDA margin (%)	6.8	6.8	-	8.1	8.1	-	8.8	8.8	-		
Pre-IND AS EBITDA*	3,315	3,315	-	5,534	5,534	-	7,781	7,781	-		
EBITDA margin (%)*	4.2	4.2	-	5.5	5.5	-	6.2	6.2	-		



Focus Charts

We expect Nykaa to clock 27% NSV & Revenue CAGR over FY22-27E

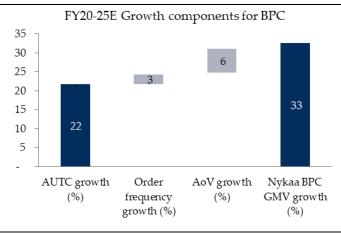


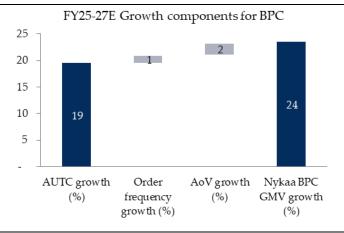


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Over FY25-27E, we expect AUTC growth to do most of the heavy-lifting for GMV growth (19% CAGR built)

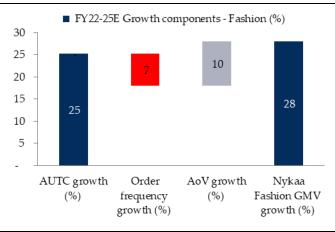


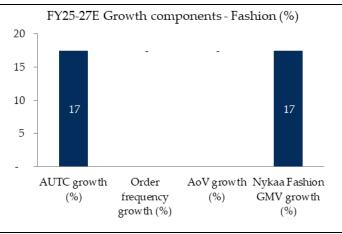


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...Ditto for fashion; we don't expect the order frequency and AOV levers to be in play over FY25-27 in fashion



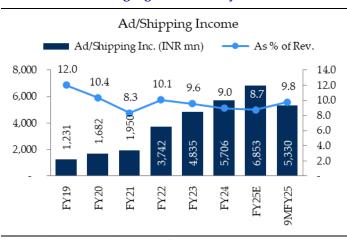


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Ad income showing signs of recovery

Building in 200bps EBITDAM expansion over FY25-27E





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Cash generating power (CFO-ex WC) still lags capital needs courtesy fashion and eB2B investments...However, the peak investments phase seems behind

Particular (INR mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
Sources of Funds									
Cash from Operations (excl. WC change)	(1)	(94)	287	890	1,903	1,831	2,839	3,828	11,482
Less: Rent Adjustment	-	-	211	471	429	652	1,169	1,479	4,412
: Int on Lease Liability Adjustment									-
Other Income	-	-	1	1	36	166	181	218	602
Sub Total (A)	(1)	(94)	76	419	1,510	1,345	1,851	2,567	7,672
Net Proceeds from Issue of Capital	112	-	1,340	1,037	1,029	8,729	288	279	12,815
Borrowings	250	777	1,426	419	(800)	1,456	1,263	2,200	6,990
Total (B)	361	682	2,841	1,876	1,739	11,529	3,403	5,046	27,477
Application of Funds									
Working Capital	243	445	1,284	829	405	5,371	4,241	3,825	16,643
Net Capex	115	144	1,618	(888)	421	940	2,082	1,107	5,539
Investments -									
- in subsidiary	-	-	0	-	16	508	702	-	1,227
- others	-	-	2	739	897	4,746	(3,999)	(788)	1,597
Other Investing Cash flows	(4)	(0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5)
Interest	0	83	197	298	177	262	334	558	1,909
Net Change in cash	7	10	(260)	898	(176)	(297)	42	344	568
Total (C)	361	682	2,841	1,876	1,739	11,529	3,403	5,046	27,477
As a % of Source of Funds (A)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
WC + Capex	(26,517)	(626)	3,825	(14)	55	469	342	192	289
Obligatory payments (Interest)	(0)	(88)	260	71	12	20	18	22	25
Total	(26,517)	(715)	4,085	57	66	489	360	214	314

