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Genus Power Infrastructures

Capital Goods

Shifting gears

On the heels of a robust Q3FY25, Genus Power (Genus) delivered an even stronger performance in Q4FY25. It witnessed a sharp uptick in execution and profitability in H2FY25 – revenue in H2FY25 surpassed its full-year FY24 figure, while EBITDA margin improved 480bps over H1FY25's level. As a result, FY25 revenue/EBITDA/PAT grew to $\sim 2x/3.5x/4x$ its FY24 levels; EBITDA margin surged to 19.2% (+790bps YoY). Genus has almost achieved its guided revenue of INR 25bn for the fiscal and surpassed its EBITDA margin guidance of 15–16%. It has also increased its guidance for FY26 – revenue growth of $\sim 65\%$ (vs. 30–40% earlier) and EBITDA margin of 18% (vs. 15–16% earlier). Its order book (OB), as of Mar'25, also surged to INR 301bn (+43% YoY). Note that a number of smart meter tenders are yet to be finalised. As a result, we expect new opportunities from smart meters to be healthy in FY26E/FY27E. However, given the recent run-up in Genus' stock price, we downgrade the stock to **ADD**, from *Buy*.

A strong print

Genus reported an excellent set of result in Q4FY25 with revenue at INR 9.4bn (2.2x YoY), EBITDA at INR 2.1bn (3.8x YoY) and PAT at INR 1.3bn (4.1x YoY). EBITDA margin sequentially improved for the sixth straight quarter to 22.3% (+910bps YoY). Note that margins depend on the type of order executed and can vary from quarter to quarter. Genus achieved 19.2% EBITDA margin in FY25 (+790bps YoY), surpassing its guidance of 15–16%. It has also largely achieved its guided revenue of INR 25bn in FY25.

Shifting the goalpost

The company has increased its revenue and profitability guidance for FY26 – it guides for revenue of INR 40bn (\sim 65% YoY growth vs. 30–40% guided earlier) and EBITDA margin of 18% (15–16% earlier).

Robust OB; accelerating execution

OB remains robust at INR 301bn (+43% YoY), of which we estimate smart meter supply and installation to be ~INR 170bn – leading to high visibility over the next 3–4 years. Note that a number of smart meter tenders are yet to be finalised. We expect tendering activity for smart meters to be healthy in FY26E/FY27E. We also expect Genus to accelerate execution over the next few quarters; the company is targeting to install 7–8mn smart meters in FY26 (vs 1.5mn installed in Q4FY25).

Downgrade to ADD from Buy; TP revised to INR 440 (INR 376 earlier)

Given the recent run-up in the stock price, we downgrade our rating on the stock to **ADD**, from *Buy*, with a revised target price of **INR 440/share** (INR 376 earlier), valuing the stock at 25x FY27E PAT.

Financial Summary

Y/E Mar-31 (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	12,006	24,420	39,600	49,162
EBITDA	1,354	4,699	7,061	8,799
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.3	19.2	17.8	17.9
Net Profit	752	2,982	4,346	5,345
EPS (INR)	2.5	9.8	14.3	17.6
EPS % Chg YoY	0.8	3.0	0.5	0.2
P/E (x)	160.5	40.5	27.8	22.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	86.5	26.4	17.5	13.8
RoCE (%)	6.2	14.1	15.7	16.8
RoE (%)	5.9	17.4	20.9	20.8

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	121bn
Market Cap (USD)	1,410mn
Bloomberg Code	GPIN IN
Reuters Code	GEOE.BO
52-week Range (INR)	486 /237
Free Float (%)	36.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	4.1

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	57.9	(13.5)	30.5
Relative to Sensex	47.4	(13.3)	24.9

ESG Score	2023	2024	Change
ESG score	NA	NA	NA
Environment	NA	NA	NA
Social	NA	NA	NA
Governance	NA	NA	NA

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	13.8	2.1
EBITDA	33.3	20.0
EPS	29.6	17.0

Previous Reports

15-02-2025: <u>Q3FY25 results review</u> 31-10-2024: <u>Q2FY25 results review</u>



Q4FY25 conference call highlights

Financials and guidance

- EBITDA margin improved to ~22.3% in Q4FY25; for FY25, it was ~19.2%
- Genus has attributed EBITDA margin improvement in Q4FY25 to operational leverage, cost control and favourable order mix
- Working capital has gone up in FY25 due to more projects achieving operational status – Genus expects inventory, going forward, to remain largely around Mar'25 levels; however, it expects debtors to come down gradually in the next few quarters
- Genus has guided for revenue of INR 40bn in FY26, with EBITDA margin guidance of 18%
- It has guided for installation of 7-8mn smart meters in FY26

Orderbook and pipeline

- Current OB is INR 310bn
- The company expects tendering activity to pick up in the medium term; it highlighted that tenders worth INR 273bn have already opened up and would be quoted in the next 3-4 months.
- Genus highlighted that Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Haryana are coming up with large tenders; it expects tenders to be floated by West Bengal, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka.

Update on execution

- Genus has installed 1.5mn smart meters in Q4FY25
- It expects operational go-live to be achieved for almost all the projects in the next 2-3 months
- Operational go-live achieved for all the projects in Assam and Bihar

Others

- Manufacturing capacity increased to 15mn smart meters
- Capex incurred in FY25 was ~INR 1.5bn towards capacity expansion and automation



Outlook and valuation

Genus' OB, as of Mar'25, surged to INR 301bn. Of the OB, we estimate smart meter supply and installation to be INR 180bn – leading to high visibility over the next four years. It reported healthy revenue growth of 50% YoY in FY24 and 123% YoY in FY25.

Genus had struck a marquee deal with GIC for an equity investment of INR 5.2bn for 15% stake in the company in Q1FY24. Also, it is setting up a platform to bid for smart meter tenders in the future (Genus shall be the sole supplier of smart meters to this platform). GIC would hold 74% stake and Genus 26% in the platform. Genus' equity contribution towards the platform would be USD 200–210mn over the next 3–4 years. GIC has committed capital worth USD 2bn. The platform shall bid for projects, and supply orders (60% of total order inflow) would be given to Genus. The platform would pay Genus after execution of the order, thus, reducing the working capital requirement for Genus.

Genus, being a supplier of smart meters, is at a unique advantage to supply smart meters for the orders it has won on its own and also to other players who have won the order but have to source the meters from a third party.

We have revised our projections upward given the better trajectory of execution and margin improvement than estimated earlier. However, with the recent run-up in the stock price, we downgrade our rating to **ADD**, from *Buy*, with a revised target price of **INR 440/share** (INR 376 earlier), valuing the stock at 25x FY27E PAT.

Key risks: 1) Delay in supply chain for key smart meter equipment; and 2) lower-than-expected execution growth.

Exhibit 1: Earnings revision table

		FY26E			FY27E	
INR mn	Earlier	Revised	Change (%)	Earlier	Revised	Change (%)
Revenue	34,800	39,600	13.8	48,138	49,162	2.1
EBIDTA	5,297	7,061	33.3	7,332	8,799	20.0
PAT	3,353	4,346	29.6	4,567	5,345	17.0

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 2: Standalone financial highlights (INR mn)

Particulars	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	YoY %	Q3FY25	QoQ %
Order Book	3,01,100	2,10,000	43.4%	3,13,020	-3.8%
Net sales	9,368	4,201	123.0%	6,042	55.0%
Expenditure	7,283	3,647	99.7%	4,874	49.4%
Cost of RM consumed	5,812	3,139	85.1%	3,834	51.6%
Change in inventory	(251)	(728)		(479)	
Employee	898	474	89.4%	657	36.6%
other expenditure	824	762	8.2%	861	-4.3%
EBITDA	2,085	555	275.9%	1,168	78.5%
EBITDA margins	22.3%	13.2%	905	19.3%	292
Other income	208	132	58.0%	129	61.6%
Depreciation	156	58	166.6%	67	132.3%
Interest	401	186	115.9%	270	48.6%
PBT	1,753	476	268.5%	959	82.7%
Tax	460	162	183.7%	277	65.8%
PAT	1,293	314	312.3%	682	89.6%
Exceptional item	-	-		-	
Adjusted PAT	1,293	314	312.3%	682	89.6%

Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Exhibit 3: Shareholding pattern

%	Sep'24	Dec'24	Mar'25
Promoters	39.3	39.4	39.4
Institutional investors	26.1	26.4	26.2
MFs and others	3.3	3.2	3.2
Fls/Banks	0.3	0.4	0.5
Insurance	0.0	0.0	0.0
FIIs	22.5	22.8	22.5
Others	34.6	34.2	34.4