Source: Companies, HSIE Research



Snapshot: Key Performance Indicators

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	9MFY25
Number of visits (mn)							
Beauty and Personal care (mn)	378	575	659	841	937	1,109	1,088
Fashion	0	38	172	441	504	571	443
Others				41	57	60	
Monthly average Unique Visitors (mn)							
Beauty and Personal Care	9.1	12.2	13.5	19.0	23.0	28.9	36.1
Fashion	0.0	1.7	5.8	15.0	17.0	17.4	22.1
Others				2.0	3.0	3.0	
Annual Unique Transacting Consumers (mn)							
Beauty and Personal Care	3.5	5.3	5.6	8.0	10.0	11.7	14.8
Fashion	-	0.1	0.6	1.8	2.5	3.0	3.1
Others				0.4	0.5	0.7	
Orders (mn)							
Beauty and Personal Care	11.0	17.0	17.1	26.5	34.8	41.7	40.3
Fashion	0.4	1.1	2.4	5.2	6.0	6.9	5.6
Others				0.6	1.4	2.1	
Average Order Value (INR)							
Beauty and Personal Care	1,433	1,448	1,963	1,857	1,857	2,000	2,163
Fashion	655	1,604	2,739	3,420	3,973	4,741	4,942
Others				2,726	3,420	3,977	
Gross Merchandise Value (GMV; INR mn)							
Beauty and Personal Care	16,219	24,981	33,542	50,089	66,491	83,409	87,161
Fashion	282	1,868	6,530	17,516	25,696	32,699	27,673
Others			389	1,727	5,245	8,353	179
Total GMV	16,501	26,849	40,461	69,332	97,432	1,24,461	1,15,013
Net Revenue (INR mn)	68%	69%	68%	68%	67%	65%	61%
Beauty and Personal Care	11,110	17,309	22,836	33,997	44,820	53,855	53,565
Fashion	4	366	1,438	3,254	4,347	5,302	5,137
Others			135	488	2,271	4,699	178



Income statement:

Year End (March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	17,675	24,409	37,739	51,438	63,856	79,688	1,00,567	1,25,487
Growth (%)	59.0	38.1	54.6	36.3	24.1	24.8	26.2	24.8
Material Expenses	10,142	14,926	21,300	28,657	36,464	45,739	57,663	72,430
A&P Expense	2,022	1,695	4,781	6,946	8,913	10,681	13,219	16,157
Fulfillment expenses	1,730	2,177	3,956	4,548	4,903	7,614	9,652	12,123
Employee Expense	1,956	2,330	3,259	4,917	5,649	6,358	7,342	8,466
Rent Expenses	66	83	106	213	325	405	521	663
Other Expenses	949	1,632	2,704	3,597	4,142	3,505	4,021	4,604
EBITDA	811	1,567	1,633	2,560	3,462	5,387	8,149	11,043
EBITDA Growth (%)	295.2	93.3	4.2	56.8	35.2	55.6	51.3	35.5
EBITDA Margin (%)	4.6	6.4	4.3	5.0	5.4	6.8	8.1	8.8
Pre IND AS EBITDA	273	1,054	874	1,179	1,658	3,315	5,534	7,781
Pre IND AS EBITDA Growth (%)	(1,011.6)	285.6	(17.1)	34.9	40.6	100.0	66.9	40.6
Pre Ind AS EBITDA Margin (%)	1.5	4.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	4.2	5.5	6.2
Depreciation	595	716	964	1,733	2,242	2,647	3,215	3,805
EBIT	215	851	668	828	1,219	2,740	4,934	7,238
EBIT - Pre IND AS	61	747	483	517	706	2,165	4,172	6,298
Other Income (Including EO Items)	103	118	270	302	299	234	273	396
Interest	443	307	465	746	828	812	953	1,120
Interest - Pre IND AS	303	177	263	397	515	547	595	667
PBT	(124)	661	473	384	690	2,162	4,254	6,515
Total Tax	39	45	60	136	253	544	1,071	1,640
PAT before share of associate earnings	(163)	616	413	248	437	1,618	3,184	4,875
Share of associate earnings	-	-	-	(39)	(40)	-	-	-
RPAT	(163)	616	413	210	397	1,618	3,184	4,875
Exceptional Gain/(loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	(163)	616	413	210	397	1,618	3,184	4,875
APAT Growth (%)	(33.4)	(477.3)	(33.0)	(49.2)	89.6	307.0	96.8	53.1
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	(0.3)	1.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.7
EPS Growth (%)	(33.4)	(477.3)	(33.0)	(91.6)	89.4	307.0	96.8	53.1

Balance sheet

Year End (March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
SOURCES OF FUNDS								
Share Capital - Equity	146	151	474	2,852	2,856	2,856	2,856	2,856
Reserves	3,076	4,749	12,925	10,928	9,766	12,526	17,100	23,724
Total Shareholders Funds	3,221	4,899	13,399	13,780	12,622	15,382	19,956	26,580
Minority Interest	7	8	56	141	188	188	188	188
Long Term Debt	2	17	9	4	-	-	-	-
Short Term Debt	2,673	1,858	3,321	4,600	6,804	6,804	5,804	4,804
Total Debt	2,675	1,875	3,330	4,604	6,804	6,804	5,804	4,804
Lease Liabilities	1,450	1,452	2,596	3,381	2,891	3,818	4,901	6,137
Net Deferred Taxes	3	247	22	-	-	-	-	-
Other Non-current Liabilities & Provns	471	850	2,889	1,373	712	712	712	712
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	7,827	9,332	22,292	23,280	23,217	26,905	31,560	38,421
APPLICATION OF FUNDS								
Net Block	841	921	2,032	3,547	3,699	3,785	3,758	3,702
CWIP	8	20	98	20	61	61	61	61
Other Non-current Assets	2,097	2,274	4,342	6,061	6,481	7,318	8,295	9,411
Total Non-current Assets	2,946	3,215	6,471	9,628	10,241	11,164	12,114	13,173
Inventories	4,453	4,981	8,756	10,051	11,920	13,099	16,256	19,940
Debtors	984	766	945	1,635	2,416	3,015	3,805	4,748
Other Current Assets	1,067	1,568	7,617	6,316	6,687	8,345	10,476	13,003
Cash & Equivalents	1,794	2,490	2,670	1,869	2,742	4,745	5,764	8,415
Total Current Assets	8,299	9,805	19,989	19,872	23,765	29,205	36,301	46,106
Creditors	3,133	3,162	3,621	2,654	3,867	4,826	5,952	7,255
Other Current Liabilities & Provns	285	526	548	3,566	6,922	8,638	10,902	13,603
Total Current Liabilities	3,418	3,688	4,168	6,220	10,789	13,464	16,854	20,858
Net Current Assets	4,881	6,117	15,821	13,652	12,976	15,741	19,447	25,248
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	7,827	9,332	22,292	23,280	23,217	26,905	31,560	38,421



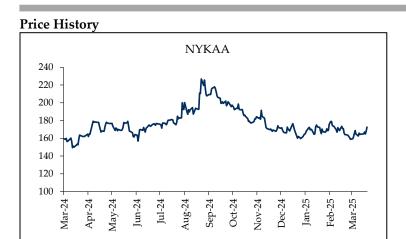
Cash flow statement

Year ending March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Reported PBT	(124)	753	473	384	690	2,162	4,254	6,515
Non-operating & EO Items	(24)	172	58	(24)	67	(234)	(273)	(396)
Interest Expenses	443	307	465	746	828	812	953	1,120
Depreciation	595	671	835	1,733	2,242	2,647	3,215	3,805
Working Capital Change	(786)	(273)	(4,649)	(3,290)	(2,513)	(761)	(2,688)	(3,150)
Tax Paid	(43)	(132)	(722)	(951)	(1,312)	(544)	(1,071)	(1,640)
OPERATING CASH FLOW (a)	62	1,498	(3,540)	(1,402)	3	4,082	4,390	6,254
Capex	888	(437)	(1,448)	(2,784)	(1,107)	(1,235)	(1,335)	(1,426)
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	949	1,062	(4,988)	(4,186)	(1,105)	2,846	3,055	4,828
Investments	(739)	(897)	(4,746)	3,999	788	-	-	-
Non-operating Income	1	36	166	181	218	234	273	396
INVESTING CASH FLOW (b)	149	(1,297)	(6,028)	1,396	(101)	(1,001)	(1,062)	(1,030)
Debt Issuance/(Repaid)	1,153	46	1,195	929	1,643	(812)	(1,953)	(2,120)
FCFE	2,103	1,107	(3,793)	(3,257)	538	2,035	1,103	2,708
Share Capital Issuance	5	6	8,727	288	279	-	-	-
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCING CASH FLOW (c)	1,159	52	9,922	1,217	1,922	(812)	(1,953)	(2,120)
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c)	1,369	253	355	1,211	1,823	2,269	1,376	3,104
EO Items, Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Cash & Equivalents	1,756	2,477	2,670	1,487	2,399	4,402	5,421	8,072