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

Exhibit 4: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



Financial Summary

Exhibit 5: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending Mar-31)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	12,006	24,420	39,600	49,162
Operating Expenses	1,831	3,055	4,954	6,150
EBITDA	1,354	4,699	7,061	8,799
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.3	19.2	17.8	17.9
Depreciation & Amortization	213	346	554	581
EBIT	1,141	4,353	6,507	8,218
Interest expenditure	577	1,162	1,511	1,964
Other Non-operating Income	460	797	837	920
Recurring PBT	1,119	4,057	5,833	7,174
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	367	1,075	1,488	1,829
PAT	752	2,982	4,346	5,345
Less: Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	752	2,982	4,346	5,345
Net Income (Adjusted)	752	2,982	4,346	5,345

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 6: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending Mar-31)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	22,003	42,948	51,185	59,684
of which cash & cash eqv.	6,704	7,599	8,713	12,282
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	4,767	7,296	10,034	12,006
Net Current Assets	17,236	35,652	41,152	47,678
Investments	2,777	2,612	2,612	2,612
Net Fixed Assets	1,454	1,208	854	473
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	146	407	407	407
Total Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-
Other assets	1,907	2,630	2,630	2,630
Deferred Tax Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	24,031	42,609	47,755	53,899
Liabilities				
Borrowings	5,871	13,646	14,446	15,246
Deferred Tax Liability	2,501	10,324	10,324	10,324
provisions	-	-	-	-
other Liabilities	19	17	17	17
Equity Share Capital	304	304	304	304
Reserves & Surplus	15,336	18,318	22,663	28,008
Total Net Worth	15,640	18,621	22,967	28,312
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	24,031	42,609	47,755	53,899

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 7: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending Mar-31)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Operating Cashflow	(3,250)	(13,776)	(1,965)	2,050
Working Capital Changes	(3,754)	(16,307)	(6,027)	(2,956)
Capital Commitments	(173)	(361)	(200)	(200)
Free Cashflow	(3,077)	(13,415)	(1,765)	2,250
Other investing cashflow	1,110	(682)	2,479	920
Cashflow from Investing Activities	937	(1,042)	2,279	720
Issue of Share Capital	46	0	-	-
Interest Cost	(577)	(1,162)	(1,511)	(1,964)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	2,402	7,775	800	800
Dividend paid	(289)	(319)	(350)	(380)
Others	6,070	9,420	1,860	2,344
Cash flow from Financing Activities	7,653	15,713	800	800
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	5,339	895	1,114	3,570
Closing cash & balance	6,704	7,599	8,713	12,282

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 8: Key ratios

(Year ending Mar-31)

Per Share Data (INR) Reported EPS Adjusted EPS (Diluted) Cash EPS Dividend per share (DPS) Book Value per share (BV) Dividend Payout (%) Growth (%) Net Sales	2.5 2.5 3.2 0.9 51.5 38.4	9.8 9.8 10.9 1.0 61.3 10.7	14.3 14.3 16.1 1.1 75.6	17.6 17.6 19.5 1.3 93.2
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Book Value per share (BV) Dividend Payout (%) Growth (%)	51.5	61.3	75.6	
Dividend Payout (%) Growth (%)				93.2
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EBITDA	0.7	2.5	0.5	0.2
EPS (INR)	0.8	3.0	0.5	0.2
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	160.5	40.5	27.8	22.6
P/CEPS	125.1	36.3	24.6	20.4
P/BV	7.7	6.5	5.3	4.3
EV / EBITDA	86.5	26.4	17.5	13.8
P / Sales	10.0	4.9	3.0	2.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	26.5	31.8	30.3	30.4
EBITDA Margins (%)	11.3	19.2	17.8	17.9
Effective Tax Rate (%)	32.8	26.5	25.5	25.5
Net Profit Margins (%)	6.3	12.2	11.0	10.9
NWC / Total Assets (%)	6.6	6.8	-	-
Net Debt / Equity (x)	(23.1)	18.4	13.6	1.2
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(266.7)	73.1	44.2	4.0
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	6.2	14.1	15.7	16.8
RoE (%)	5.9	17.4	20.9	20.8
RoIC (%)	6.2	14.1	15.7	16.8
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	7.9	18.3	38.4	74.1
Inventory Turnover Days	176	170	120	106
Receivables Days	211	273	233	188
Payables Days	133	116	97	86



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