Key Ratios

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PROFITABILITY (%)								
GPM	42.6	38.9	43.6	44.3	42.9	42.6	42.7	42.3
EBITDA Margin	4.6	6.4	4.3	5.0	5.4	6.8	8.1	8.8
EBIT Margin	1.2	3.5	1.8	1.6	1.9	3.4	4.9	5.8
APAT Margin	(0.9)	2.5	1.1	0.4	0.6	2.0	3.2	3.9
RoE	(5.9)	15.2	4.5	1.5	3.0	11.6	18.0	21.0
RoIC (or Core RoCE)	5.5	12.3	4.4	2.6	3.7	9.6	15.4	19.4
RoCE	6.2	10.5	5.2	3.0	4.0	8.9	13.3	16.3
RoE*	(5.9)	15.0	4.5	1.5	2.9	11.3	17.5	20.4
RoIC (or Core RoCE)*	2.2	13.8	3.9	1.9	2.4	9.1	16.0	21.1
RoCE*	4.4	10.9	4.8	2.4	3.5	9.4	14.6	18.2
EFFICIENCY								
Tax Rate (%)	(31.5)	6.8	12.7	35.4	36.7	25.2	25.2	25.2
Total Asset Turnover (x)	2.9	3.6	1.9	2.4	3.1	3.6	3.9	4.2
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	18.6	22.0	19.6	14.8	15.1	14.6	14.8	15.2
Inventory (days)	92.0	74.5	84.7	71.3	68.1	60.0	59.0	58.0
Debtors (days)	20.3	11.5	9.1	11.6	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8
Other Current Assets (days)	22.0	23.4	73.7	44.8	38.2	38.2	38.0	37.8
Payables (days)	64.7	47.3	35.0	18.8	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.1
Other Current Liab & Provns (days)	5.9	7.9	5.3	25.3	39.6	39.6	39.6	39.6
Cash Conversion Cycle (days)	63.7	54.2	127.2	83.6	58.5	50.4	49.7	49.0
Net D/E (x)	0.3	(0.1)	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	(0.1)
Interest Coverage (x)	0.5	2.8	1.4	1.1	1.5	3.4	5.2	6.5
PER SHARE DATA (Rs)								
EPS	(0.3)	1.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.7
CEPS	1.0	2.9	2.9	0.7	0.9	1.5	2.2	3.0
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book Value	7.1	10.6	28.4	4.8	4.4	5.4	7.0	9.3
VALUATION								
P/E (x)	(504)	134	200	2,381	1,257	309	157	103
P/BV(x)	25	17	6	36	40	32	25	19
EV/EBITDA (x)	1,738.1	460.6	566.5	425.7	304.0	151.4	90.3	63.8
EV/Revenues (x)	26.9	19.9	13.1	9.8	7.9	6.3	5.0	4.0
OCF/EV (%)	0.0	0.3	(0.7)	(0.3)	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.3
FCF/EV (%)	0.2	0.2	(1.0)	(0.8)	(0.2)	0.6	0.6	1.0
FCFE/Mkt Cap (%)	0.4	0.2	(0.8)	(0.7)	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.5
Dividend Yield (%)	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	
Source: Company HSIF Research			· ·	·		· ·		

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Rating Criteria

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